

BOARD BRIEFS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/SPECIAL MEETING NOV. 6, 2014

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 158 BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD HONORS "THOSE WHO EXCEL"

Six Employees and Teams Recognized by ISBE

Among honorees of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) "Those Who Excel" program were seven employees and teams from McHenry County. Six of those seven came from District 158.

The annual recognition honors bus drivers, custodians, support staff, counselors, volunteers, board members, teachers and administrators.

"Each year we have recognition for a number of District 158 staff, teachers, and members of the administration," said Board President Don Drzal. "It's a great recognition."



District 158 honorees were:

- Tami Broskow, Student Support Personnel
- Suzanne Bell, Early Career Educator
- Rose Buckley, Educational Service Personnel
- Jessica Lombard, School Administrator
- Shannon Phillips, Classroom Teacher
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) Team

2014 SCHOOL E-REPORT CARD RELEASED

Chief Academic Officer Erika Schlichter presented on the ISBE 2014 School eReport Card.

Schlichter said the new report card has many new features, including more robust information on academic growth.

"We are absolutely exceeding our growth targets," Schlichter said. "We're very proud of the progress we're making."

She also highlighted that the high school's results rank significantly above many peer schools in college readiness.

The report card as presented is available at iirc.niu.edu.

The Board will vote whether to approve the eReport card at its next regular meeting, November 13, 2014.

POSITIVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chief Financial Officer Mark Altmayer reported that the District's Standard and Poor's rating review resulted in a rating of AA (Stable). Very few school districts have a rating this high.

"In this economy, in the State of Illinois, that is a strong rating," Altmayer said.

He also reported that preliminary estimates show a 1.2% decrease in Equalized Assessed Value, compared to a decrease of about 3.5-3.8% in the rest of McHenry County. He noted this as a positive trend and attributed it to relatively stabilized housing prices in the local area.

He recommended that a levy meeting be scheduled for December 18. The Board will vote whether to approve the recommended levy meeting date at its next regular meeting.

Elementary Report Card

Schlichter also presented on the revised District 158 elementary report card. The purpose of the report card update is to better reflect the skills and assessments in early elementary school.

Recommendations for Action

The Board heard reports on the following matters, and will take action on them at their next regular meeting.

- Payables, various fund raiser contract agreements from a list of items to be Declared as Surplus, as provided by Technology Department and O&M Department.
- Updated transportation job descriptions for Router Dispatcher and Transportation Trainer.
- Results for Bid #2014-03-5, seeking award of bid to National Lift Truck, in the amount of \$26,297.50.
- Results for Bid #2014-20A HHS TV Studio (Mechanical Bid), seeking award to Jensen Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$13,650.00.
- Trane Service Agreement Expansion for the Leggee Chiller in the amount of \$1,481.00; and an amendment to the HVAC Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Hayes Mechanical at a price reduction of \$244.08, for the third year of that agreement as proposed.
- The proposal from Multi-Vista proposal of Digital Archiving of the HHS expansions and renovations as proposed, at a cost not to exceed \$9,995.00.
- Change orders for Trade contractors at HHS, as presented in the October 27, 2014 letter from Lamp Inc., at an accumulated additional change value of \$91,844.00.
- The proposal from CTS Group dated October 27, 2014, in the amount of \$39,600.00, seeking the upgrade Niagara Tridium AX Building Automation System Software to Version 3.8. The Board instructed the head of Operations and Maintenance to meet again with the vendor to negotiate the price down, if possible, and that they would like to see more detail on pricing.
- Draft meeting minutes from the meetings October 16, 2014 and October 9, 2014.

Operations and Maintenance Updates

Doug Renkosik, head of Operations and Maintenance, gave the following reports:

- Plans for Bid Release 2 are progressing and will open November 20.
- A day of unusually heavy traffic at HHS prior in the week was a result of a paving contractor who was late in completing work due to a late delivery of materials and poor weather.
- Preliminary drawings of a possible salt storage facility for use by the McHenry Department of Transportation on the Square Barn Road Campus.
- The HHS exterior LED light retrofit resulted in \$4,267.23 in cost savings, a reduction of 47,361 kilowatt hours per year, and a reduction in carbon dioxide pollution of 106,562 pounds per year.
- Annual Health Life Safety Inspections by local Fire Marshals and McHenry Regional Office of Education were positive and revealed no major issues.

Legislative Updates

- Board members and Superintendent Burkey participated with local legislators in a forum on Senate Bill 16 (SB 16) at Jacobs High School on October 30. There is a possibility that SB 16 may be called during the upcoming Veto Session or Lame Duck Session of the Illinois General Assembly, and Board President Don Drzal stressed that members of the public must remain vigilant about the issue.
- The Board heard various updates from the IASB Alliance Legislative Reports for November 2014.

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