

Board Bulletin
From David Bonnette, Interim Superintendent

On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, the Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting in Room 201, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Student Association updated the Board on its activities for the past month and on its upcoming plans.

The Board recognized staff and student achievements in recent competitions, including the speech team, FCCLA students, chess team, repertory dance ensemble, and All State musicians.

It was reported that RB again was a recipient of the Bright Red Apple Award for student achievement and other indicators of excellence. In 2010, just 83 out of 869 school districts in Illinois received this award.

A Freedom of Information Act request was received from Chris Robling, regarding curriculum content on global warming. The District responded, indicating that this was not a FOIAable request.

Board members gave reports on committee activities.

There were no visitor statements.

The consent agenda was approved, including meeting minutes from the February 9, 2010, meeting and the payment of bills.

The Board adopted an update of the policy on Family and Medical Leave.

Representatives from McHugh Construction presented Change Order #16 in the amount of \$125,274, which the Board approved.

Adam Gibbons provided the Board with a slide show on the most recent European History trip and presented a request for a trip to Eastern Europe on December 27, 2010, through January 8, 2011. Mr. Gibbon's trip request was approved by the Board.

The Board conducted a first reading on revised Articles of Agreement for the member districts in the LaGrange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE).

A resolution to authorize the school district's attorney to intervene in proceedings before the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) was adopted by the Board of Education.

Interim Superintendent Bonnette provided the Board with an overview of budget considerations for the 2010-11 fiscal year. A community forum, detailing these considerations, will be held in the Little Theater on Monday, March 15, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

A request from ARAMARK to extend its “management services” contract with District 208 was referred to the Facilities Committee.

Following a closed session, the Board approved the personnel matters listed below:

- A maternity leave for Kirstin Bacon.
- The hiring of Matt D’Anca as head boys water polo coach, Kristi Sterling as co-head coach for girls track, Mark Ruge as a volunteer baseball coach, and Melissa Harman as assistant girls soccer coach.

Following the closed session, the Board also acted to expel a student for two years for gross misconduct.

Future Meetings:

March 15, 2010, Community Forum, Little Theater, 7:00 p.m.

March 18, 2010, Committee of the Whole Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

March 21, 2010, RB Facility Dedication, 3:00 p.m., Auditorium

March 23, 2010, Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

March 24, 2010, SEE Team and Brookfield Zoo “Ribbon Cutting,” Woodland Restoration Project, 2:00 p.m.