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CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATE NOVEMBER 21, 2014

Board Meeting

Finance Committee is meeting at 6:00PM in my office to review the 2014-2015 Budget Amendment.

The Finance Report for September will be presented for approval. The “side pocket” notes are attached. October will follow at the December meeting.

There is one *Special Presentation*, Renae Kempf from the high school Mentorship Program, will describe her stint with her chosen community mentor.

There is one *Consent Action Item* from SRSly requesting student directory information.

There are no *Individual Action Items*.

Information and Discussion contains the following items:

- Health Plan Documents – Teresa will have 2 visual slides that I will ask her to share
- Bus Purchase Recommendation
- WEOC Amendment
- CHS Course 2015-2016 Course Updates – I will defer briefly to Julie for an update on where the CHS Math team is headed.
- CHS boys’ baseball team’s field trip request to Venice, FL from April 3-11, 2015, for their annual spring training trip.
- CHS girls’ softball team’s field trip request to Isle of Palms, SC from April 3-11, 2015, for their annual spring training trip.

We will go into *Closed Session* to discuss CSD/CEA negotiations. We can debrief on the CEA tactics and will also provide an update for the entire Board on the budget amendment.

Additional Notes on Meeting: We can obviously expect attendance from CEA members and some community members. I have heard from a few community members that may attend that are not planning to be there “in support” of the CEA, so don’t assume all audience members are unfriendly. Steve may inquire early in the meeting as to how many people are planning to speak and may set an individual or total time limit for public input. Here are the rules for public input per Board Policy 0167.3:

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted.
- B. Anyone with concerns related to the operation of the schools or to matters within the authority of the Board may participate during the public portion of a meeting.
- C. Attendees are encouraged to register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting.
- D. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, group affiliation, if any.
- E. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration.
- F. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic, unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- G. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
- H. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- I. The presiding officer may:
 - 1. prohibit public comments which are frivolous, repetitive, or harassing;
 - 2. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 - 3. request an individual to leave the meeting, when that person behaves in a manner that is disruptive of the orderly conduct of the meeting;
 - 4. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the

removal of a disorderly person, when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;

5. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time, when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
6. waive these rules with the approval of the Board, when necessary for the protection of the privacy or the administration of the Board's business.

American Education Week

With just a bit of research, I discovered that “American Education Week” is an event created and sponsored by the National Education Association (NEA). Their web site includes the “toolkit” for activities, etc. I will leave it to others to determine the motives this week...

MEAP Replacement

Michigan schools can begin planning to implement the new online statewide student assessment in the spring of 2015. The new assessment system is called the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP). The complete MDE press release is attached. I have another document with added detail that I will distribute on Monday night.

Utilities

I may have shared this information in a previous year, but I always find various aspects of our budget interesting. As we revise the budget, we are planning to spend a total of \$670,000 in utilities in the 14-15 year. More specifically, we are budgeting \$360,000 on electric, \$100,000 on water, and \$210,000 on natural gas. Ron and Teresa do a great job of maintain multiple years of data in order to accurately budget for these line items. Of course, the next several months could swing our use significantly one way or another depending on how many of those dreaded polar vortexes head our way this winter.

Student Issue at Beach

Nick has had a difficult student situation this week. Most of what happened occurred outside of school, but of course there were implication at Beach.

Over the past weekend, during a sleepover, two girls took nude photos of one of the girls. The photos were thought to be deleted, but while the victim was sleeping, her friend found the photos still on her phone and took a picture of them. The photo was then shared with a male beach student. Fortunately, it does not appear that the photo went any further. The young man was absent from school on Monday, but the friend was in school. When the

rumor started to get out, the victim called her mom to ask to go home. Office staff picked up enough of what was happening to alert Nick.

The issue has some serious implications for the two students that were in possession of “child pornography” and the police have been involved and we are anticipating charges with the prosecutor’s office. The female that was in possession at school also received a school consequence. Nick was able to support the victim in returning to school on Wednesday and things seem to be going well.

Legislative Update – 3rd Grade Retention

Attached a short update from Don Olendorf, one of our educational lobbyists, on the Third Grade Reading bill. It looks somewhat unlikely that this will pass during the lame duck session, but is likely to continue to be a topic in the New Year. It will definitely have implications locally so I will continue to keep you up to date.

Short Week – No Update

With a Board meeting Monday and a short week, I would like to skip the weekly update next week. If anything specific arises, I will email or text. If you would like an update on anything specific or a general on Wednesday, please let me know Monday night.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, November 25 – ½ Day for Students – Teachers Report All Day
- Wednesday, November 26 - No School for Students – Teachers ½ Day PD
- November 27 & 28 – No School – Thanksgiving Break
- Monday, December 8 – 6:30 PM – Board Meeting – ***Beach Middle***
- December 22, 2014 – January 2, 2015 – No School – Winter Break
- Monday, January 12- 6:30 PM – Board Meeting – WSEC
- Monday, January 26- 6:30 PM – Board Meeting – WSEC
- Monday, February 9 – 6:30 PM – Board Meeting – *South Meadows*

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.