

**School District 161 Board Meeting – June 12, 2017**

Observer: Sharon Cooper

President of the School Board Mrs. Michelle Hoereth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Dr. Michael Popp (Acting School Superintendent), Mr. Stephen Paredes, Mrs. Merle Huckabee, Mr. John Simmons, Mrs. Misha Blackman, Dr. Carolyn Briggs, and Mr. Cameron Nelson.

Associate Superintendent Frances LaBella explained the resolution to transfer funds from the Transportation Fund to the Education and Operations and Maintenance Fund. The resolution passed.

Students who participated in the Math Bowl were presented and recognized. Board members and the audience participated in a demonstration of the challenges presented at the Math Bowl.

The Board of Educations adjourned to Executive Session at 7:30 pm. They returned at 8:55 pm. New School Superintendent Dr. Dana Smith introduced the new principal of Western Avenue School, Lisa Dallacqua. Dallacqua was confirmed by the Board of Education at a previous meeting.

Acting School Superintendent Dr. Michael Popp gave his report. Dr. Popp's last day in his position will be Thursday, June 15. Dr. Dana Smith will begin his position as School Superintendent on June 16. Board President Mrs. Michelle Hoewreth presented to Dr. Popp a "token from the board "expressing thanks. Board member Mr. Stephen Paredes praised Dr. Popp for his integrity. Mr. John Simmons comments on Dr. Popp's concerns re: student interests. .Dr.Popp commented on working with the Board and faculty.

The Board approved: acceptance of minutes, annual dues for the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), FOIA requests, Title School Wide Plans Bills, Payroll, Personnel.

New District School Superintendent Dr. Dana Smith reported on Education Retreat Agenda. The President of the school board Mrs. Merle Hoerth and other members of the board discussed ideas for Board Committees.

Dr. Smith asked for and obtained approval for additional Assistant Principal at Parker Junior High School.

The Math Curriculum was presented by a person from the Curriculum committee. After discussion, the board approved it. Other approved measures: Memorandum of Understanding re:Task Force, Professional Learning and Social Improvement Meetings.

Also approved: Food Service Bill, Tentative 2017-2018 Budget, OT/PT Contract for FY18, FTE request, Transportation Fund Transfer, Second Reading and approval of Insufficient Fund Choices, Resolution for Ascertainning Prevailing Wages, District Administration Plan, Board social with neighboring boards.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.