BOARD BRIEFS

A report of items discussed and actions taken at the September 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

- Dr. Thorns discussed the opening of school and shared the District has 60 more students than this time last year. He spoke about Jr. High Outdoor Ed Field Trip to be held in April for our 6th graders. The submitted grants were shared as well as information on the upcoming Superintendent's Conference in Springfield.
- Mrs. Nothnagel reported on the roll out of the new ELA Curriculum. All K-8 ELA staff attended a half day training from the HMH representative and all K-5 teachers also attended a half day on District ELA curriculum guidance.
- Mrs. Picciolini shared out the budget along with the required salary and benefits reports. She also discussed the hazardous routes for buses and the school sponsored activities list.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

October

- NWEA Data Presentation

November

- Tax Levy

Personnel

- The Board approved the hiring of:
- Nancy Farano, FJH contractual Special Education Teacher, eff. August 27, 2024
- Laura Wright, RC paraprofessional, eff. August 27, 2024
- Robert Griffin, FJH contractual paraprofessional, eff. August 19, 2024
- Angelo Castro, FJH contractual paraprofessional, eff. August 19, 2024
- Rosa Enriquez, FJH paraprofessional, September 9, 2024

Board Action

- The Board approved:
- Five policies concerning Title IX
- An MOU with Easter Seals for the Pre-Kindergarten Program
- A resolution appointing Dr. Thorns to serve on the Worth Township Trustees of Schools
- The 2024-2025 CRSD 127.5 Budget
- Resolution for the issuance of not to exceed $3.15 million of Debt Certificates of the Eisenhower Cooperative. The District is the financial agent for the COOP. CRSD 127.5 will not be taking out any debt for this project
- Approved the Title I, Title II, Title III, Early Childhood Preschool for All, and the IDEA Flow-Through, IDEA Preschool grants

DONATIONS

The Board of Education approved a donation from the Medina family consisting of pens/markers/highlighters to Ridge Central valued at over $500.

Board Action Continued

- The hazardous walking routes for the 2024-2025 School Year
- The school sponsored Activities List
- The Outdoor Education Field Trip for 6th grade
- Contract Renewal with Illinois Energy Consortium
- Payment of $28,980 to Twin Supplies for work on the lighting project
- A 1.0 FTE for Curriculum Director's Secretary
- A 1.0 FTE Speech Language Pathologist for Ridge Central and Ridge Lawn
- Resolution releasing closed session minutes and destruction of verbatim recordings 18 months and older

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, October 8, 2024: Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 PM in the District Board Room