



WEST NORTHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 31

BOARD BRIEFS

OCTOBER 25, 2018

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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RECOGNITIONS

Board Recognizes Principals

In recognition of October being Principals' Month in Illinois, Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Nicholson thanked Principals Dr. Erin Murphy and Erica Berger for their dedication to District 31 students, parents, and staff.

PRESENTATIONS

Seven Year Strategic Plan Calendar

Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Nicholson reviewed the Seven Year Strategic Plan Calendar which outlines the progress scheduled to be made with all District Goals and their corresponding Strategies and Action Plans.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Nicholson presented information about Illinois' ESSA. She highlighted how the State currently rates public school districts – exemplary, commendable, underperforming, and lowest performing. Dr. Nicholson was pleased to announce both Winkelman and Field Schools earned commendable ratings for 2017-2018.

Fiscal Year 2019 Professional Development Plan

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Carrie De La Cruz reviewed the District's FY 2019 Professional Development Plan including multiple methods of teacher learning – Teacher Institute Day presentations, consultants, Professional Learning Communities, Global Compliance Network training, coaching, workshops and conferences, etc. Winkelman English Language Arts (ELA) Coach Carlissa Pokora shared details about how she provides coaching to classroom teachers to increase their ELA instructional strategies to meet the needs of all students.

HIRING OF A SUPERINTENDENT

Board Began Discussions on the Process and Timeline to Hire a Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Nicholson is scheduled to retire June 30, 2020 after 44 years of dedicated service to education. The Board began a series of many discussions to determine the employment process and timeline for the new superintendent scheduled to begin July 1, 2020. The Board's goal is to name the new superintendent in January 2020.

CALENDAR SURVEY

Board Reviewed Calendar Survey Results

Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Nicholson shared the results of the recent 2018-2019 Communication Survey. 116 surveys were completed. Highlights included the following:

- District newsletters, weekly District E-News, principals' weekly emails, and Skyward rank high in value amongst the commonly used communication methods.
- The frequency of District newsletters, District E-news, and principals' emails are just the right amount.
- E-mail is the number one preferred communication method from the District and schools to parents.
- Board of Education meeting minutes, briefs, and presentations ranked high in value.
- SeeSaw ranks high in value to K-5 parents.

EMPLOYMENT

Board Approved Employment

The Board approved the employment of David Fiorenza and Charles Glen, both second shift custodians at Winkelman. Please join us in welcoming them to our District 31 staff.

Board Accepted Resignations

The Board accepted resignations from Winkelman Kindergarten Instructional Assistant Denise Faraone and Winkelman Learning Media Center Assistant Vlada Bernhardt. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Thursday, November 29, 2018 in the Field School Learning Media Center.

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