BOARD BRIEFS

A report of items discussed and actions taken at the February 11, 2025 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 led a discussion on the school calendar and reported that approximately two-thirds of the Chicago Ridge Education Association favored Draft A with a staff starting date of August 18.
- Dr. Thorns also discussed potential staffing needs across the District for the 25-26 school year. He highlighted the number of students who have transferred in this school year needing special education services and the potential impact this can have on future staffing.
- Mrs. Nothnagel shared that Summer School would run from June 10th through June 27th. She also presented the proposed stipends for the staff.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

March

Illinois Assessment for Readiness and Illinois Science Assessment

DONATIONS

- The Board approved a $1,000 donation from the Friends of 218 to be distributed to three CRSD 127.5 families impacted by the fire in January.
- The Board approved a donation of office furniture from Mr. Anthony Medina.

Reports to the Board cont.

- Mrs. Picciolini discussed the District's summer projects which include: plumbing upgrades, sealcoating and pavement, and building controls at Ridge Central.
- Mrs. Picciolini recommended that school fees stay the same for the 25-26 school year. The recommended fees would be $120 per elementary student ($90 for early registration) and $130 per junior high student ($100 for early registration.
- Mrs. Picciolini also shared that the IRS Business Standard Mileage for 2025 was going up three cents to 70.0 cents per mile.

Personnel

The Board approved the hiring of:

- Madeline LeCompte, para at Ridge Lawn, eff. January 13, 2025.
- Jacqueline Villareal, contractual para at Ridge Central, eff. January 13, 2025
- John Williams, Float Custodian. Districtwide, eff. January 27, 2025.
- Syisha Estrada, contractual para at Ridge Central, eff. February 3, 2025.
- Carmen Herrera, Lunch Hostess Float Districtwide, eff. February 6, 2025.
- Keisha McElroy, para at Ridge Lawn eff. February 11, 2025.
- The Board approved the termination of a lunchroom hostess float.
- The Board denied a leave of absence request.
- The Board approved adding Sara Mukhtar, Mikhaiya Barnes, and Cara Merkle to the Substitute Teaching List.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 25, 2025: Board Study Session at 6:30 PM at the Dr. Bernard Jumbeck Administrative Center.

Tuesday, March 11 2025: Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 PM at the Dr. Bernard Jumbeck Administrative Center.

Board Action

- Approved school fees for SY 2025-2026.
- Approved a change in Mileage Reimbursement to 70.0 Cents per updated IRS guidelines for 2025.
- Approved contracts for sealcoating and pavement improvements, building controls, and plumbing upgrades.
- Approved Draft A for the 2025-2026 school calendar.
- Approved payments to Powerschool and Twin Supplies lighting.
- Approved the following 2025 Summer School Stipends.
- Teacher $3,500; Paraprofessional $1,750; Secretary $520; Parent Liaison $200; Nurse $2,108; Lunch Hostess $600.
- Approved a resolution releasing closed session minutes and destruction of verbatim recordings 18 months and older.