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Community Consolidated School District 46

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March 16, 2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS

04/06/16 Grayslake Middle School

4/20/16 Meadowview School

05/04/16 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 - March 16, 2016

The March 16th general meeting was held at Frederick School and called to order at 6:30PM. Five 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 ELL Planning and Design Team presented as well as a presentation by Chris Wolk on Student Growth and Teacher Evaluation.

The presentations can be viewed online:
<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/84546304>

Presentation handouts can be viewed in the [March 16th Board Packet](#).

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Board/Superintendent Reports:

- Board Member **Tom Meskel** mentioned that several members attended an IASB meeting this past week. He noticed that when he walked into the building in Deerfield that the building was dirty. He appreciates how clean and presentable our D46 buildings are. Also, Science Olympiad regionals took place over the weekend and the GMS team took third place. They will be going to state again. Last night Mr. Meskel was at Park Campus for Math/Science night - he gave kudos to the principal for such a well organized event. The kids were having a great time and a third grader taught Mr. Meskel some coding and gave him a sticker because he did so well. Mr. Meskel did mention that he wished more families would have attended this great event.
- Board Vice President **Jim Weidman** mentioned that he attended Woodview's Music Night last week, and then ran over to GMS for their band concert, and also attended the band contest in Niles the following evening. The GMS bands received perfect scores. Mr. Smith also put out an email this week about the great results from the band/choir competitions as well as the wrestling team.
- Board Secretary **Jill Alfnejd** mentioned that there was a scoring error at the Destination Imagination Tournament held in Gurnee and that D46 has another team that will be competing at state. She also attended the Frederick School band concert and competition this past week. She was very impressed.
- **Superintendent Correll:**
 - The Superintendent mentioned that Foundation46 awarded two grants recently to Information Specialist Kirsten Innes at Prairieview School, and to Steven Thomas, Band Director, at Grayslake Middle School.
 - The grant for Mrs. Innes/Prairieview School is for 24 Lego robot kits and Dash/Dot robots. Students will be able to use their ipads to code and interact with the robots.

- The grant for Mr. Thomas/Grayslake Middle School is for Smart Music program so Mr. Thomas will be able to analyze and evaluate student home practice time making it like a private lesson.

Action Items:

Motion to approve district policies 5:120, 6:220, 8:10

- Approved 5-0

Motion to approve the Avon Title I Summer School Coordinator

- Approved 5-0

Unfinished Business:

Review of Student Fee Philosophy draft

This is a result of a discussion at a previous board meeting. Fee philosophies were looked at from several other districts and adapted to our beliefs. The Finance Committee would like fees to completely offset the costs to the district for extra curricular activities, but some sports become cost prohibitive and would limit student participation. Decreasing fees was discussed to make it more economical for families. Mr. Bobek, CSBO, said that most of the cost of the programs are tied to stipends, and changes to those are limited to contract negotiation timing. Right now, there are no discounts for families with multiple children, or for multiple activities. Mrs. Karen Wiesner and Mr. Vince Murray described the former fee structures used at GMS and Park Campus for sports and activities. Mr. Murray mentioned that when he was the Asst. Principal at Park Campus fees are an issue because there are fewer students available to participate as compared to GMS. Several board members mentioned that Foundation46 does offer scholarships for families that need assistance with activity fees. This topic will be followed up at the second April meeting. (4/20/16 at Meadowview School).

Discussion of the 2004-05 staffing reduction and cost savings

This is a review of the history of the school day and the cost saving measures that were put

into effect in 2004-2005 school year. After looking at multiple board packets - the district eliminated several programs like art/music, spanish, and PE teachers, many assistants, and classroom sizes were raised to 30. With the loss of the encore specials, the school day was shortened for students, but not staff as they used that time for planning/professional development. At one point lunch was discussed as a potential cut, but parents fought against that. The 2005-2006 school year the student school day returned to previous levels. At this point most programs have returned, although not to the levels they were before 2004-2005. The Board was looking for this information as a fact-finding history of the district that will be useful in strategic planning and determining how to move forward. Board members would like to survey the principals on their feelings on the length of the school day to determine if more time would be beneficial. The Superintendent will also do a comparison with other school districts to ensure that our students are receiving all of the opportunities that they should.

New Business:

Discussion of staffing for 2016-17

The Superintendent discussed the planning for the 2016-2017 staffing report - student population has remained level, and most schools have no increase in classroom teachers. A couple schools will have a decrease. The administration would like to add two more instructional coaches which would place one IC at the larger buildings and the others would share the elementary buildings. Instructional coaches are able to give one on one professional development that has really been beneficial this year. We do have savings with staff retirement this year, no grant writer, and the RIF of three teacher assistants.

Discussion of outdoor classroom for Prairieview School

Mr. Murray, Prairieview Principal, discussed plans for the beginnings of an outdoor classroom at Prairieview. They are looking at an open-air gazebo type structure with a raised deck and post construction. Mr. Murray said the building has been taking donations for the outdoor classroom for several years and has matching funds from the PTO. They have one quote, and have been having trouble obtaining additional quotes since it is a small project. They are working in several phases - Phase I

being the structure, Phase II will consist of working with teachers to decide what to plant and who will maintain the garden areas.

Discussion of summer school programming

CCSD 46 manages several summer programs for students:

- ELL K-8 students reading/math
- Adelante for students entering kindergarten as their first school experience with English as a second language
- Title I reading/math
- GMS extra help for students in danger of failing
- Special Education at Avon/Frederick
- Summer Academy at Frederick which consists of second helping and enrichment courses

Discussion of school board recognition

The Board of Education would like to attain IASB Governance Recognition - most requirements have been met with the exception of a board self-evaluation meeting. The Board is having trouble finding a date/time that works for all members. All members must be present.

Future Agenda Items:

- Math Planning and Design Team presentation
- Action on the Prairieview outdoor space
- Action on staffing plan
- Possible staff RIF or non-renewals
- Insurance
- Transfer of funds
- School day discussion/principal opinions/comparison to other districts

There were no comments at the second public comment session.

The Board of Education went into closed session at 9:18PM.

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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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