

BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 16, 2020

HUNTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 158 BOARD OF EDUCATION

POSITIVE UPDATE ON SOLAR PROJECT INSTALLATION



The Board of Education heard a positive report from Mr. Renkosik, director of operations and maintenance, about the ongoing construction of the District's solar energy project.

Installation is underway at all three of the District's campuses and is expected to continue through the winter. Systems are expected to be operational in March 2020. The project covers a total of approximately 14 acres of property, and includes 14,117 solar panels.

Board Approves Debt Abatement of \$471,675

The Board approved a debt abatement in the amount of \$471,675 in relation to the Series 2009 Bonds. As part of the Series 2009 Bonds refunding, an associated resolution included language that the amount will be abated on an annual basis. Subsequently, the Series 2009 Bonds were refunded with the Series 2016 Bonds. The portion of the Series 2016 Debt that is from the Series 2006a/2009 Debt will need to be abated on an annual basis. This portion of the Series 2016 Debt will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund utilizing collected Impact Fees.

BOARD HEARS UPDATES ON POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board was presented with a number of policy update recommendations as included in the October-November 2019 issue of PRESS.

The complete list of recommendations is [available online](#). Most recommendations were in relation to changes in state law.

Included in the recommendations were updates in relation to the State's legalization of cannabis, which became effective January 1, 2020.

The policies were recommended to move forward for first reading at the Board's next regular meeting.

In separate action, the Board approved second readings of two policies as recommended by PRESS in relation to strengthening the District's policies on targeted school violence prevention program and prevention of and response to bullying, intimidation, and harassment, in accordance with school code.

Informational Reports

- The Board heard monthly HR, Fiscal, Revenue and Expenditure, O&M, HHS Fine Arts Construction Project and legislative updates.

Action Items

The following items were approved:

- First readings of an update to the District policy for the Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment (7:180) and creation of policy Targeted School Violence Prevention Program (4:190) in accordance with recommendations from PRESS.
- A contract with Education Elements for services in support of the Vanguard Vision Competency-based Education program at HHS, in the amount of \$20,000, with funds fully allocated from the District's Title 1 grant.
- Payables: Purchase Orders at \$3,866,023.39; Accounts Payable at \$20,180.69; Imprest Checks at \$100,349.03; Disbursements at \$17,219,876.89
- Reimbursement of Board member expenses in conjunction with attendance at the IASB Joint Annual Conference in November, in the total amount of \$136
- Minutes of the Board's December 5, 2019 Committee of the Whole; December 19, 2019 Waiver Hearing; Regular Meeting; and Closed Session Minutes for December 5, 2019 and December 19, 2019
- HR Personnel report, outlining recent resignations, retirements, terminations, employment, contract revisions, and leave requests
- A letter of engagement with Evans Marshall & Pease, P.C. to serve as the District's auditors at a flat fee of \$33,600 for each of the next two years
- Authorizing Mr. Paul to act as an agent on behalf of the Board to sign approval of natural gas and electricity procurement contracts, until January 2021
- Award of the bid for Conley Elementary School Boiler Make-up Air Units to Jensen Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$68,490.00
- The purchase of 28 folding cafeteria tables from Lowery McDonnell Company at a cost of \$49,428.96
- A change order in the amount of \$27,683.00 to the contract with LAMP Inc. for necessary Structural Steel changes at the South Vestibule as part of the ongoing HHS fine arts addition project.

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