



Board Briefs

Mission: To ensure that District 70 students experience learning that prepares them to live and work in the 21st Century.

Board Briefs from Special School Board Meeting Aug. 9, 2021

Board Briefs are a communication tool designed to highlight important conversations and decisions made on behalf of students, families, staff, and the larger community by the District 70 School Board at each monthly School Board meeting.

Reopening Information

Supt. Dr. Mat Barbini spoke about COVID-19 mitigations in place for in-person school, which starts on Aug. 19, 2021.

Here is a [link](#) to the School Board presentation

Here is a [link](#) to view the recorded meeting of Aug. 9.

Summer Construction Projects

District 70 Supervisor of Facilities and Maintenance, Mr. Dan Gilbert, and architect Peter Graves, talked about building and maintenance projects completed over the summer as the district prepares for a new school year.

The rear entrance to Adler Park School, which leads into the bus turnaround, was in disrepair and crumbling. District 70 crews widen the road and added a shoulder to allow for parking and to allow people to walk safely alongside the road.



In need of more space, some of the two larger Butterfield School classrooms were split. Some of the rooms in this unique school are large enough to divide in two to create four separate classrooms this summer with new doors, lighting, HVAC, and intercoms.



At Copeland Manor School, the parking lot was brought to ADA compliance. A sidewalk was added to replace a mulch path and another sidewalk was widened.





There is a new HVAC unit at Rockland School for the area of the school where the Learning Center is located.



And at Highland Middle School, District 70 maintenance staff has been working on the steam pipes and electric and technology wiring.



Here is a [link](#) to the School Board presentation

[Link to Aug. 23, 2021, School Board Meeting](#)

While the School Board will continue to meet in person, and stakeholders are welcome to attend, a live stream link for School Board meetings will be posted on the front of the District 70 website (and feed into the school sites) in the announcement of the meetings. The link to watch the live stream also can be found under Board, on the Board Packets and Briefs page. The link goes live shortly before the meeting begins.

Here is a [link](#) to view the Aug. 23, 2021, School Board Meeting.

Personnel Update

The Board approved the following personnel recommendations on Monday night:

RESIGNATION

- Elizabeth Davis, Assistant Principal at Highland School, effective July 21, 2021;
- Kim Henderson, Early Childhood Paraeducator at Butterfield, effective immediately;
- Sara Eriksen, Health Clerk at Highland, effective immediately;

CHANGE IN STATUS

- Kendall Miller, from Dean at Highland, to Assistant Principal at Highland, effective August 1, 2021;
- Andrea Walsh, from Paraeducator at Butterfield, to Kindergarten Teacher at Butterfield, effective 2021-2022 school year;

NEW EMPLOYMENT

- Kristi Martin, Dean at Highland School, 2021-2022 school year;
- Elizabeth Ryan, Special Education Teacher at Rockland, 2021-2022 school year;
- Genevieve Boehme, Paraeducator at Adler, 2021-2022 school year;
- Diana Davellis, .6FTE Social Work Intern at Butterfield, 2021-2022 school year.

Policy

The administration and school board use a policy subscription service provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards as the basis for developing, reviewing, recommending, and approving policy language. This service is used by the majority of school districts in Illinois and is known as the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS).

Policy Approvals

Following the required second reading of recommended policy language, the school board approved changes to the following policies:

2:260 **SCHOOL BOARD**: Uniform Grievance Procedure

2:265 **SCHOOL BOARD**: Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure

7:10 **STUDENTS**: Equal Educational Opportunities

7:20 **STUDENTS**: Harassment of Students Prohibited

6:185 **INSTRUCTION**: Remote Educational Program

And updates to:

4:180 **OPERATIONAL SERVICES**: Pandemic Preparedness; Management;
and Recovery

[Link to Approved Policies](#)

First Reading

No policies were presented for a first reading at this meeting.