

BOARD MEETING NOTES

April 28, 2008

The Kaneland Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, April 28, 2008. The following is a summary of the Board meeting.

Approval of Resignations/Employment of Staff

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Douglas Ecker** as a science teacher at Kaneland High School, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year for the purpose of retirement.

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Deborah Vensel** as a psychologist at Kaneland Middle School, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year for the purpose of retirement.

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Theresa Dobek** as a paraprofessional at John Stewart Elementary School, effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

The Board approved the employment of **Erika Schlichter** as Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator effective July 1, 2008 at an annual salary of \$77,000 plus benefits.

The Board approved the employment of **Jake Countryman** as a 5th grade teacher at John Shields Elementary School for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board approved the employment of **Kristin Faber** as a special education teacher at Kaneland High School for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board approved the employment of **Maya Grantcharov** as a math teacher at Kaneland High School for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board approved the employment of **Amy Kancler** as a special education teacher at Kaneland High School for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board approved the employment of **Jenelle Mance** as a reading specialist at John Shields Elementary School for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board approved the employment of **Kristina Neahring** as a math teacher at Kaneland High School for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board approved the employment of **Linda Norton** as a 2nd grade teacher at McDole Elementary School for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board approved an additional preschool teacher for the District Extended School Year (ESY) program for summer 2008.

The Board approved an additional physical education teacher at Kaneland High School for the 2008-2009 school year.

Approval of Changes in Selected Policies from IASB Press – Second Reading and Approval

The Board approved the changes in selected policies from IASB Press of the Board Policy manual on second reading as follows:

2.260	Uniform Grievance Procedure
4.10	Fiscal and Business Management
5.100	Staff Development Program
5.190	Teacher Qualifications
5.250	Leaves of Absences
5.290	Employment Termination and Suspensions
5.330	Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves – ESP
6.20	School Year Calendar and Day
6.210	Instructional Materials
7.20	Harassment of Students Prohibited
7.70	Attendance and Truancy
7.100	Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
7.180	Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
7.330	Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access
7.340	Student Records
8.30	Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
8.40	Spectator Conduct at School Events – DELETED

Approval of New Members to the Facilities Planning Committee

The Board approved Roger Well and Judy Smith as new members on the Facilities Planning Committee (FPC) for the 2008-2009 school year.

Approval of New and Returning Members to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

The Board approved the following new and returning members to the Citizens Advisory Committee for the 2008-2009 school year:

New Members: Alex Dravillas (Sugar Grove), Monica Kellen (Sugar Grove), Veronica Bruhl (Maple Park), Steven Collins (Elburn).

Returning Members: Patrick Crimmins, Ryan Delahanty, Kristi Grams, Tom Landers, Colleen MacRunnels, Tom Reynolds, Mike Sauber, Shana Sparber, and Bev Taylor.

Proposal for 4:00 p.m. Bus

The District administration has been working to address a problem that has been occurring in both the middle school and high school. Between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. there are a number of unsupervised students roaming the hallways in both the middle school and the high school. This situation is caused from a number of activities that finish around 4:00 p.m. but the students must wait around until the player bus leaves at 5:00 p.m. to get a ride home. The unsupervised students have caused numerous problems for the administration in both buildings.

The administration would like to propose the addition of four 4:00 p.m. after-school buses two days per week. On the days where there is a 4:00 p.m. bus, there would only be four 5:00 p.m. buses, instead of the usual six. It is proposed that Tuesday and Thursday be the days with the 4:00 p.m. bus. These days were selected due to the current low ridership on these days, primarily caused by middle school sports competitions that generally take place on these days. Additionally, both the high school and middle school will modify several of their activities, so that any activities that normally end at 4:00 p.m. take place on only Tuesday or Thursday. On the other days, all activities will end at 5:00 p.m.

The Board approved the addition of four 4:00 p.m. after school buses two days per week (Tuesday and Thursday) for the 2008-2009 school year.

Elimination of Bus Notes for Riding Home on Alternative Bus Route (i.e., with a friend)

Current Procedure: Students are currently allowed to bring a note signed by their parents when they want to ride a different bus home with a friend. Both students must bring a note and then a person in the school office must sign the notes. When the students board the bus, the students must present the signed notes to the bus driver.

Request: Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, students will only be allowed to ride their assigned bus to and from school. If students want or need to ride from or to a different location other than their home, the families will need to provide their own transportation. This procedure would not apply to before or after school care for elementary students. Additionally, if the request is one week in length or longer for middle or high school students, due to parents that will be out of town, the request may be granted.

Rationale: 1) With the large increase in student enrollment, many of the bus routes are filled to capacity. The additional students place an unnecessary burden on the bus driver, with regard to maintaining discipline on the bus. 2) The procedure of having the notes signed in the office consumes a significant amount of time for the school secretaries, especially on Fridays. 3) With regard to safety, it is difficult to keep track of which students are on which buses, especially on days when there are a large number of students being transported to locations other than their homes. Should there be an accident where a driver would not be able to communicate, it would be very difficult for the District to

contact the families of the extra students, due to not knowing who they are. 4) We have investigated the procedures related to this issue in school districts in Kane County. No other district allows students to ride any other bus than their assigned bus.

The administration will modify administrative procedures regarding bus notes for riding home on alternative bus routes. This will be reported to the Board in the near future.

Strategic Plan Update – Human Resources; Safe, Caring, Healthy Environment

Jeff Schuler updated the Board on the Strategic Plan – Human Resources, specifically a recent staff satisfaction survey and the new teacher evaluation process that is being developed. Dr. McCormick reviewed the work related to “greening” the school district that the FPC is undertaking.

Approval of Policies Still to be Approved – First Reading

The administration has reviewed Board policies that still need to be approved and has brought those policies which have revisions. The Board approved the following policies of the Board Policy Book that have changes on a first reading:

- 5.50 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace
- 5.270 Employment at-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
- 6.10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives
- 6.140 Education of Homeless Children
- 7.35 Programs for Home Schooled Students – DELETE
- 7.40 Part-Time Attendance by Private, Parochial and Home Schooled Students – Pulled for Further Review

Approval of Board Meeting Dates through May 2009

The Board approved the following Board meeting dates through May 11, 2009:

- Monday, April 28, 2008
- Monday, May 12, 2008
- Tuesday, May 27, 2008
- Monday, June 9, 2008
- Monday, June 23, 2008*
- Monday, July 14, 2008
- Monday, July 28, 2008*
- Monday, August 11, 2008
- Monday, August 25, 2008
- Monday, September 8, 2008
- Monday, September 22, 2008
- Tuesday, October 14, 2008
- Monday, October 27, 2008
- Monday, November 10, 2008

Monday, November 24, 2008
Monday, December 15, 2008
Monday, January 12, 2009
Monday, January 26, 2009
Monday, February 9, 2009
Monday, February 23, 2009
Monday, March 9, 2009
Monday, March 23, 2009
Monday, April 13, 2009
Monday, April 27, 2009
Monday, May 11, 2009

All Board meetings are held at the Milnamow Administrative Center in Kaneland High School, 47W326 Keslinger Road, Maple Park, IL 60151.

All Board meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

*To be Held Only If Needed

Review of Proposed Budget Amendment

From time to time we need to amend our budget to acknowledge significant changes from the beginning of the year. In some years this can be done by adjustments by Board resolution, as long as the changes are a small percentage of the fund budget. This year, with the sale of bonds and starting construction projects in the Site & Construction Fund, an amendment is required.

The Board approved the amended budget for the 2007-2008 school year as presented by the administration.

At the June 9, 2008 meeting the Board will hold a public hearing, and the amended budget for the 2007-2008 school year will be approved.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE KANELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE MILNAMOW ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER, KHS