

CUSD #202

Board of Education Highlights

September 20, 2010

New Staff Introduced

Due primarily to a number of retirements, District 202 welcomes a large but very talented and enthusiastic group of new teachers for the 2010-11 school year. Those new faculty members include:

Meghan Altic – Second Grade Tate Woods
Herb Anderson – HS Physics
Nathan Bylsma – HS Social Work
Mary Beth Cieplak – First Grade Tate Woods
Lauren Crome – TW/JH Social Worker
Tonia Cyrus – Kindergarten Schiesher
Lauren Embry – Second Grade Tate Woods
Tiffany Fadin – First Grade Tate Woods
Elizabeth Hoff- Third Grade Schiesher
Paul Kowalyszyn – HS Inclusion
Julie Kuefner – HS Consumer & Family Science
Rob McLearn – JH Math
Lindsay Norwood – JH Inclusion
David Sally – HS English
Jason Smid – JH Language Arts
Peter Sullivan – HS Principal
Myanna Thompson – JH/HS French/English (.60)

Nicole Cajindos - Psych Intern:

Andrea Kenny -HS Math (Long-Term Sub):

These new teachers shared with the Board their initial reactions to working in Lisle. Their consensus is that the positive, supportive culture of the District helped accomplish a very successful start to what they believe will be a very productive year.

FY '11 Budget Adopted

Following a public hearing earlier in the meeting, the Board adopted the district FY 2011 budget. Mr. Filipiak provided a complete summary of the estimated revenues and expenditures for the upcoming school year.

Student Handbooks Approved

Because the student handbooks reflect School Board policies, the Board each year reviews handbook changes and then officially approves the final student handbook for use during the current school year. The principals provided final copies of their revised handbooks, including a list of changes from last year. The handbooks had also been reviewed by the District's attorneys prior to this submission for approval.

Recognition of Booster Organizations

Board Policy requires that the district booster organizations be officially approved each year. Fully recognizing the valuable support these groups provide for our students and our educational program, the Board approved the Lisle Home & School Organization, The Lisle Booster Club, The Lisle Band Parents Organization and the Lisle Choral Parent Organization as officially associated with Community Unit School District 202.

Social/ Emotional Learning

Karen Gordon, Director of Student Services, and Chris Messina, Director of Curriculum presented a summary of district efforts to address the Illinois Social/Emotional Standards within our educational programs. They explained that the 2003 Illinois Children's Mental Health Act first required school districts to implement Social/Emotional Learning for all students.

The District is in the process of reviewing and developing policies as well as procedures that address anti-social behaviors. Partnerships have been developed with the Regional Office of Education (ROE) and Collaborative for Academic Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) to help define issues and develop programs to support student growth in these areas. Staff development and in-service activities are being provided to give teachers strong background knowledge for these efforts. We are also raising awareness by increasing our communication regarding Social/Emotional Learning to our community, including using open houses, our district website and HSO communications.