

Board Bulletin
From David Bonnette, Interim Superintendent

The Board of Education held its regular meeting for the month of August on Tuesday, August 24, 2010, in the Alumni Lounge, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting began with a public hearing on a proposal to amend Section 5/27-24.2 of *The School Code* and apply to the Illinois State Board of Education for permission to increase the student fee for driver education from \$300 to \$325. One parent addressed the Board, asking if fee waivers would apply to this proposal. It was indicated that the same guidelines covering school fees would apply to driver education fees.

Members of the Student Association reported on the start of the school year and planned activities for the fall.

No Freedom of Information Act requests had been received at the time the agenda was prepared.

Business Manager Chris Whelton reviewed the monthly budget reports for June and July 2010.

Members of the Board reported on Board Committee activities during the summer months.

Principal Pam Bylsma gave a report to the Board on the start of the 2010-11 school year, including staff meetings, meetings with students, and procedural changes that contributed to a smooth opening of the school session this week.

Athletic Director Art Ostrow talked to the Board about the fall athletic program. At this time, 460 students are on a fall team. Mr. Ostrow highlighted a number of athletic department initiatives, including a new web site, a coaching handbook, a motivational speaker to kick off the fall season, and new programs for student athletes like a leadership group and a study table for athletes.

Board President Jim Marciniak welcomed Mrs. Bylsma and Mr. Ostrow to RB and their leadership roles in the District.

It was announced that the Day of Service is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2010.

There were no comments from visitors.

The Board approved the consent agenda, including minutes from five summer Board meetings and the payment of bills.

The Board adopted a resolution, approving the driver education fee waiver application, which will be forwarded to the ISBE, for approval by the General Assembly. If approved at the state level, the fee increase would take effect in January 2011.

The first reading was conducted on a proposal to change the deadline for the completion of student health examinations and immunizations. The Board's current policy calls for immunizations to be completed by the first day of school. The proposed policy change would extend the deadline date to October 15 of any given year, as permitted by *The School Code*. The "first day" deadline poses a hardship to students, parents, and school staff during the busy, start of school period.

The Board authorized the transfer of \$4,750,000 from Working Cash to the Education Fund and \$450,000 from Working Cash to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The fund transfers are needed at this time in order to meet Education and O&M Fund obligations this fall. Due to an expected lateness of fall property tax bills, the District will most likely need to obtain Tax Anticipation Warrants in November to meet winter obligations until property taxes are received.

After a closed session, the Board approved the following personnel actions:

Accepted the resignations of special education aides Theresa Baetzel, Michael Chorney, and William Krefft.

Appointed Vicki Notier, Nicole Grant, and Bradley Paus to positions as Special Education aides.

Appointed Theresa Kopitzke to a part-time position as a Special Education Transition Specialist.

The Board approved certain appointments to extra duty and athletic assignments and to volunteer coaching positions.

The Board appointed four individuals to work on behalf of the District to investigate matters of residency. National Investigations, Inc. will no longer represent the District in this regard.