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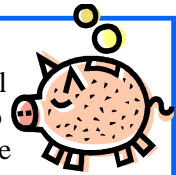
*Quincy Public Schools
November 19, 2009*

BOARD GOAL SETTING AND PLANNING

The Board has had three meetings with Larry Dirks from the Illinois Association of School Boards to set goals for the district and make plans for the future. Board members identified their core values and beliefs regarding education in our community and clarified the district's unique mission and purpose. Strengths and weaknesses were identified. Board members will work with teams of staff and community members to finalize goals in the areas of Personnel/Faculty/Staff, Community Relationships, Infrastructure/Facilities, Finance, and Student Achievement and Curriculum. Measures to monitor objectives in the goal areas will be developed and the process will be communicated to stakeholders in the form of a public document.

ESTIMATED TAX LEVY

At last night's meeting, the Board approved a total estimated tax levy for fiscal year 2009. The District's Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) is estimated to increase to \$760 million, a \$33.4 million increase over last year's \$726,630,575. To be on the safe side, the district is using an EAV amount of \$765 million for this year's levy — an increase of \$38,369,425 over last year's extension—5.28%. Aggregate levy amount this year \$23,559,500 decreases (-9.16%) over last year's extension of \$25,937,660. Because it does not increase by more than 5%, we will not have to go through the Truth in Taxation process. Debt service this year \$7,061,386 increases 116.88% over last year's extension of \$3,255,814. Total levy amount this year \$30,620,886 increases 4.88% over last year's extension of \$29,193,474.



BOARD OF EDUCATION CHANGES

Board President Bud Niekamp refused the offer presented by the other Board members to resign as President and board member and then be reappointed to the vacancy but he would no longer be president. This would have resolved the questions regarding the validity of his seat and end the Quo Warranto lawsuit. The next court hearing is scheduled for November 23.

As a result of President Niekamp's refusal to resign, the Board approved a resolution limiting his duties to only those required by law. Those include: 1) Preside at all meetings. 2) Sign off on all documents. 3) Serve as chairman of the Education Officers Electoral Board which hears challenges to candidates nominating petitions. 4) Review appeals of any record access requests that have been denied. All other duties will be assigned to Vice-President Tom Dickerson.

The Board also approved a resolution dissolving all board committees. Recommendations formerly brought to the Board by the Finance, Building, Policy and Curriculum Committees will now be the responsibility of the Board of Education as a whole with specific assistance from individual Board members. By law, the Board is not required to have committees.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Appointments: **CHRIS HARMANN**—7th grade assistant boys basketball coach. **JEREMY OSBORNE**—Head freshman boys basketball coach. **GARY YATES**-Teen Reach Youth Program Aide. October 19, 2009 **VICKIE LIERLY**-Youth Home Liaison/TAOEP. November 3, 2009. **MARY LOU WILSON**-SEIU driver ECFC 5 hrs-4 days/week.. October 26, 2009. **JEANIE BROCKSMITH**- 2 hour IFT driver. October 26, 2009.

Leave of Absence: **JENNIFER HANER**-teacher Baldwin West. Approximately November 17, 2009 through January 3, 2010. **MARCEY WELLS**-Adams principal. October 26 through approximately November 25, 2009. **ANGIE KEMP**-paraeducator Madison. January 4 through May 14, 2010. **RENEA HENNING**-paraeducator ECFC. January 4 through February 26, 2010. **RITA SLOAN**-Baldwin W Star Guide-November 16, 2009 through January 3, 2010. **STEFANIE WEIMER**-paraeducator Monroe. Beginning October 28, 2009.

Resignations: **TABBATHA HILDEBRAND**-paraeducator QJHS. January 15, 2010. **CORY RIZVI**-paraeducator QJHS. September 25, 2009. **TYLER DUSCHINSKY**-ISS supervisor Irving Alternative. November 20, 2009. **MICHEL ARMSTRONG-LEWTON**-paraeducator Baldwin South. January 4, 2010. **TIM WILSON**-SEIU Driver ECFC. November 17, 2009. **BOB MAST**-resigned midday non-union rider route. He remains an AM-PM non-union special education rider. October 13, 2009.



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PRELIMINARY AUDIT

The district received preliminary findings of the 2008-2009 audit which shows a \$5.1 million deficit as of June 30. That deficit includes \$3.1 million the district expected from the state but never received. As a result of this shortfall, the district has a 2.20 Financial Profile Score which dropped the district to Financial Watch. The district has been on Financial Early Warning for the past two years. However, this status may change as the Illinois State Board of Education reviews how the short fall in disbursements from the state impacted the district.



QHS MUSIC STUDENTS AND STAFF for the wonderful musical production *West Side Story*

QHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM
4th Place in State

KEN MANSELL, teacher at Ellington, School named *Teacher of the Month* by KHQA

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE:

- **Wanted to Rent.** Garage to store 1966 Impala for the winter. 242-2591 or 224-9212.
- **Harvard Sports Pool Table.** Includes sticks, balls, rack \$100. 653-2909.
- **House for Sale: Price reduced.** 4 bedrooms (2 up, 2 down), 3 baths,.1750 sq. ft. Full finished lower level, many updated. 1900 Wilmar Dr. \$184,400. 617-6536

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