



BOARD OF EDUCATION *Highlights*

Highlights from the January 13, 2014 workshop meeting

To see the meeting video, visit:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdpfKf_lbyQ&list=PL437FAF3A8077265B&feature=c4-overview-vl

Student Perspectives



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South High's (l-r) Band Director Greg Hensel, juniors Sara Guagliardo, Andrew Sullivan, Samantha Cho and Band Director Craig Roselieb addressed the Board of Education

The South High School marching band was selected to carry an American-shaped flag during the national anthem before the start of the 2014 Sugar Bowl on January 2, 2014. Over 100 members of the band as well as staff and chaperones traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana over the holiday break, where the band also performed during the halftime show alongside other high school ensembles from across the country.

As part of the event experience, before the bowl game the band took part in a "Battle of the Bands – Field Show competition" and was named "Grand Champion." As a result, the South High students were invited to march onto the field during the pre-game show, and unfurl and hold an American-shaped flag during the national anthem.

Drum majors **Samantha Cho** and **Andrew Sullivan** and color guard captain **Sara Guagliardo** told the Board about their experience of traveling to New Orleans and what it was like to be part of the Sugar Bowl festivities.



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The students described some of the activities they participated in, including a swamp ride tour, a visit to an aquarium and a riverboat cruise, as well as the food sampled during the trip.

The first stop after the band's 16 hour bus ride was to the aquarium.

"I'd never been to an aquarium, so it was really cool for me," said Cho.

"All of us never missed an opportunity to try something new," said Guagliardo. "It was my first time going down to New Orleans, and I think it was for a lot of other people, too."

"[Unfurling the flag] was a really awesome experience," said Sullivan. "We were looking out into the crowd, and you see hundreds of thousands of people sitting in the stadium... and to think that our band from Downers Grove got to go to the Sugar Bowl and hold the flag is just amazing."

"Not only did you represent us well, but you also got to experience something outside of the band schedule by experiencing the culture and experience of a new place," said Board Member Deb Boyle.

To see photos of the performance and the trip, please visit <http://south.csd99.org/2014-sugar-bowl/>.

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Staffing Ratios for 2014-15

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources **Pete Theis** presented a report on the instructional staffing allocation for 2014-2015. He shared with the Board background and historical information about how the district uses enrollment data from demographer Dr. John Kasarda to determine expected enrollment, which has served as a reliable gauge of enrollment numbers. The enrollment figures that will be used for staffing for the 2014-2015 school year are based on the March 2011 Enrollment Projection Report by Dr. Kasarda. (See www.csd99.org/kasarda.)

Using enrollment figures available currently, the administration recommended that the staffing ratio for 2014-2015 remain at the ratio of 21.8 students to one teacher. Theis noted that each school also receives full-time employees for needs that are related to other classroom needs. Staffing will be reviewed at the March 12 Board staffing meeting.

The full report may be viewed at

[http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9F84UP6F58B8/\\$file/2014-15%20Instructional%20Staffing%20Memo.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9F84UP6F58B8/$file/2014-15%20Instructional%20Staffing%20Memo.pdf)



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2013 Summer School Report

Director of Summer School **Tim Tilton** presented an overview and highlights of the 2013 summer school session. He noted that 330 students participated in 13 different courses. Attendance was down by 14 percent overall from last year.

For the first time, an online Advanced Placement chemistry prep course was offered as a pilot program, and nine students participated. Driver education was the most popular course, with 59 students participating. Two different sessions of the Online Credit Recovery program were offered and 50 students completed 64 courses.

Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning **Gina Ziccardi** shared recommendations for 2014 summer school, noting that the Summer Bridge Program will continue through the use of Title I funds. Grant funds will also be used for free and reduced lunch students who attend summer school.

The tuition rate will be maintained at \$195 per semester and teacher salaries will remain the same. Title I funds will also be used to support transportation and other costs for free and reduced lunch students.

The proposed 2014 summer school program will run from Monday, June 16 through Thursday, July 24; it will be approved at the business meeting on Monday, January 27.

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[http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9F84YB6F89A4/\\$file/2013%20Summer%20School%20Report.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9F84YB6F89A4/$file/2013%20Summer%20School%20Report.pdf)



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Joint Board Member Training

Superintendent Dr. Mark McDonald noted that several Board members have requested an in-house training program for required trainings and to explore the idea of offering the training to board members from other school districts as well. It was noted that finding a date before the required April deadline would be a challenge, that not all members needed the training at this time, and that all training could be done online.

There was also a discussion about a joint meeting with other school district boards in the area. Historically there has been a joint boards dinner each year, with the exception of last year.

It was suggested that the three members who need training seek training individually and to continue to plan a joint boards event. It was also suggested that the presidents of the various boards discuss the joint boards event as well as discuss potential topics for the meeting.



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Upcoming Board Meetings

January 27, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting and Celebration, 6:30 p.m.,

Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Transition 99 Program Center
4232 Venard, Downers Grove

February 3, 2014 - Workshop Meeting 7 p.m.

Administrative Service Center

February 24, 2014 – Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Administrative Service Center

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