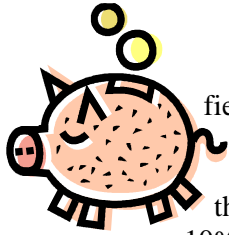


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Quincy Public Schools
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QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS

The Illinois State Board of Education approved the district's application for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) in the amount of \$5,392,045. These bonds allow qualifying schools to borrow money at no or very little interest for Life Safety and other projects. To qualify, a school must have 35% or more of their student body on the free and/or reduced lunch program. The QZAB Program requires the district to get 10% matching funds from the private sector. The district will work with local banks to sell bonds to access the funds. Banks benefit by participating in the program as they receive a federal tax credit of approximately 5.5%. In addition, the bank receives a community reinvestment act credit. The cost to the district for QZAB is approximately \$945,717 as compared to \$1.8 to \$2.3 million for General Life Safety Bonds. The interest for QZAB is 1.5% as compared to 4-5% interest on a current Life Safety Bond Issue. The funds will be used for projects at Washington, Dewey, Irving, Baldwin and Quincy Junior High. The largest project, estimated at about \$2.9 million, will update the heating and ventilation system at QJHS. The Board approved issuing the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds by a vote of 6-1. Board Member Niekamp voted against the motion.



- Congratulations to the **QHS SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM** and coaches **Kay Dyer** and **Jackie Stewart** for a very successful season. Some of their accomplishments include placing 3rd in the Coaches' Association Kick-Off Tournament, 7th in State in Knowledge Master Open, 3rd in the Masonic Sectionals, 4th in Homewood-Flossmoor Tournament, and 2nd in IHSA Regional competition.
- **JENNA CASADY, KAYLEE WIESEMANN—QHS NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS.** Jenna has been accepted to Northwestern University. Jenna's extracurricular activities include Scholastic Bowl, Math Team, National Honor Society, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Teen Advisory Board of the Library. Kaylee is a member of the varsity pom pon squad, the orchestra, student council and is recording secretary of the National Honor Society and Senior Class Secretary. She plans to attend Truman State University.
- **QHS MATH TEAM** and coaches **Todd Klauser** and **Evie Morrison**. The team competed in the Regional Competition at SIU Edwardsville on February 23. They received first place in eight of the 10 categories.

In other action, the Board approved:

- Renewal of IHSA Membership
- Calendar Waiver Modification—to allow flexibility to schedule School Improvement Planning half-days on attendance days that have been waived as holidays.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Family Caregiver Night

The Quincy Branch of the Alzheimer's Association and Blessing Hospital are sponsoring "Tools for the Caregiver: Staying Closely Connected to Loved Ones with Dementia." The program will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 6:30—8:00 p.m. at the Quincy Senior & Family Resource Center, 639 York, Quincy. There is no cost to attend. Advance registration is recommended but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register, call 217-228-1111.



CAROL M. WHITE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANT

At last night's meeting, the Board approved submitting an application for the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant. This U.S. Department of Education grant is highly competitive and recipients will be notified in July. Its purpose is to provide funds to initiate, expand and improve physical education programs for K-12 students in order to help them make progress toward meeting state standards of physical education.

The purpose of the PEP grant is not to provide new playgrounds or facilities. Instead, it provides funding for the development and implementation of physical education programs. As a result, funds are provided for curriculum development, teacher training, student fitness assessments, data collection and evaluations. Some equipment purchases are allowable. The grant will be awarded to programs that address various aspects of a comprehensive physical education program.



NEW FACES
The Quincy High
School production of *New
Faces will be presented at
7:30 p.m. April 9-12.* Tick-

ets for this variety show can be reserved by calling the QHS music office at 224-3774 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

APPOINTMENTS—TIFFANY BALLOUGH-speech and language pathologist for 2008-2009. **TERESA DOUGLAS**-speech and language pathologist for 2008-2009. **TIMOTHY ANDERS JR**-night custodian ECFC/Madison. March 13. **PAUL DABNEY**-security guard lunch relief March 3. **JAMES VANDAMENT**-security Madison March 3. **CAROL EGGLEY**-4-hr bus driver February 11. **BILL STRATMAN**-4-hr bus driver February 21. **CHRIS HARMANN**-ISS supervisor QJHS March 12.

RESIGNATIONS-LISA WIEGAND-on leave from Irving February 28. **SANDRA ALLEN-WORTH**-Berrian cook February 21. **TERESA HOBBS**-Ellington cook March 7. **KEVIN RICHMILLER**-district computer technician March 21. **NATHAN SIBBING**-QJHS Geography effective at the end of 2007-2008 school year.

COACH APPOINTMENTS-GARY HAN-DRICK-QJHS Head Track. **RENEA YATES** and **MICHAELA FRAY**-QJHS assistant track. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE-LAURA GRAMKE**, elementary teacher.

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