

# BOARD BULLETIN

Superintendent Joyce Carmine, Ed.D.

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

February 2017

## SCHOOL PRESENTATION –

### BARACK OBAMA SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND STEM PRESENTATION

Dr. Erika Johnson, co-principal of Barack Obama School, stated that one of the goals of the District was to infuse fine arts into the program at the STEM and Leadership school and to infuse STEM and leadership into the program at Michelle Obama, which is the fine arts school.



Students showcased the fine arts through drama as they portrayed famous public figures including Mr. Barack Obama and Sojourner Truth, an African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist, and through singing and dancing by the show choir, led by Norris Jackson and Tianna Douthitt, and music performed by the beginning band program, led by Roland Rose.



The Barack Obama show choir entertained the audience with song and dance.

#### Board of Education

Jacqueline Jordan, President  
Allison McCray, Vice President  
Tammi Braxton, Secretary

Judy Hawthorne Lance Jefferson Margaret McDannel Walter Mosby



The Barack Obama beginning band introduced the audience to ‘Hard Rock Blues.’

Dr. Carmine noted that the District has done so many things with the fine arts program at both Michelle and Barack Obama Schools, but shared that her dream is to see an orchestra program started. She added that she hoped others would pursue that dream with her.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Dr. Carmine announced the attendance reports for January:

- **21<sup>st</sup> Century – 94.23%**, Algonquin – 81.13%, Barack Obama – 92.36%, Blackhawk – 93.32%, Michelle Obama – 94.09% and Mohawk – 93.61%

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

In additional business, the Board approved:

- adoption of the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act Resolution and standardized documentation forms regulating the amount of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses and reimbursements of Board Members and employees.
- revisions to the following District policies:  
*SCHOOL BOARD*: 2:120 - Board Member Development, 2:200 - Types of Board of Education Meetings, 2:220 - Board of Education Meeting Procedure 2:220-E1 (Exhibit) - Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Recordings and Minutes, 2:220-E2 (Exhibit) - Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting, 2:220-E4 (Exhibit) - Open Meeting Minutes, 2:220-E5 (Exhibit) - Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes and 2:220-E6 (Exhibit) - Log of Closed Meeting Minutes.  
*OPERATIONAL SERVICES*: 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts, 4:110 – Transportation and 4:175 – Convicted Child Sex Offender Screening: Notifications.  
*PERSONNEL*: 5:10 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, 5:100 - Staff Development Program, 5:125 - Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct, 5:185 – Family and Medical Leave, 5:190 - Teacher Qualifications, 5:250 - Leaves of Absence, 5:260 - Student Teachers, 5:280 - Duties and Qualifications and 5:330 - Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves.  
*INSTRUCTION*: 6:15 - School Accountability, 6:50 - School Wellness, 6:60 - Curriculum Content, 6:145 - Migrant Students, 6:160 - English Learners, 6:170 - Title I Programs and 6:340 - Student Testing and Assessment Program.  
*STUDENTS*: 7:30 - Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer, 7:50 - School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools, 7:60 – Residence, 7:70 - Attendance and Truancy, 7:190 - Student Discipline, 7:250 - Student Support Services, 7:260 - Exemption from Physical Education, 7:288 - Peanut Allergies, 7:305 - Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries and 7:310 - Restrictions on Publications: Elementary Schools.  
*SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS*: 8:30 - Visitors to and Conduct on School Property and 8:70 - Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities.

- the following rewritten District policies:  
*SCHOOL BOARD: 2:125 - Board Member Compensation: Expenses*  
*PERSONNEL: 5:60 – Expenses*
- adoption of the following District policies:  
*SCHOOL BOARD: 2:220-E7 (Exhibit) - Access to Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings*  
*and 2:220-E8 (Exhibit) - School Board Records Maintenance Requirements and FAQs.*
- the milk agreement renewal with Cloverleaf Farms with no base price increase for the 2017 – 2018 school year
- rescinding the action taken at the January 30, 2017, Regular Session Meeting awarding the bid for the window replacement project at Barack Obama School
- CMM Group as the lowest responsible bidder for the window replacement project at Barack Obama School
- the application for building permit for the window replacement project at Barack Obama School
- the application for occupancy of the entryway and greenhouse at Barack Obama School
- the contract with CMM Group for the window replacement project at Barack Obama School
- the Memorandum of Understanding for comprehensive services between CLS Comprehensive Services, LLC and School District 163 for the purposes of providing comprehensive supportive services to young children and families served by the Preschool Expansion Program
- retroactively approved the field trip for students of the Michelle Obama School of Technology and the Arts to Destiny Youth Plaza, 7220 N. 76th St., Milwaukee, WI on February 18, 2017

## **WHAT'S NEXT**

Finance Committee, 6 p.m., Monday, March 27, Virginia Ford Media Center/Board Room, 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Regular Session, 7 p.m., Monday, March 27, Virginia Ford Media Center/Board Room, 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Approved meeting minutes are available for view within seven days following Board approval by accessing [www.sd163.com](http://www.sd163.com) and clicking on Board of Education.