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Community Consolidated School District 46

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January 13, 2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS

02/03/16 Grayslake Middle School

02/17/16 Avon Center School

03/02/16 Grayslake Middle School

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Dear Leslie,

The Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 46 would like to share with you a brief summary of events and topics of discussion happening at general board meetings.

We welcome you to join us at our meetings. We have two opportunities for public comments at our meetings, or join us on our live video stream which is linked on meeting days on the [district website](#).

Board meeting schedules, agendas, video links, and minutes are available on the [BOE webpage](#).

General Meeting - January 13, 2016

The January 13th meeting, the first meeting of 2016, was held at Grayslake Middle School and called to order at 6:30PM. All seven board members were in attendance.

At the first opportunity for public comments, no comments were made.

The meeting began with three presentations, the first on SEDOL, the Special Education District of Lake County, followed by a presentation of PARCC results by Amanda August, and finally an RtI (Response to Intervention) update by Ellen Correll, Amanda August, and Heather Lorenzo. All three presentations can be viewed online:

<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/81410053>

Presentation handouts can be viewed in the [January 13th Board Packet](#).

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Board/Superintendent Reports:

- Board Member **Jill Alfrejd** mentioned that she attended Mrs. King's Winter Wonder Book Share event at Frederick School. Students read a book and then created trifold displays and many dressed in the costume of their characters. Parents and guests were able to speak to the students about their books.
- Board Member **David Nothern** mentioned that he has been volunteering at different schools, and has resigned from the Park Campus PTO. He said it is amazing to see the students in different settings throughout the day, from coaching, parties, to reading in the classrooms.
- Board Member **Tom Meskel** attended the Grayslake Middle School Choral Concert before the break and mentioned the staging of the groups as they entered and exited the stage area while singing. He also had the opportunity to ride the bus with the Grayslake Middle School students on their way to a Science Olympiad event in Rockford.
- **Superintendent Correll** announced a \$4,000 grant awarded to Avon Middle School from James Patterson/Scholastic. A new teacher/mentoring grant for \$16,000 was also announced. The Superintendent also read through a lengthy list of great things that have already occurred in the first half of the school year. She also mentioned that PARCC testing will be taking place March 29-May 5. There are no details yet from the state on the 5th & 8th grade science tests.

The Board took the opportunity to briefly discuss their IASB Conference Reports. Each member gave a brief written summary of which seminars they attended and what they learned. Positive comments on the format for sharing information. Member Rob Roop mentioned that he especially enjoyed the keynote speaker and suggested others view his videos on YouTube.com

There were no Action Items on the agenda.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of transportation contracts

Chris Bobek, CSBO, met with our current bus company Durham Transportation about extending the contract for another year and to talk about costs. Durham offered a 4% increase on the current contract, which was countered by Mr. Bobek suggesting the increase follow CPI (Consumer Price Index). More negotiations will take place. A meeting also took place with Cook Transportation (Durham's largest competitor) and they stated they are in the same situation as Durham with lack of drivers. Both companies have had to raise salaries to attract new drivers which leads to higher costs to customers. Durham came back with a 2.75% increase in cost for the extended contract. The recommendation was made to accept this increase, and board consensus is to approve the 2.75% increase on the one year contract with Durham Transportation.

Continued discussion regarding registration and student activity involvement

Mr. Bobek surveyed neighboring school districts regarding their activities and fees. The survey was completed December 31. Mr. Bobek explained that our activity fees are higher than most for summer school, graduation, and band/chorus. Thirty-one percent of our student population participate in sports programs with some students participating in 2-3 activities. Previous boards had set activity fees higher to pass the costs to participating families rather than the community population as a whole. D46 serves a community of approximately 30,000 people with 42% of the households including children. The suggestion was made to discuss this further in the Finance Committee.

Continued discussion of ECAT

A comparison of options has been put together, but deadline of February 1st is looming on the SEDOL deadline.

New Business:

First reading of district policies

Many policy updates were presented. Most changes were minor. They will be voted on at the next meeting. (2/3/16 at GMS)

Infinite Campus implementation update

This year the district switched from PowerSchool student information system to Infinite Campus. Information conversion has been completed and transferred from PowerSchool into Infinite Campus. Training for administrators, office staff, and teachers has been completed, and student data has been imported. Infinite Campus does offer more options for tracking than PowerSchool did. Activities and programs will be tracked which will help with reporting. Student data is pulled from Infinite Campus for PARCC and NWEA testing, historical data is forthcoming. Transportation data entered with new program assistance. The parent portal has been rolled out for grades 5-8, K-4 parent portal initiated and rollout in March. First round of report cards have been completed. Multiple systems like Fitstats, Pearson, Lifetouch, State Reporting are all tied into the system. Tableau is the data visualization system that will be used for customization of reports through Infinite Campus. Tableau is currently being worked on.

Five-year budget overview

Tabled until the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items:

- Second meeting in February - Chris Wolk presentation
- Forecast 5 data
- School Calendar
- Right at School update
- Summer projects

At the second public comment session there were no comments.

The Board of Education went into closed session at 10:05PM.

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Community Consolidated School District 46 will provide an

educational environment that maximizes the potential of ALL students to be prepared for life's opportunities, while developing a lasting appreciation for learning.



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