

District Parent Announcements – January 2014

D. Todd Fox, Superintendent

<p>December Board Meeting Action Summary</p> <p>Approved the agenda items as presented.</p> <p>Opened the public hearing on the 2013 Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:01 p.m.</p> <p>Closed the public hearing on the 2013 Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:31 p.m.</p> <p>Adopted the 2013 Tax Levy request as amended in the amount of \$2,399,768.</p> <p>Approved the minutes from the November 25, 2013 regular and closed session.</p> <p>Approved the schedule of a public hearing on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of public information and input into the FY2014 school district budget.</p> <p>Approved the FY2014 tentative amended budget.</p> <p>Approved the bills, financial statements, and activity funds.</p> <p>Approved the FY2015 bus lease of three 65-passenger buses and one 48-passenger bus for a term of three years (\$64,222.95 annually).</p> <p>Approved the district to reimburse the high school office activity account in the sum of \$8,559.16.</p> <p>Moved into closed session at 7:32 p.m.</p> <p>Voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.</p>	<p>Christmas Concerts I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their professionalism, classiness, and behavior during our December Christmas Concerts. A special thank you to Mrs. Kiah, Ms. Reuther, and our students on their incredible performances.</p> <p>Homecoming 2014 The homecoming game is Friday, February 7, 2014 vs. the Unity Mustangs. The junior varsity game starts at 6:00 p.m. The varsity game starts at 8:00 p.m. The homecoming dance is Saturday, February 8, 2014. The time is 8:00-11:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ballgame Etiquette For the safety of our players and your children, please make sure your child remains in the bleachers until timeouts, end of quarters, etc. People walking up and down the sideline during play is very dangerous. Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.</p> <p>Free and Reduced Lunch Applications If for some reason your income changes and you make less money during the school year, you are allowed to complete a free and reduced lunch application at any point during the school year. Please contact the district office and we will take care of you. The district phone number is 217.392.2172.</p> <p>School Calendar Monday, January 20 = No School (MLK Day) Friday, February 7 = Early Dismissal @ 12:00 (SIP) Monday, February 17 = No School (President's Day)</p> <p>Giving I am always overwhelmed by the amount of heartfelt giving demonstrated by the people of our community during the holiday season. The purest form of giving is that with no strings attached, and that is exactly what you do year after year. This generosity is one of the best gifts you give your children, the gift of a great example.</p>
<p>Amended Budget At the December 16, 2013 board meeting, the "Board of Education approved the FY2014 tentative amended budget." Why are we amending our budget? As you know, we received the maintenance grant (roof project and tuck pointing). This was a matching funds grant (the state pays half; the district pays half). In September 2013, we were required to "pay our half." At the September 2013 board meeting, the board "approved the transfer of \$78,851.93 from the operation and maintenance fund to the capital projects fund for the maintenance fund grant." We then, as required, paid our half out of the capital projects fund. The FY2014 budget did not reflect this. Therefore, I asked the board to amend the budget to accurately reflect this situation. It does not have any bearing on our overall predicted budget deficit (taking money out of one fund and putting it into another fund). In fact, our overall predicted deficit decreased from the original budget (-\$504,341 to -\$470,397). This was due to having accurate information now that was not available to us when we had to approve the original budget.</p>	
<p>State of Illinois The state of Illinois owes us \$161,174.50.</p>	<p>Tentative Graduation Date Our tentative high school graduation date is May 18th.</p>