



WEST NORTHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 31

BOARD BRIEFS

JANUARY 24, 2019

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

3131 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062-5899

8:00 PM, December 20, 2018

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PRESENTATIONS

District Calendar

During the December 20th Board meeting, Principals Dr. Erin Murphy and Erica Berger presented options for gaining additional instructional time for students as well as collaboration time for staff within the 2019-2020 District calendar. The Board instructed the administration to work up more details on what a calendar would look like with an additional five days, the use of regularly scheduled early dismissals, and how the District can support childcare during early dismissals. Principals Dr. Erin Murphy and Erica Berger returned on January 24th with this information. They shared a sample of a calendar based on 180 school days for students, with dismissals one hour early each Monday. Early dismissals paired with Monday staff meetings would provide the staff with much needed collaboration time including time for team meetings, curriculum / instruction development, whole staff meetings, and professional development. Lastly, Principals Murphy and Berger shared ways students who could not return home at early dismissal could remain in school for activities, homework time, or childcare. The Board instructed the administration to move forward with the 2019-2020 Calendar Committee and develop a proposed calendar for next school year including 180 student days, 185 work days for school year staff, and early dismissal Mondays.

Student Enrollment Projections

Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Nicholson presented student enrollment projections. 2019-2020 projections show District 31 being responsible for approximately 914 pre-kindergarten through grade eight students with 27 K – 5 classes. Five year enrollment projections show 909 – 935 pre-kindergarten through grade eight students with 27 K-5 classes during the next three years followed by 28 and 29 during the fourth and fifth years respectively.

Special Education and Best Practices

Director of Special Education Dr. Janine Gruhn presented information about the continuum of services District 31 offers its students and statistics about each of the programs. Administration will be reviewing this information carefully and returning to the Board with information about options to reclaim some programs currently offered by NSSED.

BOARD APPROVALS

The Board approved the following:

- 2019-2020 student fees
- 2019-2020 transportation fee subsidy
- bid for Winkelman summer renovation projects
- bid for Field summer renovation projects

POLICIES

Board Approved Policy

The Board approved *Education of Children with Disabilities*. This new policy will be added to the District website under the Board menu.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Thursday, February 21, 2019 in the Field Library Media Center.

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