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Community Consolidated School District 46

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October 21, 2015

UPCOMING MEETINGS

11/04/15 Middle School

11/18/15 Park Campus

12/09/15 Prairieview Sch.

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 - October 21, 2015

The October 21st meeting, held in the Media Center of Meadowview School, was called to order at 6:30PM. Six board members were in attendance, one board member joined by conference call.

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

The meeting continued with a presentation by Ms. Shelly Dercole from Eder, Casella & Co., Certified Public Accountants. Ms. Dercole gave a lengthy update on our recent audit for FY15. She mentioned that the audit went very well this year - all information provided was in good order. The CCSD 46 staff did a really good job making corrections from the last audit. The district has had issues with the activity accounts in the past, but they have been fixed for this year. Ms. Dercole also mentioned that adjustments made this year as compared to

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previous years have been going down drastically. More information on the district's audit can be found in the Board of Education packet for 10/21/15., or on the Ustream video: <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/75979452>

Next, representatives from our current food service provider, Preferred Meals, presented to the Board. In attendance were, Ms. Pam Harvel, Ms. Kathy Litts, and Mrs. Olga Dokman, who runs our kitchens at the Grayslake Middle School and Frederick School. Mrs. Dokman presented the Board of Education with a big tray of freshly made wheat-based cookies. The ladies explained how the food service program works in the district and the new entrees that are being introduced this year. Frederick School is now running "cafeteria style" as opposed to pre-packaged meals. Preferred Meals has also switched to biodegradable paper trays as opposed to styrofoam.

Board/Superintendent Reports:

- Board Vice President Jim Weidman mentioned that he attended the IASB Lake Division Fall Dinner meeting at Lotus School in Spring Grove. There was a presentation on legal issues that he would like to bring to the Policy Committee to consider. He mentioned that personal devices being used at the Board table are susceptible to FOIA.
- Vice President Weidman also mentioned being at the "Wings Over Woodview" fun run on Tuesday. Students ran a mile and also completed obstacles behind the school. He said it was really fun to watch. (Photos of the event are available of the D46 Flickr page: <http://bit.ly/1MJlO8n>)
- Vice President Weidman also praised the staff for their handling of the busing issues that arose due to the fire on Route 83 on Monday. He noted staff members that personally walked students home who lived in the fire area.
- Board Member Jill Alfrejd mentioned the Prairieview Family Reading Night event that took place at the Grayslake Area Public Library on Tuesday Night 10/20. The event drew over 350 people for a scavenger hunt and activities in the library. Families could also take the opportunity to sign up for library cards.

- Board Member Kathleen Parkinson also mentioned the Woodview School fun run and said that the PTO came close to their goal of \$10,000 for their outdoor garden/classroom. She commends the staff and all involved with the event.
- Board Member Tom Meskel mentioned several topics from the IASB meeting in Spring Grove, including free speech in cyberspace, discipline off campus, and dress codes in the classrooms. He mentioned that there were lots of good things to think about.
- Superintendent Correll mentioned that the District would be conducting a Public Forum before the next board meeting (11/04/15 @ GMS) on our new Student Information System: Infinite Campus. The meeting will discuss the parent portal.
- Superintendent Correll also mentioned that the planning and design teams have been meeting and an update will be coming soon. She also mentioned that she will miss the next board meeting, but Assistant Superintendent Craig Keer will fill in for her.

The following items were presented for Action by the Board:

- Motion to approve the elimination of 1 FTE driver position.
 - **Motion Approved 7-0**
- Motion to approve the addition of 1 FTE O&M position.
 - **Motion Approved 7-0**

Unfinished Business:

There was a lengthy discussion on the Board Travel Policy. The current language is rather short and vague, the intent is to beef up the policy. A lengthy discussion followed.

New Business:

There was a discussion on Tax Levy Abatement. A recommendation was made to CSBO Chris Bobek to present a Levy

Abatement 101 session for the Board and public, to broaden everyone's understanding of the levy process. A caveat was made by Board Member Jill Alfrejd that she feels we are not ready for any abatement action since there are still many projects to look at for the district. But it is good to have a general understanding for when the time comes.

Future Agenda Items:

- Chromebooks to be available for Board Members to use for meeting night
- Xerox Presentation
- Levy Abatement 101

At the second public comment session there were no comments.

The Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.

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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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