

OAK GROVE SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

July 20, 2009

Regular Board of Education Meeting

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DECISIONS

Junior High Grades On-Line

The Board approved the use of *PowerSchool* to display junior high grades on line effective August 2009.

Junior High Grading

The Board approved junior high grading composition changes effective August 2009. The grading composition will be communicated to junior high parents at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year. The new grading distinguishes demonstrations of learning from practice and will strive to include the most current learning into cumulative report grades.

Strategic Plan

The Board approved the Strategic Plan consisting of the Mission, Beliefs, Strategic Objectives, and 4 Strategic Initiatives: Curriculum, Technology, 21st Century Skills, and Achievement.

2009-10 Fiscal Year Budget

The Board approved the tentative budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year. Public display of the budget was authorized. The budget will be available on the Oak Grove website and available in the Business Office beginning July 21, 2009. The Public Hearing date was established as August 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Prevailing Wages for Lake County

The Board approved the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act Resolution and Lake County Prevailing Wages. This resolution is required to be annually approved by the Board and shall be available for inspection.

Personnel Actions

On recommendation by Janice Matthews, Superintendent, the board approved the following personnel actions.

- Employment of a new secretary to Superintendent and an office assistant
- Employment of a new teacher aide and a permanent substitute teacher
- Accepted the resignation of the grade 4-5 principal
- Accepted the retirement of the secretary to Superintendent
- Accepted 2 leaves of absence

Consent Agenda – The Board approved the consent agenda including approval of Regular Board of Education meeting minutes, June 22, 2009, Special Meeting minutes, July 8,9,10, 2009, and Executive session minutes from June 22, 2009; destruction of closed session recordings 18 months or older per IL state law; authorization to pay July 2009 accounts payable and August 2009 payroll; and the Treasurer's Report.

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INFORMATION

Administration Reorganization

Janice and the Board publically acknowledged the resignation of Lori Wilcox. Janice recognized Lori as a very important part of Oak Grove School. We have greatly benefited from her leadership in gifted, in gender awareness, and as a principal. Lori leaves a legacy of monumental progress as she has moved the Curriculum development process along with teacher input and integrity. The people of Barrington will no doubt soon appreciate her enthusiasm and skills as she takes over the principal role. During public comment, a number of teachers also expressed their appreciation for Lori Wilcox's style and contributions to the District.

The Administration and the Board of Education discussed the options for filling Lori's roles. In light of the economy, decreased district revenues as well as projected declining enrollments, it is recommended, that hiring a new administrator would not be prudent. Janice and the Administrators will work together to restructure Lori's responsibilities rather than fill the position at this time.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Manski
Board Secretary**