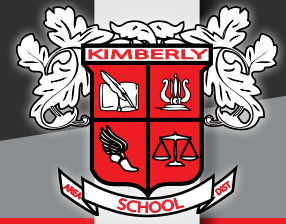


# School Matters



Nov. 2015  
Vol. 3, Issue 18

School News for Residents of the Kimberly Area School District

Welcome to this edition of the School Matters newsletter. It is designed to keep you informed of current District news.

## **Board of Education Meeting 11/9/15**

### **In Attendance:**

- Ammie Ebben
- Penny Hoh, Treasurer
- Mary Pribbenow
- Debbie Roberts, Clerk
- Chuck Rundquist
- Brad Siebers, Vice President

15 District Staff

9 Guests

### **Board Meeting Summary**

- Taxpayers in the Kimberly Area School District will save about \$853,000 according to Jim Mueller and Kevin Mullen of Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. who presented the final numbers for the District's bond refinancing. Kimberly Area School District received an upgrade to their general obligation rating which reflects the work done by the board to improve the District financially. The higher rating resulted in a lower interest rate for the district. The Board unanimously approved the resolution with a revised amount of \$5,990,000 in general obligation bonds from 2006 being refinanced.
- The Board approved an early graduation request presented by Mike Rietveld, Principal of Kimberly High School.
- Principal John Schultz along with a team of staff from Maplevue Intermediate School will be heading to the ASQ Quality in Education Conference in Houston, Texas, to share their presentation on Maplevue's journey toward a culture of continuous improvement. Being able to share their journey at the conference is very exciting for the group which consists of Principal Schultz, Continuous Improvement

## *District News*

### **"Socktober" Awesomeness at Westside Elementary School**

During the month of October, students at Westside Elementary School participated in "Socktober" - a national effort to help homeless Americans keep warm this winter. Socktober was inspired by "Kid President." As independent problem solvers, they sought to help address a need in our community. The student council's goal was to collect 500 pairs of socks. The students smashed that goal with a grand total of 1,045 pairs of socks to be donated to local shelters! Great job to all the families, students and staff who supported the students' Socktober collection. Here is a link to the Kid President video about Socktober if you would like more information on this initiative <https://goo.gl/lsl2GO>.



Coach Jenny Kaufman and teachers Kris Mau, Chris Fitzgerald, Amber Jochimsen, Tyler Linzmeier and Paul Appleton. The Board and all in attendance were treated to a preview of what they will share at the conference. It was clear that the changes being made at Maplevue, and soon around the district, have a positive lasting impact on how teachers teach, how students learn, and how information is shared and utilized. As a result of these courageous changes in the culture at Maplevue there has been measured improvements made in student learning, as well as teacher development.

- The Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) requested a legislative delegate be appointed at each district. This position will serve as the main contact as well as voice of the District for legislative issues. Brad Siebers, Board Vice-President volunteered to assume the role as the WASB legislative delegate.
- Rebecca Hansen, Director of Business Services, presented the District's audited financial statement. Hansen reported that the district remains in good financial shape. Some of the financial highlights indicated were the District's increase in fund balances, health insurance cost containment, facility improvements, and return on investment - Kimberly Area School District is a low spending, high achieving district that continues to provide our community with great value.
- The Board approved the second reading of policies 1662, 3362 & 4362 - Employee Anti-Harassment, 4340 - Grievance Procedure, and 5517 - Student Anti-Harassment.

For more information about upcoming board meetings, visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/district/school-board](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/district/school-board).

- **Breakfast Club at JRG Middle School**

The Breakfast Club at J.R. Gerritts Middle School is very different than the club with the same name from the 1985 movie. For JRG students, the Breakfast Club meets four to five times a year with the intention of building relationships between students and teachers in a fun and informal setting. Participants meet at Chefo's in Kimberly for an all-you-can-eat breakfast before the start of their school day. Many parents attend with their sons or daughters as well. Great job Gators!



- **American Education Week Nov. 16-20, 2015**



American Education Week is November 16-20, 2015, and it is a time to reflect on the great public schools across our country. We have joined with 12 school districts in the Fox Valley Area to show how huge of an impact students and staff of public schools have in our community. To thank the community for their support, on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. you have the option to join with community members, students, staff and parents in our area for 30 seconds to "Applaud Our Great Public Schools." At the Kimberly Area School District, we want to take this week to highlight the countless hours of volunteer service our students and staff provide to the community. The ways that our students and staff give back could go on for pages:

charity fundraisers, blood drives, clothing and food collections, enhancing the quality of life for senior citizens, organizing inclusive events for those of all abilities, etc. Please take time during American Education Week to thank your family, friends and neighbors for their support of public education and to let them know all the ways your students give back to the community that gives them so much.



### **Difference MAKER Baseball Camp**

About 30 students attended the Second Annual Difference MAKER Baseball Camp. The camp is focused on getting children of all ability levels involved in a healthy activity together. The baseball camp, spearheaded by KHS student Max Anderson and other members of the baseball team, was for students of all ages and with all types of disabilities. Their siblings were also welcomed to attend. Participants were joined by KHS students, staff and members of the baseball team where they learned new baseball skills in a fun setting. The camp took place in a special location – on the turf field at Papermaker Stadium. From what we heard - the players were fantastic and a good time was had by all.



Join us on Facebook at:  
[www.facebook.com/KimberlyAreaSchoolDistrict](http://www.facebook.com/KimberlyAreaSchoolDistrict)

Visit our website at: [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us)

Robert S. Mayfield, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools • Nicole Noonan, Marketing & Community Coordinator