



**Reports –****Administrative –****Freedom of Information Requests –**

Dr. Hall reported there have been no Freedom of Information requests.

**Game Ball Run Report –**

Dr. Hall reported on the Game Ball Run that is a service project started by high school basketball coach Jarrett Brown last year. The project was expanded district wide this year with all of the schools participating to raise funds for the Children's Hospital of Illinois. She acknowledged Jarrett Brown and committee volunteers Stacey Litersky, Dana Hobson, Carol Jankowski, Allie Anderson, Sheila Stephens, Becky Christianson, Kathie Phillips, Molly Stephens and Clayton Monfre as those instrumental in planning and organizing the event. A check will be presented to representatives of Children's Hospital at half time of the basketball game on Friday night.

**Facilities Update –**

Dr. Hall reported that:

- the buses have been moved to the new facility and ran from there for the first time today. There will be a public open house in the spring.
- the Facilities Advisory Committee held its last meeting on January 30. She acknowledged Mike Vlahos as chairman of the committee and the extra work he did planning and researching for the meetings. A presentation will be made to the board at an upcoming meeting with the committee's recommendations.
- Farnsworth Group has been chosen as the architectural firm for the outdoor athletic facilities at the high school. Discussion is moving ahead.
- a pre-construction meeting was held recently for the high school heating project to take place this summer. Losing a week due to emergency days taken will have an impact on the project, but plans are being adjusted. Much of the area outside of the high school will be used for staging and equipment.
- the playground blacktop at Jefferson School will be replaced this summer along with fencing on the southeast corner.
- a meeting is planned next week to review the 5-year maintenance plan.

**PARCC Update –**

Dr. Teater reported that some classes at Brown (2-3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes testing on ELA-online), Jefferson (2-4<sup>th</sup> grade classes testing on Math-paper), Jr. High (2-8<sup>th</sup> grade classes testing on Math-online) and High School (2 classes testing on Geometry; 2 classes testing on Alg. I; 3 classes testing on Alg. II-paper) have been chosen to take a pilot test of the

new state assessment (PARCC) that will go into effect next year. In addition, 2 students from Lincoln School will be taking the Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) which replaces the Illinois Alternative Assessment. Ms. Ashby is working with the state to arrange that testing. Dr. Hall noted this is the last year for ISAT testing, as all students will take the PARCC assessment next year. The standard for this year's ISAT test is 100% meets or exceeds. She added it is unclear if the high school PSAE test that includes the ACT test will continue after this year.

### **Demographer Report –**

Dr. Jerome McKibben of CropperGIS reviewed the results of their findings concerning population and enrollment trends. The full [report](#) is available on the District website. He explained where and how the data was collected and the forecast methodology used. The purpose of the study is to:

- *Develop* population forecasts by school attendance area by grade for the next 10 years (i.e. 2014-15 through 2023-24).
- *Develop* enrollment forecasts for 2014-2015 to 2023-24 inclusive, by grade level for each elementary, middle school and high school attendance area.
- *Analyze* current and future demographic dynamics of the district and attendance areas.
- *Assess* the school district's potential facility planning considerations from a demographic and building utilization perspective.
- *Develop* a written report that summarizes demographic study findings and assessment of facility utilization and school district facility plan.

The study will be finalized and a written report will be sent to the district in the near future.

### **President's Report –**

Mr. Heinold reported that the IASB is conducting a workshop that will be held at the MEAC on Thursday, February 6. Members of the Central IL Valley Division of the IASB have been invited to attend.

### **Discussion Items –**

#### **Board Compliance – Student Policies -**

Dr. Hall reported she has reviewed the Student Policies and determined the district is in compliance. She and Mr. Heinold will sign the form and place it in the Master Compliance binder in the District Office.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Discussion of Policies 1:30, 7:185 and 7:185-E –**

Dr. Hall reported that Policy 1:30 is being revised to reflect the updated mission and goals recently approved by the Board. Policy 7:185, a new policy on teen dating violence is required of all school boards with students in grades 7 – 12 and Policy 7:185-E is the notification to parents/guardians of Policy 7:185. The Board was asked to review the changes/additions and approve/adopt the policies at a future meeting.

**Board Goal Discussion – Achievement –**

Dr. Hall reviewed the Board goal of achievement and gave updates regarding the objectives and action statements associated with each goal.

- Align curriculum with the New Illinois Learning Standards incorporating Common Core, including the implementation of professional development for staff and a communication plan for the community –
  - District is in second year of implementing Common Core Math and the first year of English Language Arts and is beginning discussions on writing instruction. Jill Lyons will discuss the 6 Trait writing model with the Leadership Team at an upcoming meeting. This will bring consistency throughout the district at the elementary schools for writing.
  - District will be communicating with parents about the PARCC assessment (pilot) if their child is being tested.
  - Staff professional development is ongoing.
- Implement and maintain a continuum of services to meet the needs of all of our students –
  - Board has received updates this school year on RtI and ELL and will be receiving an update on the enrichment aides at an upcoming meeting.
- Technology will be utilized to enhance and augment instruction throughout the curriculum –
  - Board has received several updates on technology being used or planned. Consistent professional development is being offered to teachers on various uses of technology. Many teachers are already using technology in their classrooms in remarkable ways. Plans are underway for getting iPads into the hands of 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders next school year.
- District will continue to gather data, seek input and explore options related to all-day kindergarten –
  - Board recently received an update from Miss Ropp on the inaugural all-day kindergarten class she is teaching this year. A decision will be made for next year after kindergarten screenings take place in March.
- District will continue to gather data, seek input and explore options related to

implementation of daily physical education –

- a daily P.E. committee met in November and will be meeting again this week. The committee consists of P.E. and regular classroom teachers. They are looking ahead to the 2015-2016 school year for implementation. Whatever activities are decided will be temporary. Full implementation is hindered with space and staffing issues.

A board member suggested surveying parents for their feedback on the Illinois Learning Standards (Common Core). Dr. Hall agreed she would appreciate their feedback as well.

### **Action Item –**

#### **Approve Asbestos Abatement Bid –**

Dr. Hall explained that in order for the heating system conversion at the high school to take place, there is asbestos containing material that will need to be removed. These asbestos containing materials include piping system insulation, flue insulation and sealants. In addition the carpet, asbestos containing floor tile and the plaster ceilings from the main office to the student services area will be removed and abated. Bids were received for this work as well as four alternate bids to remove asbestos in some areas that are not specific to the heating project, but where a need has been identified. The four alternate areas include a basement corridor, the band practice room, floor tile in the corridor by the East gymnasium and the room where the server resides. Six companies submitted bids – Abel Plus Services, Environmental Assurance, Freeman Environmental, Kinsale Contracting Group, The Luse Companies and Midwest Service Group. The bids for the base project ranged in price from \$292,000 - \$390,000. The bids for the base project plus the four alternates ranged from \$327,000 to \$421,500 with Abel Plus Services submitting the low bid of \$327,000. Dr. Hall recommends that the Board of Education accept the base bid and alternate bids from Abel Plus Services.

Motion by Mr. Bill, second by Mrs. Scarfe, that the Board of Education accept the base bid and the alternate bids from Abel Plus Services for \$327,000.

Roll Call:

Yea 6

Nay 0

Motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda –**

Motion by Mr. Neeley, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

Approve Personnel Report

Approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2014, Regular Meeting and Closed Session  
Minutes of the January 21, 2014, Regular Meeting.



**Adjournment -**

Motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Applen, that the meeting be adjourned.

Voice Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Bernier, Secretary

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Clint Heinold, President