



# BOARD OF EDUCATION *Highlights*

## ***Highlights from the March 17, 2014 business meeting***

To see the meeting video, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WD2NqC0oXR4&feature=em-uploademail>



Over 200 students and staff members were recognized on March 10, 2014 for their recent accomplishments at [North High](#) and [South High](#). A video is available here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLxJJdloxy8&feature=em-uploademail>



### **Minutes Approved**

The Board approved the minutes from the [February 24, 2014 business meeting](#), the February 24, 2014 closed meeting, the [March 10, 2014 recognition/open house Meeting](#), the [March 12, 2014 workshop meeting](#) and March 12, 2014 closed meeting.

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### **Recommendations and Reports of Superintendent**



### **Strategic Plan/2013-14 District Goals Report**

District 99 Superintendent **Dr. Mark McDonald** and other district administrators provided a brief report on [the district's progress on its 2013-14 district goals](#), which included many quantitative measures:

- Students received 26% more interventions (over 12,000 in total) from classroom teachers compared to the same time period last year. Interventions such as spending more time with

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students before and after school or contacting parents are helping students to be successful.

- The total number of D and F letter grades received dropped one percent compared to the same period last year, from 12.8% to 11.8%.
- The district adopted a national program called “Advancement Via Individual Determination Program” (AVID), designed for students who are “in the middle” academically. The GPA for AVID students is slightly lower than average; however, these students are enrolled in at least one advanced course, so a lower GPA is not unusual.
- Enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP) and honors courses continues to rise steadily and student interest in new AP courses next year, including AP Environmental Science and AP Music Theory, is strong.
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) curriculum continues to be a focus, and 200+ students are enrolled in new physics and engineering courses. In addition, nearly 200 students are enrolled in STEM courses that earn them credit at both District 99 and the College of DuPage.
- We refined and improved our teacher evaluation process, ensuring those who appraise teachers are consistent and adhere to the standards we’ve set.
- We continue to rent to community organizations and outside and for-profit groups, covering the cost of the facility rental manager position. Administration recommends reviewing the district’s rental philosophy going forward.
- The district is evaluating its co-teaching model; after collecting and analyzing the data, it will report on the findings in May.
- The partnership with the Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce has continued this year with the Attainable Futures program. Enrollment is at a three-year all-time high. Collaboration with and support of surrounding governmental entities and their initiatives also continues.
- To prepare our facilities for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, we’re creating a Master Facility Plan. We’re brainstorming with staff and architects as to what our students need, and will be reaching out to the community to solidify our blueprint for the future.

After this school year, administrators will review the progress on the overall strategic plan, which was launched in 2011, to assess what has been accomplished and what remains to be done, and make recommendations to the Board.

**“One of the things I think is very good about a strategic plan is that you agree on a set of outcomes and you work on them for several years, and that creates stability...but it doesn’t always honor input [while the work is being completed],” said Dr. McDonald. “There needs to be a time when we say we’re finished, and we’re ready to get new input, and new goals and new direction and start again.”**

He stated that administrators will review the plan during the summer.



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## Freedom of Information Requests

There were three Freedom of Information Requests since the last Board meeting:

- from Sarah Karp, Deputy Editor, Catalyst-Chicago for information about school incident reports collected by the Illinois State Board of Education involving drugs in the 2012-13 school year.
- from Ester Castillejo, Better Government Association, for financial information and comprehensive list of pay for all employees, including information about collective bargaining agreements, union contracts and administrator contracts.
- from Brian Anderson, Lee's Foodservice Parts & Repairs, Inc., Addison, IL, for vendor or contractor information providing for the maintenance and repair of various cafeteria and food service equipment and services.

## Consent Agenda



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The Board members **unanimously approved** the following items:

- Personnel Report
- [Financial pages](#)
- [Illinois High School Association Membership](#)
- [Revised 2014 Summer School Calendar](#)

## Recommendation for Action



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The Board members **approved** the following items:

- [Resolution Authorizing Notice of Dismissal to Non-tenured Teachers other than Final-Year Probationary Teachers](#)
- [Resolution Authorizing Honorable Reduction in Tenured Teacher's Assignment](#)



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## Old Business

Board members **unanimously approved** these policies recommended by the Policy Committee:

- [3.60 Admin Responsibility of the Principal and Assoc Assist Principals.pdf \(151 KB\)](#)
- [4.150 Facility Management and Building Programs.pdf \(236 KB\)](#)
- [4.160 Environmental Quality.pdf \(148 KB\)](#)



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## New Business

The Policy Committee presented the following policies for first reading:

- [8.10 Connection with the Community.pdf \(64 KB\)](#)
- [8.20 Community Use of School Facilities.pdf \(125 KB\)](#)
- [8.30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property.pdf \(103 KB\)](#)
- [8.40 Diplomas for Veterans.pdf \(74 KB\)](#)
- [8.70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities.pdf \(6 KB\)](#)
- [8.80 Gifts to the District.pdf \(58 KB\)](#)
- [8.95 Parental Involvement.pdf \(69 KB\)](#)
- [8.100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies.pdf \(20 KB\)](#)
- [8.110 Public Suggestions and Concerns.pdf \(6 KB\)](#)

The district has nearly completed its comprehensive policy review and updating effort; the majority of district policies now align with Illinois Association of School Board recommendations. Going forward, policies will be reviewed on a quarterly or as-needed basis.



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### Communications and Announcements

- Member **Keith Matune** reported about the Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND) will meet in the next week or two.
- Member **Julia Beckman** shared that at the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) has issued a new publication that summarizes its services.
- Member **Julia Beckman** shared that the Illinois Humanities Council welcomed a new executive director, and he has exciting ideas for the future of the council.
- Member **Terry Pavesich** reported that the District 99 Education Foundation is planning the next Pizza Wars event for 2015, and will expand the number of pizzerias to 12.
- Member Mike Davenport reported that District 58 and District 204 reviewed their experiences with one-to-one computing at the IASB regional meeting.

### Upcoming Board Meetings

**April 14, 2014 – 7 p.m.**

Workshop Meeting  
Administrative Service Center

**April 21, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.**

Business Meeting  
Administrative Service Center

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