

BOARD BRIEFS



Lake Park High School District 108, Roselle, IL

February 22, 2016

Presentations

Audit Report Highlights Strong Fiscal Shape

Partner John Albanese from the accounting firm of Eder, Casella & Co. presented the audit report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2015. Based on the findings, Lake Park has achieved a profile score of "Financial Recognition" which is designated by the Illinois State Board of Education as the highest category of financial strength.

Pursuing the Benefits and ROI of Solar Energy

Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Dr. Jeff O'Connell has been researching the benefits of the use of solar energy and projected rates of return in the District. Board Member P.J. Olzen arranged for Dan Probst to attend the meeting, share information and answer any questions on this topic. Dan currently serves as Chairman of the Global Energy and Sustainability Services practice. He is responsible for developing and delivering products and services to help clients reduce energy costs and their real estate related environmental footprint through innovative portfolio and occupancy strategies, workplace standards and operating practices.

Discussion Items

2016-2017 Student Registration Fees

The recommended student fees for the 2016-2017 school year were presented for discussion. The increase is aligned to the December 2014 Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 0.8 percent. Administration is recommending an increase for the following categories:

TYPE	Current Fee	2016-2017 New Fee
General Fee	\$327.00	\$330.00
Driver Education	\$249.00	\$249.00
Technology Fee	\$33.00	\$33.00
Chromebook Fee	\$0.00	\$87.00
TCD Fee	\$116.00	\$117.00
Parking Fee	\$129.00	\$130.00
Senior Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00
Off-Campus PE	\$63.00	\$63.00
Transportation	\$225.00	\$227.00
Summer School	\$166.00	\$167.00
Summer School Bridge	\$56.00	\$56.00
Summer School Bridge Transportation	\$52.00	\$52.00
Summer School Transportation	\$178.00	\$179.00

* If approved, the Driver Education Summer School Fee, Summer School Fee, and Summer Bridge Fee increases would take effect for programs offered during 2016 summer school.

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Athletics and Activity Bus Lease

Dr. O'Connell led a discussion on a new three-year lease proposal for four standard athletic/activity buses and two wheelchair athletic/activity buses.

This recommendation was brought forward earlier than normal because there is a shortage of activity bus chassis. By taking action earlier, the District can be added to a July 2016 delivery list to ensure that the new buses arrive before the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

The new wheel chair athletic/activity bus would replace a Chevy 2001 activity bus that was purchased from NDSEC in 2007.

Midwest Transit has provided a state bid quote for a three-year lease program. This lease program will provide a new fleet of athletic/activity buses for the next three-years. These vehicles are utilized daily for various school programs, athletics, and activities.

Administration will bring this item for approval at the March 21, 2016 Board of Education meeting.

Action Items

District-wide Capital Improvements

At the Board of Education meeting last month, the proposed summer 2016 capital improvement projects were previewed and discussed. Performance Services responded to a Request for Proposal, which included various HVAC improvements and other district-wide renovation needs. The report furnished detailed information pertaining to the current condition of the equipment and the proposed solution. Board members approved the \$2,048,255.00 total cost for this multi-campus project pending legal approval of the Installation Contract and Performance Guarantee Agreement.

Audit Report Summary

The Board approved the Summary of the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Panega previewed assessment updates and additional Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requirements.

- ISBE recently announced that schools must begin using the Fitnessgram assessments in the 2016-2017 school year and electronically report results from the fitness testing to the State Board by May 1, 2017, and annually thereafter. The assessment measures "aerobic capacity, body composition, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility" of students in grades 3 and above to ascertain the effectiveness of Goal 20 of the Illinois Learning Standards for physical development and health, which is to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness based upon continual self-assessment.

The P.E. department has been completing pre- and post-fitness testing the last two years using Fitnessgram. The only significant change in procedures will be reporting the data to the State, which will be managed through IWAS.

- Lake Park is communicating with state legislators about the significant negative effect of ISBE's proposed budget for 2016-2017. The proposal combines General State Aid funding with Special Education Funding for Children, increasing proposed foundation level from \$6,119 per child to \$6,327. The result in this change in methodology would reduce the district's funding by approximately \$200,000 next year. Superintendents have reached out to ISBE's chief financial officer, indicating that a hold harmless factor should be applied to Alternate and Flat grant districts so there are not winners and losers in the budget proposal.
- A new ISBE mandate will add at least one semester of civics education to high school graduation requirements for the Class of 2020. The education must prepare students to be competent and responsible citizens, discuss current and controversial issues, and include service learning and simulations of the democratic process. Lake Park's Social Studies Department has begun reviewing options and will submit a proposal to the Curriculum Council next year to address this mandate.

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The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) will be administered from March 8 to March 24.

Information about the upcoming PARCC assessment:

1. Grade 9 students enrolled in Freshman English (Written and Oral Communication) and Algebra 1 courses will be tested online via computers.
2. The PARCC assessment was initially divided into two parts that measure different types of knowledge and skills. Because the testing will be consolidated into one assessment window this spring, the total time has been reduced by approximately 90 minutes.
3. Students will be notified of their assigned test dates and room locations during an upcoming presentation about PARCC testing.
4. Staff will identify students in need of accommodations. Additional information will be communicated to parents of students with educational plans.
5. Start and end times for the school day remain the same. Bus transportation schedules remain consistent, and students can participate in their routine after school activities.

The next meeting of the Lake Park High School District 108 Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the East Campus Community Room, 600 S. Medinah Road.