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Community Consolidated School District 46

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April 6, 2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS

4/20/16 Meadowview School

05/04/16 Grayslake Middle School

05/18/16 Woodview School

06/01/16 Grayslake Middle School

06/15/16 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 - April 6, 2016

The April 6th general meeting, held at Grayslake Middle School was called to order at 6:30PM. Six board members were in attendance.

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

The general meeting began with a presentation of awards to the CCSD 46 music educators for their national recognition from the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) - Best Community for Music Education award. Ten of the eleven music educators were in attendance at the BOE meeting to receive a framed certificate for display in their building as well as a personalized certificate for their classroom. Congratulations to the outstanding music teachers, choir directors, and band directors of D46!

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Jeanette Krier - Frederick/Grayslake Middle School

Jakub Luba - Prairieview/Park Campus

Aaron Mulder - Frederick School

Karen Novack - Grayslake Middle School

Eric Rivera - Frederick School

Steve Thomas - Grayslake Middle School

Julie Tiojanco - Park Campus

The presentation can be viewed online:

<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/85349753>

Board/Superintendent Reports:

- Board Secretary **Jill Alfnejd** mentioned that it is Major Saver time - Major Saver is a \$10 fundraiser card for offers from local businesses that benefits Foundation 46.
- Board Member **Tom Meskel** mentioned that Foundation 46 has been providing some large-scale grants lately - Smart Music to Grayslake Middle School, and robots to Prairieview School. The fundraisers like Major Saver provide some big benefits to the schools.
- **Superintendent Correll:**
 - The Superintendent mentioned that Grayslake Middle School Wind Ensemble was chosen for the second year in a row to participate in the Illinois SuperState Band Festival held at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. Last year the board agreed to pay the cost of a bus for transportation to U of I. This year, the band will need two buses to travel and Mr. Thomas is hoping that the board might again agree to cover the transportation costs of \$3,350. Board consensus is to cover the cost. Mr. Thomas also spoke about the festival, the 15 hour day for the students, and that the festival will be televised.
 - The Superintendent also mentioned that D46 won a Communications Award from Constant Contact, the company that D46 uses for their e-News

program. Also, Facebook likes are up 17% and Twitter followers are up 48% from the beginning of the year.

Action Items:

Motion to approve the 2016-17 Certified Staffing Plan

Lengthy discussion about class size parameters

- Approved 6-0

Motion to approve the Resolution for a Non-Renewal of a First, Second and Third Year Probationary Teacher

- Approved 6-0

Motion to approve the outdoor classroom at Prairieview

- Approved 6-0

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of the Student Fee Philosophy draft

The Superintendent met with the principals at Grayslake Middle School as well as Mr. Chris Bobek, CSBO, regarding student activity fee options. Three options were discussed a) no reduction in fees, b) 40% off fees for parents who indicate financial difficulty, c) adding to registration fees to cover free/reduced lunch students. The second option, which is what Park Campus currently uses is what was decided to be the best option. It was suggested that this be an annual written request from parents. Consensus was to go ahead with this plan for Grayslake Middle School.

Continued discussion of the length of the school day

The Superintendent prepared a comparison of our school day times versus other local districts. Most are very similar to ours, but there is a wide range of times for length of school day. It was noted that the districts D46 wants to emulate all have longer school days. Our school day times are currently coordinated for bussing with the high school district. One

major question came out of the discussion: What do we want to accomplish in the time length of the school day? Smaller class size was touched upon, and a request to see what the building principals have to say about the length of school day was made.

New Business:

Discussion of insurance benefits for 2016-2017

Mr. Chris Bobek, CSBO, stated that he included a letter in the board packet that states what the insurance rates will be for next year. The increase for the HMO is 1.8%, and the PPO is self-funded. The Board had decided to self-fund the PPO previously in an effort to smooth out the overall costs to the district. The fund balance for the PPO has dipped down to 10%, which is a little low. Actuaries have suggested it would be best if we implement a 9.3% increase in the PPO, and transfer about a month's worth of payments to pay off claims temporarily.

For the dental insurance, HMO would stay exactly the same, and self-funded PPO would increase 24.1% which sounds like a lot, but dental costs are much lower than medical costs. The dental PPO is being utilized by many more staff members since there are more options now.

Mr. Bobek agrees with the recommendations of Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Global Benefits Group. The Unions were made aware of the recommendations and were included in the meetings. This will be up for action at the next board meeting (April 20 at Meadowview School).

Budget transfer discussion

D46 received a notice from the state that between the audit and our budget submission there was a shift in what we accounted for in the administrative side. We had an increase in FTE last year with a staff member who was hired, and a staff member who returned between the August and September filing. Mr. Bobek said it is an accounting adjustment for the staff member who was displaced. This staff member will be accounted as improvement of instruction rather than administration. This needs a board resolution so the state knows this was an action that was acted upon by the Board of Education. Resolution will be included

in the next Board agenda.

Future Agenda Items:

- Technology Planning and Design Team presentation
- Action on board philosophy
- Action on insurance
- Board resolution on insurance
- RJB discussion
- Fixed asset request discussion
- PSRP RIF

There were no comments at the second public comment session.

The Board of Education went into closed session at 7:35PM.

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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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