



West Northfield School District 31

Board Briefs

Board of Education Regular Meeting — January 17, 2013

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Board of Education meetings are held on the second and/or fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Learning Center at Field School. The public is invited to attend.

Closed Session to Interview and Consider Candidate for Employment as the new Winkelman School Principal: The Board went into closed session to interview the final Winkelman principal candidate recommended by Dr. Alexandra Nicholson, Superintendent, and the Winkelman School Principal Committee comprised of parents, teachers and administrators.

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Employment Action: The Board voted to hire Michael Kahn as the new Winkelman School Principal effective July 1, 2013. Mr. Kahn will be replacing Maria Kalant, who is retiring effective June 30 after 19 years as Winkelman's Principal.

PTC Report: Terah Bozarth, PTC Vice President of Publicity, highlighted the PTC's upcoming Family Bingo Night, the Art Fundraiser, Winky's Book Club, and the Parent Publishing Center. The next PTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, at 1:15 p.m. in the Winkelman Learning Center.

Consent Agenda Approval: The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Highlights include:

- Approving employment of Kelly Courveur as Winkelman Learning Center Assistant, Racheal Molner as a Special Education Instructional Assistant, and Kelley Priest as a Spanish Bilingual Instructional Assistant.
- Adopting new Board Policies on Accounting and Audits, Activity Funds, Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds, Facility Management and Building Programs, Fiscal and Business Management, Insurance Management, Pandemic Preparedness, Payment Procedures, Purchases and Contracts, Resource Conservation, Revenue and Investments and Use of Credit and Procurement Cards.

Information and Discussion Items

Monthly Budget Summary and General Ledger Summaries: Cathy Lauria, Director of Business Services, reported on the Monthly Budget and General Ledger Summaries.

New Lighting: Mrs. Lauria reported that new energy efficient lighting was installed recently that will save the District approximately \$9,000 a year. She noted that by receiving a \$6,000 state grant, the project cost to the District was \$14,000 which will pay for itself in less than two years.

Curricular Study Report: Dr. Alexandra Nicholson reported that three major studies are being conducted this school year. The Math study involves how grades K to 8 will convert math content to the new Common Core math standards. The ELL/Bilingual two-year study was initiated this fall with Perfect Match training to teach study participants how to best evaluate the current bilingual and ELL programs and to recommend a program redesign that incorporates the strengths and needs of District 31 students. She noted that Board Member Robert Spector is taking part in this ELL/Bilingual study. The Middle School study involves planning to incorporate practices and scheduling options.

Technology Report: Dr. Nicholson reported that the District's goal is to bring 1:1 technology to all students. Currently staff is testing three different options and will be making a recommendation to the Board for the adoption of the new technology in the coming months.

Next Meeting: The Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, in the Field School Learning Center, 2055 Landwehr Road, Northbrook.