

SUPERINTENDENT'S BOARD REPORT

April, 2022

Mr. Craig Benes

The Board of Education with Superintendent Benes and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Weeks completed Board Training on March 16th. A book study of The Art of School Boarding was done with special focus on application to our work.

- A. Student Safety and Citizenship - To ensure a safe learning environment that promotes the development of responsibility, ethics, discipline and citizenship**
- We are in the "Mask Optional" stage based on school and community data. Weekly letters convey phased masking stage and both district and community covid incidence
 - Gaggle safety system is in use with the D10 student network.
 - The new school safety system appropriation is voted on at the April BOE meeting.
- B. Academic Excellence - To reach the highest level of academic excellence by promoting an environment for the growth and learning of all students and the district**
- Franzen Outdoor Education has returned and will occur in May.
 - Return to preferred instructional models has continued.
 - Summer school will be offered for June 2022 at no cost.
- C. Fiscal Responsibility - To efficiently and responsibly manage the district's fiscal resources for short term needs and long term stability**
- ESSER III Grant usage will be reviewed at the May BOE meeting. Funds are allocated as approximately \$295,000 for 5 teacher salary and benefit appropriations to support student and staff health safety with spacing, \$25,000 for new air filtration equipment to support safety, \$110,000 in teacher salary for afterschool and summer school to remediate possible student learning loss with the pandemic, \$16,000 in tent rentals to provide additional safe learning spaces and \$4,000 for additional cleaning supplies to support health safety. The total appropriation to be awarded is approximately \$450,000.00.
 - Educational design evaluation for the 2022-2023 school year in the context of the budget and district-wide student need is ongoing
- D. Community Relationships - To nurture and advance relationships through collaboration and communication with the whole community**
- D10 supports the Village of Itasca's request for United States Congressional funds for the Village of Itasca, North Side Infrastructure Improvements
 - The memory and service of Mr. Drew will be recognized at the May BOE meeting.
 - Retiree recognition and celebration will occur in May.
 - The Shape of Itasca will occur in May (Village is working on the exact date).
 - A first time Cheer Clinic will prepare students for a larger participation in the Itasca Memorial Day Parade.
 - The Itasca Senior Group will be invited to a matinee performance of Peter Pan on April 25th and receive a lunch for their support of District 10 as community members.
- E. Professional Learning - To support a culture that enhances professional learning and growth**
- Several new professional development cohorts for teachers are starting.

- Summer professional development camp for educators will occur in August 2022.

F. Capital Development - To support safety and learning for all

- Phase 1 construction for the Benson addition will start June 3rd.
- Benson School Construction will take the Benson East parking lot offline for a year, starting June 2022.