Newsletter of the Board of Education

Board Happenings

Our goal is to distribute this newsletter shortly after each Board meeting that will communicate discussions, actions, and other items of interest. We welcome your comments and thoughts as we Empower and Inspire Every Student to Success. Questions or comments? Please Click Here.

Welcome to the August 3rd edition of Board Happenings, a semi-monthly Board of Education publication.
Board Meeting Notes: August 10th, 2020

- Approximately 30 district teachers read statements regarding their safety concerns with starting school in-person. Additional district residents, staff, and students voiced their desire to start school 5 days a week in-person. Erin Warborg requested the Board add a third section of grade 4 at MacArthur. District Nurse Tammy Mamayak offered information from several health organizations. A representative of Fambro Management addressed the Board regarding their facility use fee reduction request. Board Member Tom Barney donated two full backpacks of school supplies and reminded people of the Stuff the Bus program sponsored by GoRiteway that is going on in the community.

- Brett Stousland presented a current enrollment update and indicated a teacher will be added to MacArthur School by moving a teacher from another school where numbers are low in a specific grade level. Superintendent Stousland also provided an update regarding the staff survey that went out regarding returning to school.

- Policy Committee Chair Tom Barney updated the Board on discussion that took place at the August 6, 2020 Policy Committee meeting regarding Title IX policy changes.

- Approval co-curricular advising and coaching contracts for the 2020-2021 school year with inclusion of contract language as follows: For the 2020-21 school year, compensation paid for coaching and advising contracts will utilize a pro-rata approach, whereby compensation will be based on the proportion of the season that is completed.

- Approval modifications of the Attendance Secretary role at Kennedy Middle School to 8 hours per day for 12 months with health insurance benefits and Guidance Secretary to 6 hours per day for 11 months with no health insurance benefits.

- Approval the change in daily pay rate for substitute teaching from $105 to $125 after 30 non-consecutive substitute teaching days of a school year.
with a continuation into the following school year, and apply the 30 non-consecutive day requirement to the previous 2019-2020 school year with a daily rate change to $125 per day to occur at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

- Update the Board on items discussed in the August 10, 2020 committee meeting including a Fund 41 prioritized capital projects list.

- The Board discussed at length, back to school plans with a virtual curriculum outline presented by Director of Teaching and Learning Brenda O'Brien.

- The Board agreed to remain with the plan approved at the August 3, 2020 meeting to start K-5 elementary school students in school on September 1, 2020 as well as grade 6 middle school students in school with grades 7 and 8 starting in school the next day on September 2nd, and enlist an A-B schedule (to be developed) in school for the high school with the first half starting on September 1st and the other half on September 2nd.

- Approval of a donation of $2,507 from the Maschman/Walter families land holding company, Ralmar Properties LLC for the stone sign at the Maschman Nature Center at Amy Belle Elementary School and thank them for their generosity.

- The Board made no motion to change the facility use charges for Fambro Management for use of County Line for their Let’s Build It and Chess Scholars enrichment classes.

- Approval of a facility use fee waiver for Germantown Hornets Wrestling Club use of the high school multi-purpose room for practicing.

- Approval of facility use fee waiver request for Germantown Hornets Wrestling Club use of the Field House, lobby, locker rooms, and scoreboards for their January tournament with compliance with the District’s security requirements.

- Approval of Summer IEP/Diagnostic contracts for Brooke Gronitz, Lisa Densing, James Davis, and Scott Schubert, not to exceed 10 hours per assigned case.
• Approval of 1.0 FTE teaching contracts for Gina LaBarbara at $48,500, Paulina Fote at $45,000, Lauren Schultz at $54,000, Jaclyn Faherty at $58,000, and Carly Vondrak at $17,277.

• Acceptance of the resignation of Peter Schwantes, thank him for his service to the District, and approve posting and filling the vacancy.

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Board Meetings
August 10th
Tentatively scheduled times -
Building Committee (6 PM) & Board Meeting (7 PM)