

BOARD BRIEFS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OCTOBER 12, 2017

HUNTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 158 BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRELIMINARY REPORTS ON FIRST YEAR OF SAT EXAMS POSITIVE

Dr. Erika Schlichter, assistant superintendent for learning and innovation, presented a first glance look at partial results from Huntley 158's first implementation of the SAT suite of exams last year.

While the State has not yet set performance levels for meeting and exceeding cut scores, the initial results were very positive. In addition, no data is yet available for comparison of performance with benchmark districts. Those data points are expected to be available in the e-report card, likely to be released in late October or early November. Internal benchmarking also is not yet possible as this was the initial year of implementation of SAT.

However, comparison points of state and national averages have been released, and across reading and math in all grade levels of PSAT and SAT exams, the District was substantially higher than both state and national averages. In addition, in terms of the College Board's definition of college readiness, scores were strong.

"We compare very favorably to the state and the national scores." Schlichter stressed the preliminary nature of these reports and said the District will report further when more comparison points are available.

AP Exam Report

Dr. Schlichter also presented data on Huntley High School's AP Exam and Dual Credit course performance last year. y, the number of AP exams administered decreased slightly from 2015-16. These slight decreases in AP enrollment and exam completion are offset by dual credit enrollment and attainment of passing grades, as students continue to earn college credit either through AP or through dual credit in increasing numbers.

The percentage of AP exams scored 3 or higher increased by 6%, a significant increase over 2015-16. This increase in achievement levels has occurred simultaneously with increased numbers of students achieving success in dual credit courses. This development indicates that an expanded variety of college-level offerings has allowed students to choose the rigorous path best suited to individual success.

DEBT REFUNDING OPPORTUNITY UNDER CONSIDERATION

As part of the District's debt restructuring plan, Bob Lewis from PMA Securities, Inc. and Eric Anderson from Piper Jaffray & Co. presented a refunding opportunity for the Board's consideration.

Over the past several years the District has restructured its long-term debt, implementing a multi-phase restructuring approach to manage the District's increasing debt obligations.

As a result of favorable interest rates, an opportunity exists to refund up to \$10M designated as Bank Qualified over the next several years, thus, resulting in an opportunity for material debt services savings.

The administration will seek guidance from the Board regarding the opportunity at its next regular meeting, October 19, 2017.

Informational Reports

The Board heard reports on the following:

- Results of the elementary literacy review conducted in 2016.
- The sixth-day enrollment report, indicating current year enrollment of 9,583 students.
- Monthly fiscal, Revenue and Expenditure, HR, Operations and Maintenance, Legislative, and HHS construction updates.

Pending Actions

At its next Regular Meeting September 21, the Board will vote whether to approve:

- An international trip to Eastern Europe and the Global Leadership Summit in the summer of 2019
- First reading of the PRESS updates for policies: 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure; 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues; 6:180 Extended Instructional Programs; 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities.
- Payables: Purchase Orders at \$2,420,271.52; Accounts Payable at \$12,477.09; Imprest checks at \$215,547.41; and Disbursements issued at \$8,760,505.58.
- A 5-year extension to the contract with ADP for payroll, tax filing and time and labor management services
- A three-year preventative maintenance service agreement with Daikin in the amount of \$11,828.00 for the first year, and \$12,548.00 in year 3.
- Engineering Agreement with HR Green for Reed Road Campus Pavement Improvements in the amount of \$79,906.89.
- The award of Bid #2017-31 for Power Circuits in the West Labs to Carey Electric Cont., Inc. in the amount of \$44,468.00.
- Minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting September 21, 2017
- Resolutions to be supported at the upcoming IASB delegate assembly.

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