



WEST NORTHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 31

BOARD BRIEFS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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RECOGNITIONS

Board Recognizes Student

Winkelman Principal Erica Berger recognized Student Patrick Hazlett for his Eagle Scouts Project. Patrick hand built multiple pieces of wooden yard furniture which is being used in Winkelman's main courtyard. We are so proud of Patrick and his accomplishments, and are honored to have his pieces at Winkelman.

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Field Middle School

Erica Berger
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Winkelman School

Nino Alvarez
Assistant Principal
Winkelman School

Dominic Milano
Assistant Principal
Field School

PRESENTATIONS

Title I

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Carrie De La Cruz and Director of Special Education Dr. Janine Gruhn presented Title I grant information including the ability to have the grant funds go for a school-wide program instead of a targeted program as in the past. A school-wide program provides us with grant fund use flexibility while safeguarding assistance for student sub-groups.

2018-2019 BUDGET

Board Adopts Final 2018 - 2019 Budget

The 2018-2019 Tentative Budget was approved at the August Board of Education meeting and was made available for public inspection at the District Office and on our website for the required period of not less than 30 days.

The Public Hearing for the final presentation of the budget was held at the September 27, 2018 Board of Education meeting. Board members approved the 2018-2019 Final Budget with a 7:0 vote.

Changes made for the final budget reflect an increase of \$70,838 in revenues and a decrease of \$611,274 in expenses. This was based on updated information learned throughout the month as well as utilizing historical ratios from the five prior years to determine final numbers. The budget continues to provide resources to meet the needs of all students.

The Final Budget's operating revenues are estimated to be \$18.4MM with operating expenses estimated at \$18.5MM. Due to this negligible difference, the District will most likely experience another surplus year. Based on recent history, the District has experienced a budget surplus for the past five years and to date is maintaining a healthy fund balance.

Capital Funds for the District illustrate activity for bonds and leases as well as approximate expenses for capital projects in the amount of \$3.5M, which will be funded by the 2018 bonds issued in March.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Board Approves New Faculty and Staff

The Board unanimously approved the employment of the following staff. Please join us in welcoming them.

- Vlada Bernhardt, Winkelman Learning Media Center Instructional Assistant
- Tania Gastelum, Field Registered Nurse

Board Accepts Resignations

The Board accepted resignations from the following staff. We wish them success in their new endeavors.

- Gualberto Carrillo, Winkelman Night Custodian
- Amy McBride, Winkelman Instructional Assistant

BOARD POLICIES

Board Approves Two Policies

- The Board approved the adoption of *Accelerated Placement Program* and *School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools*. Both new policies will be available on the District website.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Thursday, October 27, 2018 at Winkelman School. Visitors should enter through main school entrance on Landwehr.