

Board Briefs
Meeting of the East Maine School District 63 Board Of Education

December 7, 2016

The Board of Education approved the following items:

- Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting, November 9, 2016
- Minutes of the Closed Session November 9, 2016
- Accounts Payable for December 7, 2016 (\$735,352.24)
- Fund Balance Report for October 2016 (\$59,715,073)
- Gross Payroll (\$2,426,847.35) and Board Share Expenditures (\$501,712.66) for November 2016
- Payroll Accounts Payable for November 2016 (\$1,292,923.99)
- Appointment for Staff at Apollo, and Nelson
- Resignation for Staff at Apollo, Mark Twain, and Melzer
- Destruction of Verbatim Recordings of Closed Session
- Freedom of Information Act Report for November 2016
- Policy Revision - Policy 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards
- Policy Revision - Policy 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- Policy Revision - Policy 4:110 Transportation
- Policy Revision - Policy 4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
- Policy Revision - Policy 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
- Policy Revision - Policy 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- Policy Revision - Policy 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- Policy Revision - Policy 5:100 Staff Development Program
- Policy Revision - Policy 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- Policy Revision - Policy 5:185 Family and Medical Leave
- Policy Revision - Policy 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
- Policy Revision - Policy 5:280 Duties and Qualifications
- Policy Revision - Policy 6:15 School Accountability
- Policy Revision - Policy 6:50 School Wellness
- Policy Revision - Policy 6:60 Curriculum Content
- Policy Revision - Policy 6:140 Education of Homeless Children
- Policy Revision - Policy 6:145 Migrant Students
- Policy Revision - Policy 6:160 English Learners
- Policy Revision - Policy 6:170 Title I Programs
- Policy Revision - Policy 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
- Policy Revision - Policy 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- Policy Revision - Policy 7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights
- Policy Revision - Policy 7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer
- Policy Revision - Policy 7:60 Residence
- Policy Revision - Policy 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- Policy Revision - Policy 7:190 Student Behavior
- Policy Revision - Policy 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- Policy Revision - Policy 7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
- Policy Revision - Policy 7:340 Student Records
- Policy Revision - Policy 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- Policy Revision - Policy 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
- Resolution BR12-16/17 2016 Tax Levy
- Resolution BR13-16/17 to Instruct the County Clerk how to Apportion 2016 Tax Levy Extension Reductions for East Maine School District 63
- Resolution BR14-16/17 Regarding Board Member and Employee Expenses

- Donations
- Gemini Jr. High Spring Break Trip to Washington D.C./New York during spring break of 2018
- Special Education Transportation Contract Renewal
- Policy Revision - First Reading - Policy 2:120 Board Member Development
- Policy Revision - First Reading - Policy 2:125 Board Member Compensation; Expenses
- Policy Revision - First Reading - Policy 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings
- Policy Revision - First Reading - Policy 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedures
- Policy Revision - First Reading - Policy 5:60 Expenses
- Policy Revision - First Reading - Policy 5:250 Leave of Absence
- Policy Revision - First Reading - Policy 5:260 Student Teachers
- Policy Revision - First Reading - Policy 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- Policy Revision - First Reading - Policy 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- Policy Revision - First Reading - Policy 7:250 Student Support Services
- Policy Revision - First Reading - Policy 7:260 Exemption from Physical Education

President's Report

President Kaczowski reported on the following items:

- Attended the Triple I Joint Conference with sessions on superintendent evaluations, superintendent contracts, developing bilingual parent leaders, and the general sessions.
- Attended the District PTO Meeting

Upcoming Events and Reminders

A. December

- December 8, Elementary Winter Band Concert, Gemini, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- December 10, Washington PTO Barnes and Noble and Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser at Old Orchard, 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- December 13, Mark Twain Chipotle Fundraiser, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- December 15, Special Education Parent Workshops: Assistive Technology in the Schools, Melzer, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- December 16, Stevenson PTO Family Movie Night, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

B. January

- January 11, School Board Meeting, ESC, 7:00 p.m.
- January 13, ED-RED Finance Legislation Meeting, Maine Township Administration Office, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- January 19, Special Education Parent Workshops - Helping your Picky Eater Make Healthy Food Choices, Melzer, 5:30 – 6:30
- January 19, Band-O-Rama, Maine East Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- January 30, 46th Annual ED-RED Legislative Dinner and Workshops, Chicago Marriott O'Hare, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Board Member Reports:

Member Gluzkin

- Attended the Triple I Joint Conference with a Friday pre-conference session on A Courageous Conversation About Race and Its Impact on Achieving Equity in Schools, the IASB delegate assembly, the general sessions, and sessions on partnering for teacher leadership throughout Illinois, and the superintendent evaluation process.

Member Zec

- Attended the Triple I Joint Conference with several sessions on School Safety.

- Attended the Nelson Book Fair

Member Urban

- Attended the Triple I Joint Conference with sessions on school safety, a 2016 legislative session review, setting district goals and directions, superintendent evaluations, and the general sessions
- Attended several Gemini Basketball games
- Attended the District PTO Meeting
- Attended the Technology Task Force meeting
- Attended the Orchestra Concert at Gemini

Member Brook

- Attended the Triple I Joint Conference with sessions on technology, superintendent evaluations, student discipline, and the general sessions.
- Attended the District PTO meeting
- Attended a session of the EMEA Negotiations

Member Scarsella

- Attended the Triple I Joint Conference with two sessions on district goals, and evaluations in the classroom.

Member Simmons

- Attended a session of the EMEA Negotiations

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clay reported on the following items:

- You have our school report cards at your seats and Dr. Cobb will explain a little about them and answer your questions
 - Dr. Cobb presented the results of the Illinois At-A-Glance Report Card for 2015-2016. Included were Fast Facts about the District and each individual school, Academic Success comparing the School, District and State results, Success by Student Groups, Student Characteristics, information about District Finance (Instructional/Operational Spending per Pupil), Student Attendance and Mobility, and the Achievement Gap between student groups.
- Attended the Wellness Committee meeting
- Attended the Joint Conference where I attended sessions on diversity, preschool programs, and community schools
- Attended the District PTO meeting
- Reviewed ETIP grants along with the committee
- Negotiations with the EMEA have continued and are nearing completion

Presentation - Club Nelson

Students from Nelson School presented information on a new initiative this year called Club Nelson. Three to four-week sessions are offered during lunch alternating between primary and intermediate grades. They include Art Exploration, Theater, Arts and Crafts, and others. Two of the clubs currently taking place at Club Nelson are the Chromebook Club and Building Club. Students from both clubs were available to present their projects and answer questions presented by Board Members and Administrators.

Presentation – Winter Card Design Contest

East Maine 63 students were invited to participate in our first Winter Card Design Contest. The winning design was featured on our official District 63 holiday card. All entries submitted will be displayed at the

Niles Public Library in their commons area in time for the Library's holiday open house "Winterpalooza" on Sunday, December 4th. The winners were presented with certificates at the board meeting.

Presentation - Service Learning Group - Create Safer Schools

The participants of the Gemini Expanded Learning program started a project focused on school safety, specifically street signage, and speed zones around our schools. They created petitions and prepared letters to our towns, County, and State to request the changes.

They hope to see all schools in our district have signage that reflects correct speed limits and school zone notifications similar to those at Melzer School.

Presentation - Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in Health Education

Congratulations to Marge Melfi at Gemini Jr. High School. Upon the recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Health Committee, Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and Illinois School Health Association, Gemini Junior High School has been selected to receive its third Blue Ribbon Award for excellence in Health Education. The program continues to maintain high standards while delivering high-quality education.