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Butler School District 53

Board Report

A news report of the June 19, 2017 Board of Education meeting

Student Services Director appointed

The Board approved the employment of Andrea Prola as Director of Student Services. Previously, she served as Case Manager in Troy Unit District 30C, supporting special education services, teachers and curriculum and as adjunct instructor at Lewis University and coordinator of special education programs at the University of St. Francis. She has her Bachelor's in Special Education from the University of St. Francis, her Master's in Educational Leadership from Concordia University and is working toward a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in Special Education.

Personnel action

In other personnel action, the Board:

- Approved the employment of Katherine Cobb as Band/Music Teacher at Butler Junior High,
- Approved the employment of Dina Jones as English Language Arts Teacher at Butler Junior High,
- Approved the part-time (.50 Full Time Equivalent) employment of Nora Flynn as English Language Arts Teacher at Butler Junior High,
- Approved the part-time (.67 FTE) employment of Alison Prochaska as English Language Arts and Writing Teacher at Butler Junior High,
- Approved the part-time (.33 FTE) employment of Rebekah Stathakis as Spanish Teacher at Butler Junior High.

In related action, the Board approved the resignation of:

- Curriculum and Instruction Specialist, Melissa Wills,
- Registrar, Diane Chaps,
- Brook Forest LMC Assistant, Christine Grollo,
- Brook Forest Special Education teacher, Shannon Binenfeld,
- Brook Forest Teacher's Aide, Suzanne Ferry.

Board plans retreat

The Board of Education set its monthly meeting July 10 to also serve as its Board retreat. As a result, the July 10 meeting will begin at 5 p.m. The retreat is an opportunity to discuss priorities and goals for the new Board. Superintendent Dr. Heidi Wennstrom said she would provide a draft process, timeline, and framework for a Strategic Plan to facilitate board discussion

Board to remain neutral on attachment

Following discussion in closed session, the Board came out into open session and voted to "remain neutral" regarding 44 residents -- owning 24 parcels in Midwest Club -- who petitioned the DuPage County Regional Board of School Trustees to detach from District 58 and attach to Butler School District 53. The Butler District 53 Board said it is in the District's best interest not to support nor oppose the petition, but rather to remain neutral in the matter. The detachment petition also asks that the area be detached from Community High School District 99 and attach to Hinsdale High School District 86.

Budget, calendar, contracts

In other news, the Board:

- Approved an amended 2016-17 budget that reflects changes in some areas and funds. In a related move, the Board authorized the transfer of funds from the educational fund to the operations fund, and then a transfer from that fund to the capital projects budget. This move is routine and allows the District to expend monies for building projects this summer,
- Approved the amended 2016-2017 school calendar, removing unused emergency days,
- Gave the go-ahead to consider an updated drawing for the mascot/logo for Butler Junior High. Superintendent Dr. Heidi Wennstrom said prospective drawings would be brought to the student body for input this fall,
- Approved an agreement with Heartland Business Systems for \$1,175 per month to manage technology servers, network and devices for the District,
- Approved an expenditure of \$61,855 to Heartland Business Systems to provide new SANS (Storage Area Network) units for the district and both schools and to provide services related to its installation, service and training,
- Approved Member Cabin Kim to review remaining fiscal year 2017 invoices and authorize payment prior to the July Board of Education meeting,
- Approved on second reading 24 revised policies, which reflect recommendations from the Illinois Association of School Board's policy service and the District's law firm.

Summer work on schedule

The Board heard an update on summer construction projects. Business Manager Dr. Sandra Martin said that Brook Forest roof project is now 25-30 percent complete. The work to replace the Butler Junior High courtyard has had some complications. Contractors found two layers of concrete rather than one, which likely contributed to the flooding and water in the library. Work to refurbish the STEM lab is on track with new lighting, ceiling tiles, carpet, tile and furnishings.

Board Calendar

- July 10** Board of Education Meeting - 5 p.m.
Administrative Center
- Aug. 14** Board of Education Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Administrative Center

School Calendar

- Aug. 15 BJH 6th grade student walkthrough
- Aug. 16-18 Teacher Institute Days
- Aug. 21 First day of school



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