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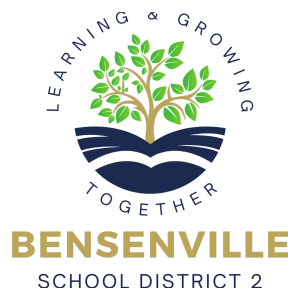
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BOARD BRIEFS: November 15, 2023 – Regular Meeting

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Public Hearing - Working Cash Bonds: The Board conducted a public hearing on its plan to issue up to \$5 million in bonds to pay for part of the renovations at Blackhawk Middle School. In December, the Board will consider a resolution to issue the bonds.

Celebration - Board Member Appreciation: November 15 was School Board Member Day in Illinois. Dr. Katie McCluskey, Superintendent of Schools, presented each Board member with a certificate of appreciation honoring them for their “dedicated leadership in education and continuing service to the children of this community.”

Illinois School Report Cards & Summative Designations: Dr. Anne Paonessa, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, reviewed the District’s 2023 Illinois State Report Cards. The report cards are compiled using a variety of state assessment data, and they include summative designations that account for each school’s overall performance, as well as the performances of seven demographic subgroups of students. Both Tioga and W.A. Johnson Schools maintained “Commendable” designations this year. While Blackhawk Middle School’s cumulative score also ranked well within the “Commendable” range, it received a “Targeted” designation indicating a need to increase support for our English Learners (EL) subgroup. Dr. Paonessa also presented next steps in our curricular priorities, including increased support for all of the District’s EL students, and plans to address increases in chronic absenteeism and truancy across the District.

Five-Year Plan/Financial Forecast: The District annually forecasts the costs of its operations for the next five years. The current forecast shows the District will have enough revenue to pay for its regular activities during the five-year period. It also shows that the District has already set aside enough cash reserves, saved from prior years, to pay for next year’s renovations at Blackhawk Middle School. Cash reserves are also already set aside to pay for some of the extra debt service that is scheduled for 2024-2025 through 2027-28.

Approve Transfer from Education Fund to Transportation Fund: Following a public hearing, the Board approved a \$500,000 transfer from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund. The Transportation Fund’s expenditures this year are higher than usual as the District has purchased six buses, its most ever in a single year.

Approve Resolution to Authorizing Litigation against Social Media Companies: The Board adopted a resolution to file a lawsuit against social media companies. The District’s counsel, Himes Petrarca & Fester, together with three other law firms, are representing school districts for damages caused by the social media companies’ actions. Many Districts in our area are participating in this litigation with the goal of achieving relief to change how social media companies operate and to safeguard the children of their schools. There is no cost to districts to participate. This legal representation would be on a contingency basis. Legal fees and reimbursable costs would only be payable from a settlement fund or legal judgment against the defendants.

Next meeting: The Board's next regular business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, in the Lifelong Learning Center at the Educational Administration Center located at 210 S. Church Road in Bensenville.