



Board Briefs

Mission: Empower student growth and achievement through equitable, challenging opportunities that promote excellence, innovation, critical thinking, and respect.

Board Briefs from School Board Meeting June 24, 2024

Board Briefs are a communication tool designed to highlight essential 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.

[Amend, Restate D70 and Village of Libertyville Easement Agreement](#)

School board members unanimously approved that a gate be installed and used during school hours at Adler Park School to prevent flow-through traffic from the public park area to the school parking lot for the safety of students and staff.

[Item 6.4 on the agenda](#)

[Tentative Budget Hearing Set](#)

Board members approved the Tentative Budget for FY 24-25 and will hold a public hearing and approve the Final Budget at the Sept. 23, 2024, Board of Education meeting. Details on the FY 2024-25 tentative budget presentation can be found in [item 6.1 on the agenda](#) (more documents in the agenda).

[Wayfinder \(SEL\) Program for Middle School](#)

Board members unanimously approved the Wayfinder online program for social, emotional learning for middle school students at Highland for the next three years.

[Item 6.9 on the agenda.](#)

[10-Year Facility Plan Update](#)

Board members were kept up-to-date on District 70's 10-Year Facility Plan which estimates about \$50.1 million to be spent based priority levels over the next 10 years with \$2.4 million going for maintenance items and \$47.7 to be spent on capital projects. Capital projects include work to be done at all schools, with a breakdown of about 63 percent spent on improving roofs, parking lots, and heating, cooling, and mechanical needs; 18 percent on generators, restroom updates, and piping; and 19 percent on miscellaneous repairs and building updates. WOLD Architects assisted in reviewing the facilities and developing the 10 year plan for the work that needs to be done.

[Item 7.1 on the agenda.](#)

[Student Growth Update](#)

STAR Math and STAR Reading Student Growth Percentiles (SGP) remained fairly consistent in comparison to D70 data over the last four years. When looking at student cohort (following students by grade level) data, grade levels continue to be at or very close to the District 70 goal. A more detailed report can be found in [item 7.2 on the agenda.](#)

[Personnel Update](#)

The Board approved the following personnel recommendations on Monday night:

Certified Staff - Hires

- Faith Krabbe, Highland Middle School 6th Grade English Language Arts Teacher, starting 8/14/24
- Jennifer Leazer, Rockland Special Education Teacher, starting 8/14/24
- Nicole Winter, Butterfield K/1 Structured Teacher, starting 8/14/24.

Certified Staff - Change of Assignment

- Alicia Sather, to Butterfield Art Teacher from Adler and Butterfield Art Teacher, starting 8/14/24

Certified Staff - Resignations

- Nicole Kosowski, Highland Middle School permanent substitute, on 6/6/24

Certified Staff - Leave of Absence

- Jorie Wiegand, Little Sprouts Preschool Teacher, starting 8/14/24 to TBD.

Non-Certified Staff Hires

- Shannon Smigielski, HMS School Office Administrative Assistant, starting 8/5/24
- Jennifer Tarello, HMS Student Services Secretary, starting 8/12/24

Non-Certified Staff - Change of Assignment

- Leslie Alfaro, to Little Sprouts (Butterfield) Paraeducator from Adler Park Classroom Assistant, starting 8/14/24
- Dina Lepczynski, to Student Enrollment Specialist, from Registrar and Tech Department Admin Assistant, starting 7/1/24
- Heather Wire, to District Occupational Therapist and Assistive Technology from District OT, starting 8/14/24

Non-Certified Staff Resignations

- Jessica Frank resigned as Copeland Paraeducator on 6/6/24
- Lynne Greenwell resigned as HMS Office Administrative Assistant on 6/27/24
- Andrew Wilhelm resigned (actually never started) as District Maintenance Technician on 5/28/24
- Colleen Wolter, Butterfield Paraeducator resigned on 6/6/24
- Kylie Wolter, Butterfield Paraeducator resigned on 6/6/24

Non-Certified Staff - Leave of Absence

- Margaret Redden, Butterfield Paraeducator, from 5/28/24 to 6/6/24
- Gina Wojtanek, Butterfield Paraeducator, from 1/8/24 to 6/6/24

Non-Certified Staff - Compensation Adjustment

- Monica d'Argence (Goldberg), OT, starting 8/14/24

Summer School & ESY 2024

- Ashley Martinez, Paraeducator, 6/10/2024-7/03/2024
- Thomas Power, Paraeducator, 6/10/24-7/3/24
- Kara Graeb, ESY Speech Pathologist, 6/10/24-7/3/24

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 a majority of school districts in Illinois and is known as the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS).

Policy Approvals

The board unanimously approved the updated [Policy Manual](#) but for policies [2.125](#) and [6.110](#) which will be reviewed and are expected to be discussed again in the fall. This was the second reading of recommended policy language at the school board meeting.

Item 6.6 on the agenda

Superintendent's Report

Monday's Supt. Report from Rebecca Jenkins celebrated school events held in June, including student awards, school field days, fifth grade picnics, kindergarten beach day, last day of school events, a visit from the Lake County Forest Preserve with information on birds, and a classroom visit from Mr. Gattone, father of Copeland teacher Ali Gattone, who will be a weightlifting coach in the Olympics in Paris next month. The completion of Highland's new mural, a middle school student trip to downtown Chicago and Libertyville, and a peak at Summer School now in session at Butterfield School. Supt. Jenkins also talked about the HMS trip to Quebec, Canada, which was a great success for Hornets Leaving the Hive and the board members, administrators, students and families who all marched for D70 in the Libertyville Days parade.