

BOARD BRIEFS



Lake Park High School District 108, Roselle, IL

August 28, 2017

Presentations

Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services Mike Wojtowicz introduced new certified staff members and provided background information about their education and teaching experiences.

Welcome to our newest certified Lancers:

- Kurt Becker Mathematics
- Tommy Gulo Mathematics
- Paige Harlston Social Worker
- Theresa Hennigan School Nurse
- Alanda Mehic Mathematics
- Kari Milliken CTE: Family & Consumer Science
- Christine Petrovski Social Worker
- Patryk Pliszka CTE: Business Education
- Vince Salas Mathematics



Lake Park's newest certified teachers were introduced during the Board of Education meeting. Welcome, Lancers!

Opening of the 2017-18 School Year

Superintendent Dr. Lynn Panega and Principal John Gouriotis shared highlights from a very positive and spirited opening of the new school year. The Institute Day featured over 250 students—lining the hallway from the cafeteria to the auditorium—who welcomed teachers with a spirit march led by the student drum line. Opening remarks to staff resonated with the theme of “We Are One: Pieces of One!” Speakers included the Mayor of Roselle, a current parent and a 2015 graduate. The staff also participated in observing the solar eclipse!

Highlights from the summer and recent activities designed to welcome staff, students and families included:

- Book Distribution and Orientation sessions—The involvement of National Honor Society volunteers, Lancer Leaders and upperclass students helped to personalize the orientation.
- Freshman Family Barbeque—The Class of 2021 was welcomed with an evening of food and festivities including a spirit assembly involving the Lancettes, cheerleaders and band.
- Staff Tailgate and Football Game—Staff and their families are invited to a cookout on Friday, September 1 at 5:30 p.m.
- Curriculum Night—Upcoming parent programs are scheduled for Wednesday, September 6 (East Campus) and Wednesday, September 13 (West Campus).

Discussion Item

Fiscal Year Budget 2017-18

Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Jeff O’Connell reviewed information about the District’s tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. He reviewed the assumptions used to create the budget and indicated the District is closely monitoring legislation, including Senate Bill 1, and other changes that may impact the tentative budget.

Dr. O’Connell will schedule a meeting of the Finance Committee to review the 2017-18 budget and present the formal recommendation for approval at the Board of Education meeting on September 25.

Student Activities Update

Assistant Principal for Instructional Innovation and Activities Dominic Manola and Assistant Director of Student Activities Lauren Gorey reported [highlights from 2016-17](#). The amount of money raised and donated by students and staff totaled \$48,631!

They also previewed several upcoming events including the Joust Marching Band competition (Sept. 9), Homecoming Week (Sept. 18-23), the first semester fine arts schedule and the [2017-18 theatre season](#).

Once again the student body will unite to provide service throughout the community on Make a Difference Day III (Oct. 14).

Board of Education

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Action Items

Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2017

- Meeting minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on June 26, 2017 were removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately. Board members approved the meeting minutes.

Request for Waiver or Modification of the State Board Rules and/or School Code Mandates Related to Section 27-24.3

- The Board approved the Request for Waiver of the School Code. Renewable every five years, this waiver applies for approval to apply hours from the driver education range and simulated visual perception training to some of the 6-hour behind-the-wheel requirement.

2018-19 Academic Calendar

- Board members approved the [academic calendar for the 2018-19 school year](#), which begins on August 15, 2018. This calendar aligns with historic past practices of start dates and provides a better balance for school days during each semester. The approved calendar will be posted on the district website and forwarded to the Superintendents of the sender schools.

Food Service Contract

- The Board approved a three-year contract with food service provider Sodexo commencing on July 1, 2017 and continuing until June 30, 2020, pending legal approval. The Management Fee will increase from three percent to four percent over the next three years. The District and Sodexo agree to participate in a Common Goal Session. Several times a year, the administration and the Sodexo management team will meet to discuss objectives and performance with the food service program.

Yearbook RFP Process Bid Recommendation

- Proposals for the Yearbook contract were received from three vendors. All three proposals were opened publicly and then reviewed privately with the Yearbook sponsors. The administrative recommendation to enter into a five-year agreement with Herff Jones, the current yearbook provider, was approved by the Board due to the best pricing and services provided.

Bids for Purchase of CNC Mini-Mill and Tooling Supplies

- The District solicited bids for the purchase of a Haas Computer Numeric Controlled (CNC) Mini-Mill and associated tooling for the manufacturing program at West Campus. The recommendation to award the contract to Midwest Machinery Resources, LLC, DBA HFO Chicago, LLC was approved. Funds from the \$39,196 grant awarded in March will be used to pay for it and additional supplies for the Innovation Center.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Panega provided highlights from the opening of the new school year and previewed upcoming events.

- The 2017-18 school year opened with much fanfare and excitement, leading to a very smooth start. The administrative team was commended for their efforts to make things smooth from handling residency issues to master schedule changes.
- Districtwide, all staff members will participate in a school safety training facilitated by the Roselle Police Department on August 30. Officer Rob Baretto will conduct the in-service and review protocols and lock down procedures for active shooter emergencies. This important training is required annually by the Regional Office of Education.
- Lake Park's [solar video](#), which features incredible drone footage of the rooftop systems, was selected as a winner in the 2017 Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association's (INSPRA) Communications Contest. It will be displayed at a statewide Communications Contest Awards Luncheon on September 15.

Quick Links

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The next meeting of the Lake Park High School District 108 Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the East Campus Community Room, 600 S. Medinah Road.