



BOARD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Katie Thomason

Vice Chair: Nadine Scodro

Mrs. Thomason gave an update on the December Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting.

REVIEW OF ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT 2017-2018

Ed McCormick presented the 2018 audit. He reported that the district is in good position, complies with acceptable accounting and reporting principals and has procedures in place to maintain accurate financial records. Justin Veihman then presented audit results and variance with budget that showed the district ended FY2018 with a very small operating surplus.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE AND APPOINT AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF)

The committee was asked to approve a change in the staff member authorized to make changes and requests with IMRF.

DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF GRANT

The committee discussed and ultimately approved applying for a property tax relief grant provided through the Evidence Based Funding legislation despite very, very low chances of receiving any funding through that grant.

DISCUSSION OF 2019-2020 STUDENT FEES

The committee was asked to approve no change to student fees for 2019-2020 school year. The committee was also asked to approve no change to full day kindergarten tuition. The FDK tuition is expected to fully fund the FDK program for the current year and next school year.

DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT VEHICLE PURCHASE AND DISPOSAL OF OLD VEHICLE

The committee approved the purchase of a 2017 GMC Savana cargo van to replace the 2008 Ford Econoline. The committee approved selling the Ford.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Board members Terrence Heafey and Michael Pizur were appointed to serve on the district's Handbook Committee. The committee assists in the development of student behavior policy and procedure and reviews information provided in the school handbooks. Its members include parents, teachers, administrators and board members. This committee meets once annually in the spring.

MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Member: Pam Paris

Member: James Cantorna

Mrs. Paris liaison for the MPA reported the MPA continues to lend its support to the Palos 118 music program.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Member: Pam Paris

Member: Terry Heafey

Mrs. Pam Paris liaison for the Foundation reported the Foundation continues to prepare for their upcoming Trivia Night event on February 9. Information on this event is posted to the website.

PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Member: Katie Thomason

Member: Pam Paris

PFA President Kori Aldrich reported the next PFA Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. at Palos West. Saturday January 22 is the PFA Mother Son Wolves game outing. Many thanks to Tanya Bauer, Stacy Fitzgerald and Eren Evers for organizing this event.

"Camp READ-A-LOT" is a new read-a-thon initiative and will take place from January 28 - February 11. Palos 118 students will be encouraged to read and raise pledges for their reading. They will be rewarded with exciting raffle prizes and classroom parties. Gina Narciso and Mary Skweres are the organizers and have done a magnificent job.

The Father Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 23 at Palos South. The theme for this event will be "An Evening in Paris."

Finally, the PFA's annual Shamrock-N-Roll spring auction fundraiser will be held March 9 at Midlothian Country Club. The PFA is actively seeking sponsorships and donations for their largest fundraiser of the year. This year's event is being organized by Hilary Rhodes, Kimberly Houston, and Kori Aldrich. If anyone would like to donate, they are encouraged to contact the PFA.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Scarsella gave an update on the January 7 School Improvement Day. The day focused on Professional Learning Communities (PLC).

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board of Education adopted the [2019-2020 school year calendar](#).

Highlights of the proposed calendar include:

1. Teachers start on Monday, August 19.
2. School starts for pupils on Wednesday, August 21 – A full day of school for K-8 grades.
3. Late start Wednesdays begin on August 28 and end on May 20.
4. Winter recess begins December 23 and pupils return to school on Tuesday, January 7.
5. There is a teacher institute day scheduled on Monday, January 6.
6. Last day of school for preschoolers and AM/PM kindergarten is May 29, 2020
7. Records Day will be Monday, June 1.
8. Last day for full day kindergarten is Monday, June 1
9. Last day of school (shortened day) for grades 1-8 is Tuesday, June 2.
10. Spring break is tentative and will not be finalized until D230 confirms dates of SAT testing.

Superintendent Dr. Anthony Scarsella and Board President MariJo Calacci thanked the parents, teachers and the Palos Education Association for offering comments and suggestions regarding Late Start and the 2019-2020 calendar.

REGISTRATION FEES

The Board of Education agreed there will be no change in student registration fees or full day school year tuition.

APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED PERSONS TO PREPARE TENTATIVE BUDGET

The board approved a resolution setting the fiscal year for 2020 beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. They appointed Dr. Anthony M. Scarsella, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Justin Veihman, Chief School Business Official, to prepare the annual budget in tentative form.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The Board of Education approved the Palos East and West School Picture agreement with Van Gogh School Photographers, Inc. for the 2019/2020 school year.

APPROVAL OF EAST'S BOOKFAIR CONTRACT

The board approved bookfair contract for Palos East Elementary School with Anderson's Bookfair Company for the 2019-20 school year.