

# UPDATE



*Quincy Public Schools*  
*October 18, 2008*

## **SALES TAX SURVEY**

At last night's Board meeting, Superintendent Lonny Lemon presented the results of the sales tax survey. By law, funds generated from the tax must be used for school facility improvements, such as building renovations, classroom construction, fire/safety projects, school security improvements and land acquisition. The funds cannot be used to pay for salaries or for operating expenses. The survey was included in the September 29th edition of the *Quincy Herald Whig* and was also available on the district's website. It detailed spending options should the tax be approved. Respondents were asked to rank the options on-line or to return a paper copy. There were 461 responses received. Superintendent Lemon said he was disappointed more people did not respond but hopes the information provided by the survey helped inform and educate the public. Following are the results of the survey:

- 1 Pay off EXISTING debt obligations for the district. Quincy School District 172 has \$30.1 million in debt from projects that have already been completed.
- 2 Use a portion of the funding from the tax to pay off existing debt obligations, and use the balance of the funding from the tax to pay off future debt obligations.
- 3 Pay off FUTURE debt obligations for the district, starting in the 2009-10 school year.
- 4 Replace old schools with new, energy-efficient buildings.

## **BALDWIN FIRE—A THANK YOU!**

Cindy Crow, Principal Baldwin South, gave an update on the fire that occurred one month ago at Baldwin School. She said the fire displaced staff and students and was very personal for the entire school. A PowerPoint presentation was shown with numerous photos of the clean-up and those who helped. Mrs. Crow said the presentation was a way to thank everyone for their time, supplies and services. She thanked Superintendent Lemon and Principal Paul Saunders for their leadership and guidance. She praised the efforts of the maintenance/custodial staff, security, administrators, teachers and the numerous volunteers for getting the school ready for students within 24 hours.

In other action, the Board approved:

- Submission of School Library Per Capita Grant
- Policy Manual Section 5—Personnel

**OCTOBERFEST**  
**Saturday, October 18**  
**Marching Band Parade**  
**& Field Competition**



Parade—2 pm  
33rd & Maine to 14th & Maine

Field competition 5:15 pm  
Flinn Stadium (doors open at 3 pm)

Field competition admission  
\$5.00 for adults  
\$4.00 for students  
\$15.00 for families

**QHS to present the musical**  
**42nd Street**

**November 5, 6, 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, November 9—2:00 p.m.**

**Adults \$14.00**

**Students \$10.00**

**Senior Citizens \$10.00**

**on Wednesday, November 5 only**

*The QHS Orchestra parents are presenting a Spaghetti Supper preceding the Friday and Saturday night performances with proceeds to benefit student activities throughout the year. Serving starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$6.00 and children 10 and under are \$4.00*

**PERSONNEL**

**Coach Appointments**

**JEFF HIBBERT**-head sophomore girls' basketball. **JEANETTE BODIFORD**-asst. sophomore girls' basketball. **RYAN BROWN**-head freshman girls' basketball. **DEMOND DADE**-asst. freshman girls' basketball.

**Other Appointments**

**LARISSA BRADY**-secretary/receptionist at Board of Education office October 27.  
**SUE BUTLER**-cook from QHS to Ellington October 20.

**Resignations**

**CHRIS MARTIN**-resigned as asst. coach 8th grade boys' basketball.



**Junior Hi-Lites**  
**QJHS Newspaper**  
**mail subscriptions.**

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