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Community Consolidated School District 46

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March 3, 2016

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

3/16/16 Frederick School

04/06/16 Grayslake Middle School

4/20/16 Meadowview School

All meetings begin at 6:30 unless otherwise posted.

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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 - March 3, 2016

The March 3rd meeting was held at Frederick 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 general meeting began with two presentations - the D46 Science Planning and Design Team and the Professional Learning Community from Frederick School presented to the Board. The presentations can be viewed online: <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/84047760>

Presentation handouts can be viewed in the [March 3rd Board Packet](#).

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### Board/Superintendent Reports:

- Board Member **Kathleen Parkinson** mentioned the Destination Imagination Tournament that took place at Viking Middle School in Gurnee on Saturday, February 27th. She was very impressed with the work from all of the students and the dedicated coaches and volunteers. Also congratulations to the groups that made it to state!
- Board Secretary **Jill Alfrejd** also mentioned the Destination Imagination Tournament and that one team won the daVinci Award - highest level award possible. Ms. Alfrejd also mentioned how much she enjoys seeing the changes on the D46 website/social media.
- Board Member **Rob Roop** mentioned that SEDOL has confirmed that he is an official member of the executive board. He also mentioned a presentation on the impact of SB100 regarding student discipline that sounds like a pretty big deal. He said new policies will need to be created by September.
- Board Member **Tom Meskel** observed coding at Prairieview the other day with a fourth grade class and a first grade class. After noticing 29 computers in the lab he thought it would be chaos, but the program is so well designed that everyone was moving forward with just one teacher with a little assistance. He said that the students were showing really neat intellectual ways of programming, and that even though the first graders can't quite read yet, they knew to use North-South-East-West directions. Mr. Meskel said he was really impressed with the quality of teaching and that more kids need the opportunity to learn coding.
- Board Member **David Northern** mentioned attending the Park Campus Band/Choir concert on Feb 25th and that both his son and daughter were involved. He said the teachers do a great job and he was amazed how good the students performed. Mr. Northern also met with the Assistant Superintendent about creating a diversity committee.
- **Superintendent Correll:**
  - The Superintendent mentioned the Volleyball Championship that was going

on in the gym behind the board meeting. Grayslake Middle School's team was competing and she hoped they won based on the cheering that was heard during the board meeting.

- The Superintendent also mentioned that the enthusiasm with the Planning and Design teams and the Professional Learning Communities is really changing the district. Staff members are very excited.
- The Superintendent mentioned the start of the 5-day Feed My Starving Children food packing challenge that was set up by Foundation46. Members of the District Office as well as 70 others from around the community joined in on March 1st to pack food at the FMSC location in Libertyville. Over 450 staff, students and community members have signed up to participate so far. She mentioned it was very humbling to hear the stories of children who do not have food to eat in other countries.
- There is currently an ELL audit going on and we are excited to see the results. The final day is Friday, March 4 - expect changes to be made, but we are looking forward to hearing what they have to tell us.

#### **Action Items:**

Motion to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar, including waiving legal holidays

- Approved 7-0

#### **Unfinished Business:**

##### ***Continued discussion regarding the Sprouts Gardening and Sustainability project***

The Superintendent met with the group this week - there were a few action steps taken. Mrs. Santelle (Principal at Woodview) checked with the other buildings to determine what the level of interest was in the projects proposed. The Superintendent met with the Village of Grayslake to see what would need to happen

for a greenhouse to be built at GMS. The Regional Office of Education also needs to be consulted before any building program could be started. Several requirements have been identified - the greenhouse would need to go onto a substantial concrete base, no propane tanks could be used to heat the greenhouse, a line would need to be run from GMS for heat. The project really needs blueprints and an architect's involvement. A lengthy discussion followed with input from Mary Klees, a member of the Sprouts project group. Discussion also followed on Prairieview's Outdoor classroom, and a food scrap program with the Village of Grayslake. Board President Steven Strack said that while the project is a worthwhile consideration, construction, revenue sharing, co-branding, legal aspects, personnel, and cost to the district are nowhere near being finalized and a serious project plan needs to be proposed before the board would consider moving forward with the project.

**Daily Herald:** [District 46 board wants more details on greenhouse proposal](#) (3/7/16)

#### **New Business:**

##### ***Discussion of the school locations used for board meetings***

Moving the board meetings to each school was initially set up to encourage parents to attend board meetings. It was decided that since the meeting topics, rather than location, seem to draw parents/visitors to the meetings that for next year the board meetings would alternate between Grayslake Middle School and Park Campus only.

##### ***Discussion of a land use agreement to include a greenhouse at Grayslake Middle School***

This discussion was included in the Unfinished Business section.

#### **Future Agenda Items:**

- 2004-2005 staff reduction savings
- ELL Planning and Design Team Presentation
- Classroom staffing for 2016-2017
- Fee Philosophy
- Policies
- Update on Sprouts
- PV Outdoor classroom

- Ideas for Summer School
- School Board Governance Recognition
- Student Growth Data Presentation
- RtI Update

There were no comments at the second public comment session.

The Board of Education went into closed session at 8:45PM.

For more information on this, or any Board of Education meeting, please visit the links provided in this email, and on the District website: [www.d46.org](http://www.d46.org).

## CCSD 46 Mission Statement

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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