



West Northfield School District 31

Board Briefs

Board of Education Regular Meeting — December 20, 2012

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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.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2012 Tax Levy

Director of Business Services Cathy Lauria reported that the estimated tax levy was presented at the November Board meeting. Mrs. Lauria explained that the amount included in the levy from the Astellas property is based on the prorated amount of taxes to be paid by Astellas before the 7b tax incentive goes into effect next year and this tax incentive will remain in place for over a decade. There were no public comments.

Regular Meeting

PTC Report: Terah Bozarth, PTC Vice President of Publicity, highlighted the PTC's very successful book fair and coffee house at Winkelman in mid-November. The PTC is planning its next big event, Family Bingo Night, on Friday, January 25. A special meeting is planned in January to approve the purchase of Spanish language books in Winkelman Learning Center.

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

- Approving employment of Cory Korshak, Field Custodian; Hillary Sinker, Winkelman Kindergarten teacher; and Kelly Courveur as Winkelman Learning Center Assistant.
- Adoption of new Board Policies on Access to District Public Records; Board Attorney; Board Member Conflict of Interest; Board Member Development; Board Member Expenses; Board Member Qualifications; Board Member Removal from Office; Board Member Term of Office; Board Policy Development; Board-Superintendent Relationship; Committees; Communication To and From the Board; Organizational School Board Meeting; Powers and Duties of the School Board; Procurement of Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Services; Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board; Qualifications, Term and Duties of Board Officers; School Board Meeting Procedures; School District Elections; School District Governances; Types of School Board Meetings; Uniform Grievance Procedures; and Vacancies on the School Board — Filling Vacancies.

Action Items:

- The Board approved the 2012 Tax Levy, the Levy of Certain Special Taxes, the 2012 Certificate of Tax Levy, the Resolution to Instruct County Clerk How to Apportion 2012 Tax Levy Extension Reductions and Extension Reductions for West Northfield School District 31.

Information and Discussion Items

Insurance Coverage: Cathy Lauria, Director of Business Services, discussed insurance coverage for workmen's compensation and risk management we receive as a part of an insurance pooling group to save money. She reported that we added new coverage for pollution legal liability coverage to our risk management policy that will protect the District in case of underground leaking tanks, mold, asbestos and other hazards. Insurance rates increased 3.7% this year. She noted that new legislation is resurfacing this year against insurance pools. Our Board reaffirmed their support for the insurance pools.

Board Report: Bonnie Schoenberg reported on the upcoming Education Foundation Winter Benefit and Auction on Saturday, February 9, at Fields Infiniti in Glencoe.

Closed Session: The Board approved a new three-year contract for Director of Business Services Cathy Lauria.

Next Meeting: The Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, in the Field School Learning Center, 2055 Landwehr Road, Northbrook.