

March Board of Education Meeting Highlights



President Rob Bailey called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m.

The West School Chorus Club and Central School Jazz Band performed in honor of “Music in Our Schools” month. The West School Chorus Club, under the direction of Sarah Porretta, sang, “I Love a Piano”. Central School Jazz band performed two songs under the direction of Matt Pickett and Kristen Kudert, band teachers.

The regular and closed session minutes for February 8, 2010 were approved.

There were no comments during the first opportunity in the Board meeting.

Several Action Items were moved up in the order of the agenda since the school architect, Colin Marshall, was in attendance. The bid for general contract work at South School and roofing bid at South School were discussed.

It was reported that 7 bids were received for general contract work. This project included:

- Renovation of two existing toilet rooms in the original kindergarten classrooms
- Replacement of woodbins, benches and coat racks adjacent to the gymnasium
- Improvement of the auditorium walls
- Replacement of flooring in the staff lounge and one classroom
- Painting of the exterior wood trim

The low bidder was American Painting with a base bid of \$19,450. The representative from American Painting indicated at the bid opening that the bid was for painting only and requested the bid be withdrawn. The second low bid was submitted by DTS Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$62,300. Mr. Marshall reviewed the scope of the work with representatives of DTS Enterprises and they indicated there were no qualifications or exceptions to their bid. They were also present at the

pre-bid meeting. Mr. Marshall contacted references and discussed these reports as well as his current work with this firm on a project in a different school district. Mr. Marshall recommended the Board accept the bid from DTS Enterprises. Bids received for the South School projects included:

American Painting	\$19,450
DTS Enterprises	\$72,300
Expedia Construction	\$89,500
Forest Company	\$84,500
JEM Excel Bldg	\$105,212
Port Angel Corp.	\$86,846
R. Rudnick & Co.	\$141,177

The Board approved the general contract bid submitted by DTS Enterprises.

Mr. Edelheit reported that a total of 12 bids were received for the roofing work to be completed at South School. The low bidder was Coleman Roofing Inc. with a base bid of \$421,344. The bid was complete, addenda acknowledged, all required attachments submitted, and the bid met the requirements of the contract documents. Mr. Marshall reviewed references submitted by Coleman Roofing Inc. and received positive reports from three architectural firms.

It was recommended the Board approve the bid from Coleman Roofing Inc. Bids received for the South School roofing project included:

A-1 Roofing Co.	\$513,000
All American Exterior Solutions	\$502,900
American Roofing & Repair Co.	\$488,800
R. E. Burke Roofing Co.	\$514,200
Coleman Roofing	\$421,344
Elens & Maichin Roofing	\$498,800
Knickerbocker Roofing	\$698,430
LaPorte Roofing Co.	\$565,600
L. Marshall Inc.	\$464,000
Master Project	\$538,700
G. E. Riddiford Co.	\$425,581
Weatherford Roofing Co.	\$541,500

The Board approved the roofing bid submitted by Coleman Roofing.

Mr. Edelheit also discussed the investigation of a green roof at South School. The structural requirements, need for removal of lights and ceilings, potential replacement of ductwork, and need to protect or move off site the Library Learning Center collection resulted in an additional cost of approximately \$178,192.

Mr. Edelheit identified the need for Board approval of a building permit application. The approved application will be filed with the Regional Office of Education.

Mr. Edelheit reviewed the five-year financial projections. Information included revenue by source through 2015 with a reduction in the amount of state and federal funds. Assumptions used to develop the projections included:

- Elimination of General State Aid – Approx. \$270,000
- New Growth lowered to \$8 Million
- Enrollments identified at an average of the Kasarda B and C projections
- CPI at 2.5%
- Interest average at 1.3%
- Health Insurance increases at 8%
- Replacement of retired staff at the MA Step 5 level

Projected year-end balances and low point fund balances were reviewed and given current assumptions the low fund balance in 2015 was projected to be approximately 8 months.

Variables which will impact the fund levels includes changes in: CPI, new growth, school district obligations for state pension plans, enrollments which impact the number of sections and staff members, special education costs, and continuation of state and federal funding. Even with the amount of uncertainty, the projections show a strong financial picture for the school district.

Mr. Edelheit reminded the Board that funds from refinancing of bonds are used for specific items such as capital improvements, projects identified by the Facilities Committee, equipment, furniture, etc.

Mrs. Wang and the building principals provided updates on Social Emotional Learning. Dr. Cinnamon reported that South School is piloting specific curriculum in six classrooms, working with two Northwestern

students to assist with assessment information, and utilizing social maps to look more closely at student connections. The next steps at South School include sharing of the social mapping information and trends with staff members, training all staff to utilize the pilot materials, and working toward a common language for all South School staff.

Mr. Rongey reported that West School is piloting specific SEL curriculum in six classrooms, sharing updates through team meetings, drafting parent communication tied to the pilot lessons, and conducting student surveys in the pilot classrooms. The art and physical education teachers are also incorporating the pilot lessons into their curricular areas.

Dr. Mollet reported that Central School has held teacher discussions to review the competency areas, held small group discussions to identify target needs, linked 5th and 8th grade students for peer mentoring, and conducted advisory activities to gather student input on the strengths and needs of Central School. The next steps include reviewing survey results, identifying an explicit curriculum and planning the implementation, and training of all Central staff.

Mr. Wang reported that as a school district we continue incorporating SEL and dedicating time and resources to this initiative, communicating activities and progress among the school buildings and with the school community, include all staff members, and dedicate time to SEL in the 2010-2011 meetings calendar.

Two Freedom of Information Act requests were received from the following transportation services: Justin Grygiel of First Student, Inc, located in Naperville, Illinois and Debbie Cipkar of Illinois Central School Bus in Channahon, Illinois. The requests were for the following information:

- *Copy of the current transportation contract, pricing sheet, extension documents, and all related correspondence for the contract with Alltown and any other contractors.*
- *Copies of the Home to School transportation invoices including all billing details for all route types (Regular Ed., Special Ed., Bilingual Ed., etc.) Please provide invoices from April 2009 and January 2009.*
- *Copies of the Field Trip/Athletic trip invoices including all billing*

details, etc. Please provide invoices from April 2009 and January 2009.

- Copies of the Fuel or Fuel Escalator invoices from April 2009 and January 2009 and the annual total expenditure for the previous school year in gallons and dollars.*
- If applicable, a copy of the summer school invoices and details for this past summer.*
- A copy of the most recent state Pupil Transportation Claim with the mileage/reimbursement report.*
- A copy of the current and previous year transportation budget and all expenditures.*
- A spreadsheet list of the current routes and route pairings.*

Responses to these requests were forwarded within the required timeframe.

Mr. Edelheit reported the End Fund balance for February 2010 as \$28,013,691.

The Board approved payment of the March 2010 Bills and the Revised Personnel Report was tabled until discussion could occur in closed session.

Mr. Edelheit identified that requests for proposals were sent to area landscape services. He indicated two proposals were returned and recommended the Board continue to work with Manfredini Landscaping. The Board approved this recommendation.

Mr. Edelheit recommended and the Board approved authorization of a 457(b) Plan for qualifying and interested staff members.

Approval was given for modification of the following Board policies:

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| 5:20 | Workplace Harassment Prohibited |
| 7:50 | School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools |
| 8:30 | Visitors to and Conduct on School Property |

The Board approved a limited student survey proposed by three New Trier High School students. Two of the New Trier students were Glencoe School District graduates. The survey would include one fifth and one eighth grade advisory.

There were no comments during the second opportunity in the meeting.

Committee reports included comments by Mrs. Shaw regarding the Glencoe Parent Connection group and recent meeting with Mrs. Wang regarding the topic of SEL.

The Board adjourned to closed session for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel. Upon returning to Open Session the Board approved the Personnel Report. The next regular monthly meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Young Auditorium at Central School.