

BOARD BRIEFS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, DECEMBER 7, 2017

HUNTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 158 BOARD OF EDUCATION

CHESAK ELEMENTARY STUDENTS SHOW OFF LEARNING LODGE



Several students from Chesak Elementary School showed off the school's new Chesak Champion Learning Lodge, which was created by renovating a room that previously was used a community room and parent-tot center.

The Lodge is used throughout the day for individual student intervention work, small group work, and student-led learning. The space combines technology centers and technology-enhanced small-group pods.

Among the innovations in which Board members were particularly interested included were Cheetah Leaders. Second-grade students have the opportunity to become Cheetah Leaders, leading small-group learning for kindergarten students.

The Lodge provides a centralized space for interventions, which previously were provided in separate locations per grade level.

Principal Jennifer Zayas also noted that additional renovation will soon be completed in the learning resource center to provide additional space for similar purposes.

Staff members who regularly use the Learning Lodge created a video to show off the space and the work completed there. The video can be viewed at <https://spark.adobe.com/video/DQjBOSSBTUjL>.

HHS PROPOSES MOVE TO SEMESTER-BASED GRADING SCHEDULE

The administration proposed to adjust the HHS grading periods beginning with the 2018-19 school year. After reviewing best practices and student needs, a representative committee of staff and administrators recommended that HHS shift the grading periods to a semester system, rather than the current system based on quarters.

The committee believes this shift will benefit students in relation to clarity of learning mastery, as well as reduction of stress and anxiety associated with the end of grading periods.

Many high achieving high schools, including several of Huntley's comparative districts, are shifting to this model in the best interest of students.

The Board will vote on the proposal at its next Regular Meeting, December 14, 2017.

Orchestra Planned for HHS in 2018-19

The orchestra implementation that was started in sixth grade in 2015-16 has continued to roll up the grade levels, as expected. As of the 2017-18 school year a successful orchestra program has been implemented in grades six through eight in both middle schools. In alignment with the 6-12 orchestra implementation plan, for the 2018-19 school year orchestra is proposed to be offered at Huntley High School. In addition, Huntley High School has proposed several new courses related to an expanded Speech sequence to be offered in 2018-19. The Board will vote on the course proposals at its Regular Meeting December 14, 2017.

Levy Hearing and Waiver Hearings Scheduled for December 14, 2017

The administration will present the final levy proposal at a Levy Hearing prior to the Regular Meeting on December 14, 2017. The Board will vote on the proposed levy at the Regular Meeting. In addition, the Board also will hold a waiver hearing on December 14, 2017 for the purpose of passing a resolution waiving the requirement to publish an annual statement of affairs in a local newspaper, estimated to save the District \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Informational Reports

The Board heard reports on the following:

- Monthly fiscal, Revenue and Expenditure, HR, Operations and Maintenance, Legislative, and Buildings and Grounds updates.
- An updated proposal for enhanced traffic flow design at the Chesak North Bus Lot
- Takeaways from the annual IASB conference in November.

Pending Actions

At its next Regular Meeting April 20, the Board will vote whether to approve:

- First reading of a number of policy changes, as recommended in PRESS October 2017, Issue 96
- Payables: Purchase Orders at \$546,517.38; Imprest checks at \$ 194,685.62; Accounts Payable at \$11,089.01; and Disbursements issued at \$2,731,380.92.
- A proposed fundraising contract with World's Finest (\$4,000) for the HHS Dance Team
- The purchase of a dump-box equipped pickup truck from Bob Ridings Fleet Sales at a cost of \$58,783.00 with a trade-in of a 2000 pickup truck at \$800.
- Approval of the following bids for Bid #2017-68a for roofing projects, as follows:
 - Conley and Mackeben: Weatherguard Roofing at a total cost of \$689,000.00.
 - Marlowe Middle School: Malcor Roofing of Illinois at a total cost of \$1,157,400.00.
 - Heineman Middle School: G.E. Riddiford Company at a total cost of \$954,340.00.
- Approval of minutes of the Board's COW November 2, 2017 and Regular Meeting November 9, 2017.

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