

CUSD #202

Board of Education Highlights

March 21, 2011

Personnel Changes

We are eliminating the Director of Curriculum position, reconfiguring support positions in the Central Office and hiring a new staff member at the high school for the 2011-12 school year. These changes will allow us to create a new structure and organization which more thoroughly uses student data to promote maximum student learning and guide our growth as a district. We truly appreciate numerous contributions of Dr. Chris Messina, the current Director of Curriculum, to the success of our district. We are excited for her and wish her well in her new district.

Math Curriculum Update

Dr. Chris Messina, Director of Curriculum provided an overview of changes or progress in our math curriculum for grades 5-12 including a summary of the work done for the past three years plus a projected focus for 2011-12. For this year the district implemented recommendations from John Dossey, a nationally known consultant who worked with district math teachers on focusing our curriculum and altering our course sequence to reflect an increase in our expectations of students. Common assessments were also reviewed and further aligned. Next year we will begin to work toward enrollment of all 8th grade students in Algebra I by the 2012-13 school year. Currently many of our incoming freshmen take Algebra I. With this change all students will begin math in high school with geometry.

Policies Approved

Several policies were given a second reading and then adopted including:

- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest
- 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of the Board Officers
- 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure
- 2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:50 Payment Procedures
- 4:170 Safety

New Interventionist/Problem Solving Coach position created at LSHS for 2011-12

A new staff member will be hired at LSHS to identify interventions for students and support classroom teachers in providing those interventions. A new position for next year, this staff member will help to facilitate the RTI process, further utilizing assessment data to make curricular and instructional decisions.

Central Office Support Positions Reconfigured

A new Coordinator of Assessment and Quality Analysis Position to support student data assessment will be created for the 2011-12 school year. This new staff member will help manage student data as the district seeks to more fully use student data in developing the instructional program. This new position will result from a reorganization of the Payroll/Student Data Coordinator, and the Staff Services Coordinator positions as well as the elimination of the Director of Curriculum position.

Lease Termination Approved

The Notice of Termination of the Meadows Center lease with the Lisle Park District was approved. The lease will now terminate on September 30, 2011. This is a year earlier than the original termination of the lease in 2012. The Park District has purchased another property close to the community center and requested the Board to end the current lease one year early.

Staffing Report Reviewed

The staffing reports for each building were reviewed. Enrollment is expected to remain consistent with this year's enrollment and staffing will remain at essentially the same level as this year with the exception of the additional Intervention position at the HS mentioned earlier in this report.

Congratulations to the High School Scholastic Bowl Team

Congratulations to our State Champion High School Scholastic Bowl Team, as they won their second consecutive state championship this past Friday in Peoria.