

BOARD BULLETIN

Superintendent Joyce Carmine, Ed.D.

News from Park Forest-Chicago Heights School District 163 Board of Education

October 2017

WATCH DOGS PROJECT OFF TO A GREAT START

At the October Education Committee, TJ Lee, dean of students, shared that the Watch DOGS recently held their first pizza night to kick off the program at Michelle Obama School; over 150 dads and students attended. Mr. Lee noted that most volunteers in the buildings are moms or grandparents, mostly grandmothers, and that Watch DOGS (Dads Of Great Students) is a way to get the fathers involved in the schools. Mr. Lee explained that the program is not just meant for dads, but for any father figure in the child's life. These "dads" are asked to volunteer for one day in the schools, interacting with the students in a variety of ways: sitting in the classroom, working on a lesson with the students, eating lunch with the kids, greeting students upon arrival in the morning and seeing them off at the end of the day, etc.

SOLAR ENERGY GRANT

Danielle Gladstone, curriculum facilitator at Barack Obama School, announced that she was able to obtain approximately \$18,000, from a grant through Illinois Solar Schools, for solar panels. Mohawk School has two solar panels that have not worked in over ten years. With this grant, the District was able to obtain the equipment necessary to repair them; the panels should be running by Thanksgiving. Solar panels will also be installed at Barack Obama School sometime between May and August 2018. The goal is to ultimately run the new NGSS lab solely on the panels.

ATTENDANCE

Dr. Carmine noted attendance reports for September:

- 21st Century – 95.53%, Algonquin – 92.81%, Barack Obama – 94.92%, Blackhawk – 94.89%, Michelle Obama – 96.16% and **Mohawk – 96.43%**

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

In additional business, the Board approved:

- appointing Mr. Jefferson as a delegate to vote his conscience on behalf of School District 163 at the 2017 IASB/IASA/ISBE Joint Conference
- the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Transportation Fund to the Education Fund
- the transfer of \$300,000 from the Transportation Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund
- Dr. Regina Nottke as the Foster Care Liaison for the 2017-2018 school year
- after-school tumbling as a school sponsored event at Michelle Obama School of Technology and the Arts
- the publication of bid specifications, once finalized, for the addition at Barack Obama School
- adoption of the resolution for the sale of the 1996 Chevrolet GMT-400 Pickup Truck with Western Salt Spreader and Western Snow Plow to Nick Czachor in the amount of \$500.00
- adoption of the resolution for the sale of the 1997 Doolittle Utility Trailer to Paul Oleghe in the amount of \$500.00
- adoption of the resolution concerning the appointment of District representatives to the SPEED Operating Committee and the SPEED Governing Board

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Board of Education

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- the revisions, with edits, to the following District Board Policies:

Board of Education:

- 2:220-E3 - Exhibit - Closed Meeting Minutes
- 2:260 - Uniform Grievance Procedure

Operational Services:

- 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts

Instruction:

- 6:80 - Teaching About Controversial Issues
- 6:210 - Instructional Materials

Students:

- 7:275 - Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment - DNR required, with additional language to policy: "In the case where parents request a 'do not resuscitate,' written certification of the do not resuscitate should be required to be on file with the District nurse and shall be provided to appropriate emergency responders."

School-Community Relations:

- 8:70 - Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

WHAT'S NEXT

Finance Committee, 6 p.m., Monday, November 20, Virginia Ford Media Center/Board Room, 21st Century
Regular Session, 7 p.m., Monday, November 20, Virginia Ford Media Center/Board Room, 21st Century

Approved meeting minutes are available for view within seven days following Board approval by accessing www.sd163.com and clicking on Board of Education.