



WEST NORTHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 31

BOARD BRIEFS
AUGUST 23, 2018

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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RECOGNITIONS

Board Recognizes Honors Band

Field Principal Dr. Erin Murphy recognized Band Director Mike Miller and members of the 2017-2018 Honors Band for earning the highest distinction for middle school bands in the State of Illinois. We are so proud of Mr. Miller's work and all his band students!

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dr. Alexandra Nicholson
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Dr. Carrie De La Cruz
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Director of Special Education

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Dr. Erin Murphy
Principal
Field Middle School

Erica Berger
Principal
Winkelman School

Nino Alvarez
Assistant Principal
Winkelman School

Dominic Milano
Assistant Principal
Field School

INTRODUCTIONS

Board Meets New Staff

Field Principal Dr. Erin Murphy and Winkelman Principal Erica Berger introduced their new staff.

PRESENTATIONS

Field Professional Learning Communities and Connection to Quality Education

Field School Math Teacher Mrs. Julie Stone presented the Field's math department's journey with Professional Learning Communities and its positive impact on student academic outcomes.

Strategic Plan, 2018-2019 Action Plans, and Related Expenses

Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Nicholson reviewed the 2015-2016 through 2021-2022 Strategic Plan along with the 2018-2019 action plans and related expenses.

Accelerated Placement Act

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Carrie De La Cruz presented information about the new Illinois State Accelerated Placement Act, including the Act's requirements as well as the corresponding Board Policy and Administrative Procedures.

5ESSENTIALS

Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Nicholson presented 5ESSENTIALS Survey results for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Results can be accessed on the [5ESSENTIALS website](https://www.district31.net/domain/536).

APPROVAL OF NEW ADMINISTRATORS

Board Approves New Administrators

The Board unanimously approved the employment of Dr. Janine Gruhn as the new Director of Special Education and Mr. Dominic Milano as the new Field Assistant Principal. Please refer to administrative biographies to learn more about their education levels and experiences, <https://www.district31.net/domain/536>.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Board Approves New Faculty and Staff

The Board unanimously approved the employment of the following faculty and staff:

- Cali Greene, Eric Palanck, Jenna Berkowski, and Kimberley Howard - Winkelman Classroom Teachers
- Judith Lopez – Winkelman Learning Resource Specialist
- Lisa Paul, Nisha Gandhi, Denise Faraone, and Colleen Mueller –Instructional Assistants

Board Accepts Resignations

The Board accepted resignations from:

- Hillary Deutsch, Shay Keller – Classroom teacher
- Christie Chandler-Stahl – Learning Center Teacher
- Gina Clinton – School Psychologist
- Mona Macpherson – Technology Teacher

- Sari Freier – Special Education Teacher
- Sharon Cloud, Jessica Locke-Coffey, Rebecca Habetler, and Brian Greene – Assistants
- Holly Harper Kelly – Director of ELL/Bilingual
- Rachel Cleveland – School Nurse

BOARD ACCEPTS TENTATIVE BUDGET

Board Accepts Tentative Budget for 2018-2019

The Board of Education approved the 2018-2019 Tentative Budget. This budget was developed using the zero-based budgeting method and represents a more aggressive approach to estimating expenses while maintaining a more conservative approach regarding anticipated revenues. Excluding budgeted amounts from the Capital Projects Fund, estimated expenditures, \$20.2 MM currently exceed anticipated revenues by approximately 5%. The 2017-2018 Tentative Budget was also unbalanced yet the District ended the year with a surplus. All anticipated revenues and expenses will be reviewed and updated based on the most current information available for final presentation. Changes will be reported at the next board meeting.

Together, the efforts of the Board and Administrators continue to provide resources to fund the Strategic Plan, which was designed to lead the District on its continuing road to improvement and to serve the best interest of all students.

The 2018-2019 Tentative Budget is available for public inspection at the District office for the required period of not less than 30 days, and is also posted on the District's website under Business Services. The September 27th, 2018 Board of Education meeting will begin with a Public Hearing providing the opportunity for community comments and the Board will formally vote on the final budget after the Public Hearing.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Thursday, September 27, 2018 in the Field School Learning Center. Visitors should enter through the District Office main entrance on Techny.