

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS
SUMMARY OF THE BATAVIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 101
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 13, 2011

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Board of Education Regular Meeting

School Report Card

Chief Academic Officer Newkirk discussed the student growth data provided by the Measures for Academic Progress (MAP) and the Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS). Components of the EPAS testing include the Explore Test, PLAN Test and the ACT Test. Students in grades 6-8 take the Explore test. Students in 9th grade take the PLAN Test and students in Grades 10-11 take the Mock-ACT or the ACT test. When exploring the growth from Explore to the ACT, Batavia students scored well above the national average. On the ACT test, students have shown improvement since the tracking began in 2007.

The MAP test is given to students in grades 2-8 twice a year. Mr. Newkirk reviewed the outcomes and the growth targets in reading and math at each grade level. Batavia students have consistently scored well in math. Reading performance showed greater growth over time, but cohort performance was less consistent. Curriculum, instructional materials and instruction will be explored for their impact on student growth in both math and reading.

2011 Tax Levy

Assistant Superintendent Monn discussed the proposed 2011 Levy and outlined the steps in the levy process to certify with the Kane County Clerk the amount of money required for the operations and activities in each individual fund. Due to the "Tax Cap", the District expects to receive only 1.67% in additional property taxes in 2012. The total levy for 2011 came to \$55,250,000, but the amount collected will be reduced by the County Clerk in accordance with the Tax Cap regulations.

TIF Funds

Assistant Superintendent Monn stated that the Finance Committee directed the administration to develop a plan that outlines how funds received from the Tax Increment Financing District will be utilized. The school district is due to receive disbursements from the City of Aurora of surplus funds from the Farnsworth TIF district. As part of the agreement it will also receive funds from two newly created East and West Farnsworth TIF districts. The City will declare one million in 2012 and an additional million dollars in 2013.

The district is recommending a 50/50 split of the money between Capital Projects and replenishing the fund balance to a level deemed by the Board. Money would be equally deposited between the Education Fund and the Working Cash Fund. Capital projects include essential repair and preventative maintenance needed to maintain facilities. The list of unfunded capital projects total \$7.5 million.

In the Consent Agenda the Board Approved the Following:

Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2011 and the Special Meetings of November 15, 2011 and November 16, 2011.

Approval of the net payrolls in the amount of \$1,082,144.67 for November 30, 2011 and December 15, 2011 in the amount of \$1,080,412.36.

Education Fund	\$267,169.43
Food Service	\$116,014.75
Drivers Ed	\$355.50
Grants/Donations	\$12,716.22
Special Education	\$213,720.32
Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$280,974.19
Debt Service Fund	\$5,392.17
Transportation Fund	\$85,076.54
I.M.R. Fund	\$75,239.42
FICA	\$70,246.87
Capital Projects Fund	\$90,716.16
Tort Fund	\$0.00
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$0.00

Total of above: \$1,217,621.57

Approval of the November 2011 Treasurer's Report as presented.

Personnel

Resignation-Classified Staff

Beatrice Eveland

Tiffani Zimmerman

Employment-Classified

Richard Barajas

Kevin Inman

Approval of the destruction of audio tapes of the Closed Session Meetings of June 1, 2010, June 8, 2010 and June 22, 2010.

Approval of the following Closed Session Minutes and further recommend these minutes remain closed: November 15, 2011.

Approval of the donation of \$1,500, from the estate of Marilyn Robinson, for the LRCs at Grace McWayne School and H. C. Storm School.

Approval to accept the donation from the Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence in the amount of \$6,100 for the purchase of six iPads and apps for students in the Vocational Transition program at Batavia High School.

Approval to accept the donation in the amount of \$100 to Mrs. Puttin's first grade classroom from Susan and Robert Kladvia to be used for supplemental instructional resources.

Approval of the Batavia High School Philharmonic Orchestra field trip to Peoria January 27 – 28, 2012.

Approval of the adoption of the textbook *Century 21 Accounting* for the spring semester of the 2011-12 school year.

Approval of the renewal of the RMS magazine sale contract with QSP for 2012-13.

Approval of the resolution to authorize the transfer in the amount of \$3,270,218.03 from the Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund, including any subsequent interest that accrues.

Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Aurora as presented.

Approval of the following polices for first reading and adoption:

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| 2:90 | Board Self-Evaluation |
| 2:120 | Board Member Development |
| 2:180 | High School Student Ambassadors |
| 2:260 | Uniform Grievance Procedure |
| 5:260 | Student Teachers/Clinical Experience |

Approval of the disposal of the surplus property as presented.

The Board of Education adjourned to Closed Session at 8:16 p.m. to hear information on Collective Bargaining and Personnel. They returned to Open Session at 9:19 p.m. and adjourned.