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BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting — Thursday, April 21, 2016

Board Briefs is a summary report of the Board of Education's meetings prepared by District 130 Communications Supervisor Amanda Siegfried. It is not intended to be an official transcript of the meeting.

Presentations

- Veterans Memorial U.S. History: Reading/Language Arts teacher Kevin Murray and students from Veterans Memorial Middle School presented a series of window murals in the Media Center that depict important periods in United States history, beginning with World War I. The interdisciplinary project combines the 8th Grade Social Studies curriculum with English Language Arts. Students spent many hours painting the murals after school, starting with the horse from the historical novel *War Horse*, and concluding with a psychedelic 1960s montage. The project will continue next year.



- Literacy Audit: Dr. Alfred Tatum, Dean of the UIC College of Education and director of the UIC Reading Clinic, presented the findings of the District 130 Literacy Audit. The report is available online through [BoardDocs](#).

Action Items

- Strategic Plan: The board voted unanimously to approve the final Strategic Plan, which outlines the district's four goal areas (Curriculum, Climate and Culture, Aligning Resources, and Community Collaboration), strategies and objectives for the next three school years. The presentation of the plan from the March board meeting is available through [BoardDocs](#).

- Online Registration Software: The board voted 5-0 to purchase InfoSnap Registration software for the 2016-17 school year and beyond. Secretary Grace Bell and Board Member Nicole Rodriguez abstained.
- Organization Change for Nathan Hale Primary/Intermediate: The board voted unanimously to approve a new principal position at Nathan Hale Intermediate School for the 2016-17 school year. In an effort to align the administration of Nathan Hale Primary and Intermediate with other district schools, Nathan Hale Primary will be led by a principal and an assistant principal, while Nathan Hale Intermediate will have one principal.
- Organization Change for Assistant Principal Salaries: The board voted unanimously to approve the proposed salary increase for certain assistant principals to align with Pupil Personnel Service coordinator starting salaries. The change was made in an effort to remain regionally competitive.
- Health Insurance Renewal: The board voted unanimously to approve the proposed renewal pricing from BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois for the period of July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. They also approved renewal pricing from MetLife Dental, VSP vision policy and MetLife life insurance.
- Health Insurance Renewal: The board voted unanimously to approve the base bid and Alternates 1, 2 and 3 from The Lombard Company (lowest responsible bidder) for the 2016 Life Safety Projects. Their total bid, including the base and all alternates, was \$1,094,500. The proposed projects are scheduled to commence on or after June 3, 2016, with final completion by Aug. 12, 2016.
- Other items approved in consent:
 - Minutes from the meeting held March 17, 2016 (Regular and Executive Sessions);
 - Expenditures, expenditure transfers and payroll (March 2016 through April 21, 2016);
 - Surplus book disposal;
 - Student suspensions.
- Personnel
 - New Hires
 - Teacher, Nathan Hale Primary/Intermediate Schools
 - Temporary Teacher, Veterans Memorial Middle School
 - Paraprofessional, Nathan Hale Intermediate School
 - Resignations
 - Teacher, Paul Revere Primary School
 - Teacher, Veterans Memorial Middle School

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Eisenhower Cooperative, located at 5318 W. 135th St. in Crestwood.

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