

District Parent Announcements

September 2013

August Board Meeting Action Summary. Approved the agenda items as presented. Approved the minutes from the July 22, 2013 board meeting. Approved the 2014 tentative budget. Approved the bill, financial statements, and activity funds. Approved to change the September 2013 board meeting from Monday, September 23, 2013 to Wednesday, September 25, 2013. Approved the increase of the district's contribution toward mandatory bus driver drug/physical costs from \$175 to \$180.50 effective July 1, 2013. Approved the release of the following closed session minutes for public view: January 28, 2013, February 25, 2013, March 12, 2013, March 25, 2013, April 22, 2013, May 20, 2013, June 24, 2013, and July 22, 2013. Approved the following board policies as presented: 5:35-Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, 5:300-Schedules and Employment, and 6:240-Field Trips. Approved Lisa Knorr as a salaried employee for \$54,000. Approved the employment of Susan Lomax in the position of part-time physics/chemistry teacher for the 2013-2014 school. Approved the employment of Alex Rhea in the position of assistant junior high boys' basketball coach for the 2013-2014 school year. Approved the employment of Amanda Reuther in the position of high school musical director for the 2013-2014 school year. Accepted the resignation of Keela Whewell in the position of assistant high school musical director for the 2013-2014 school year. Approved the employment of Ryan Phillips in the position of assistant high school musical director for the 2013-2014 school.

Immunizations. According to the Illinois State Code, if a child does not present proof of health examination and immunizations by October 15th of the year in which such proof is required, the school district is required to suspend the child from school. This will be enforced. Thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter.

Interrupted Day vs. Emergency Day. Interrupted days (12:30 and 10:30 dismissals) count as a full day of learning and do not have to be made up. Emergency days (no school) must be made up until you exhaust the number of emergency days you built into your school calendar. You are required to build in at least five. We have seven built into our school calendar.

Living Faith. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Living Faith UMC in Bowen for not only sponsoring the annual "Backpack Project," but for also purchasing the following school supplies for our students: kleenex, baggies, antibacterial wipes, etc. Each year we see more and more students not prepared for school. The "Backpack Project" is so helpful to so many. Please thank Living Faith.

Tentative Budget. At the August board meeting, the board of education approved the FY2014 tentative budget. The budget hearing and the approval of the final FY2014 budget will take place on Wednesday, September 25, 2013. Points of emphasis: 1) This is only the tentative budget. We will make changes and update revenue/expenditure amounts all the way up until the final adoption date, 2) At this time, we are predicting \$5,383,449 in revenue and \$6,006,629 in expenditures. This is a deficit of \$623,180, and 3) We finished FY2013 with a deficit of \$361,312.

Thank you. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience with last week's unprecedented heat and our attempts to deal with its challenges. It was a very long week for our students and staff in the Bowen building, and I was so impressed with the way everyone handled it.