BOARD BRIEFS

A report of items discussed and actions taken at the December 10, 2024 Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education.

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CHICAGO RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 127 ½

Leaders in Learning

Reports to the Board

- The 6th/7th grade Finley Jr. High girl's basketball team, coached by Julie Bonk, was honored for winning conference this season. The building administrators also presented 1st Trimester Academic Achievement Awards to their students.
- Dr. Thorns shared that the District would be closed for Winter Break 12/24 through 1/1. The District Office would be open 8am-3pm on 12/23, 1/2, and 1/3. There will be a Teacher Institute Day on 1/6 and students will return on 1/7. Dr. Thorns also discussed the use of inclement weather/E-learning days. The Board then reflected on the Joint Annual Conference that was held November 22-November 24.
- Mrs. Nothnagel shared that Alex McNeece will be back for the third year to share with the staff during the January 6 Teacher Institute Day. This year he will be presenting research-

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

January

- Calendar Discussion
- Stategic Plan Update

February

- Summer School

APPROVED DONATIONS

- A classroom rug was donated by Mr. Anthony Medina and Ms. Karen Mejia
- A donation from the Chicago Ridge School District 127.5 PTA was made for grants.

Reports to the Board cont.

based strategies to increase student engagement. Mrs. Nothnagel also discussed the plan for the remaining School Improvement Days during the 24-25 school year. Finally, she shared that the April 1 Institute Day, which is also Election Day, staff will be engaging in choice boards for self-care and continued learning.

- Mrs. Picciolini discussed replacing six of our mid-size copiers and retaining several of the small desktop devices when our lease agreement expires in March. Installation of the new machines is projected to take place over Winter Break. Mrs. Picciolini also shared the FY24 Health/Life Safety Inspection results. All three buildings had an excellent report. The 2024 tax levy was then discussed and would be voted on later in the meeting.

Personnel

- The Board approved the hiring of:
- Mark Hayes, contractual Special Education Teacher at FJH, eff. November 7, 2024
- Madison Corey, paraprofessional at Ridge Lawn, eff, November 6, 2024
- Siham Metwally, paraprofessional at Ridge Central, eff. November 18, 2024
- Katelyn Orlando, paraprofessional at Ridge Central, eff. December 2, 2024
- Substitute Teachers added to the list: Abigail Siegel and Aya Ghannam
- The Board Approved the Resignations of: Substitute Teacher, Genesis Sanchez

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 14, 2024: Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 PM at the Dr. Bernard Jumbeck Administrative Center

Personnel cont.

- Approved a leave of absence request for for a Ridge Central teacher
- Approved an unpaid leave of absence for a Ridge Central teacher from January 6-January 27

Board Action

- Adopted nineteen updated policies.
- Held the hearing and then approved the 2024 Tax Levy in the amount of $7,993,332
- Approved a resolution authorizing the reduction of certain fund levies.
- Approved a 5-year copier lease with De Lage Landen Public Finance, LLC
- Approved a 5-year copier maintenance agreement with Imagetec L.P.
- Approved an MOU with the Chicago Ridge Education Association regarding lane advancement for a teacher
- Approved a resolution releasing closed session minutes and destruction of verbatim recordings 18 months and older