

BOARD BRIEFS



Lake Park High School District 108, Roselle, IL

January 25, 2016

Oath of Office for New Board Members

Board of Education President Barb Layer administered the oath of office to newly appointed board members who were selected among a pool of nine applicants:

Janice Gatbunton of Itasca will complete the term of board member Doug Denson who unexpectedly passed away in December 2015. She is a practicing attorney and brings experience from her prior participation in Itasca School District 10's Board of Education and her involvement as a member of the School Law Committee of the local bar association. Janice is the parent of a Lake Park freshman and an eighth grader who will join the Class of 2020.



A Roselle resident and educator, Tom Hollatz brings experience from 30 years of teaching and having served on the Roselle School District 12's Board of Education. He has two children that are Lake Park graduates. Tom will complete the term of long-serving board member Judy Briggs who resigned, citing changes in her personal life as the reason for ending her 12.5 year tenure.

Thank you to Judy for her leadership and dedicated service on the Board of Education from April 2003 to January 2016.

Board of Education

Barb Layer, President
P.J. Olzen, Vice President
Claire Adachi, Secretary
Keri DeWaele, Member
Janice Gatbunton, Member
Tom Hollatz, Member
Bob Marino, Member

Presentation

Recognition of Students

Assistant Principal for Instructional Innovation and Activities Dominic Manola introduced several students for their accomplishments in Fine Arts and Activities during first semester. Congratulations to:

ILMEA District 9 District Festival Participants

Band: Tori Kerfman, senior, clarinet
Choral: Andrew Anderson and Ben Barbanente

2015 Drum Majors on behalf of the Marching Band

Amelia Cammy, Emily Chen, Shannon Lally and Gina Marie Roberti

Illinois Theatre Fest

Senior Gina Robertelli was selected to perform in the Illinois Theatre Fest All State Production of "Rent" at the Illinois Theatre Fest.



Assistant Director of Student Activities

Welcome to Assistant Director of Student Activities Lauren Gorey who is in her third year at Lake Park, currently teaching Freshman Global Cultures in the Social Studies Department. She has been actively involved since she began in 2013 and has served as an activity sponsor for Key Club, J. Kyle Braid (JKB)/LancerNation, Veterans Day programming, the student newspaper *Perspective* and more.



Discussion Item

District-wide Capital Improvements

Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Dr. Jeff O'Connell and Director of Operations and Maintenance Bob Ungaro lead a discussion on proposed summer 2016 capital improvement projects.

Performance Services responded to a Request for Proposal that included various HVAC improvements and other district-wide renovation needs. The report furnished outlines detailed information pertaining to the current condition of the equipment and the proposed solution. The total cost for this multi-campus project is \$2,048,255.00. The Administration has reviewed this information with the Building Committee and Finance Committee.

Performance Services also provided an Alternate Solar Project Solution. This project would consist of the installation of solar panels on the roofs at both campuses. Further detailed discussion is necessary with the experts to ensure this solution provides the District with a positive return on its investment and is a solution that will stand the test of time. If the District receives the Qualified School Construction Bond Designation, a meeting will be set with the experts to discuss a solar initiative.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Panega previewed assessment updates, additional science testing requirements and commended staff for a successful Institute Day.

- The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) recently awarded test administration of the college entrance exam for all juniors to the College Board who produces the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT). The State's decision to shift from the ACT to the SAT remains unfunded at this time, leaving districts to make local decisions. Lake Park will use approximately \$34,000 in local money to fund the ACT for juniors on April 19, because their academic preparation has been aligned to ACT readiness. The 2015-16 school year represents the last time that Lake Park will offer the ACT funded through local dollars due to ISBE's adoption of the SAT. The transition to the SAT begins this spring with PSAT testing for freshmen and sophomores on April 19 and full implementation in 2016-17 with ninth grade placement testing.
- ISBE announced a required online science assessment to high school students for content aligned to Biology I and AP Biology. The testing window will be open during May 2016. More information is needed before testing preparation begins.
- Several administrators and 30+ staff members were commended for planning and presenting during the "Best Practices for the Use of Instructional Technology" Institute Day on January 25. Licensed staff had the opportunity to participate in three sessions ranging from topics such as using Google Drive, Google Apps and Chromebooks 101. This powerful professional development day helps pave the way for 1:1 implementation for the Class of 2020.

Action Item

Implementation of Premium Day Substitute Pay

Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services Mike Wojtowicz presented information how Lake Park, similar to many local school districts and other districts nationwide, struggles to find enough substitute teachers to fill daily teacher and instructional aide vacancies.

While the substitute teacher pool is larger today than it was a year ago when the daily pay rate for substitutes increased, the District still struggles to fill vacancies on days when the need for substitutes is high.

In an attempt to address the campus substitute teacher needs on high demand days, the Board of Education approved the recommendation to implement premium substitute pay rates on those days deemed "high demand" by the campuses.

The pay structure will be implemented immediately with the intention of incentivizing substitutes to work at Lake Park on days when coverage needs are high.

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The next meeting of the Lake Park High School District 108 Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the East Campus Community Room, 600 S. Medinah Road.