



## BOARD OF EDUCATION *Highlights*

### ***Highlights from the July 21, 2014 business meeting***

To see the meeting video, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUjoGAflv3g>



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#### **Minutes Approved**

The Board approved the minutes from the [June 16, 2014 regular](#) and closed meetings.

### **Recommendations and Reports of Superintendent**



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#### **State of the District Report**

Superintendent **Mark McDonald** shared that some of the highlights of this year's State of the District report include an increased number of classroom interventions; 90% of all grades are A, B, or C; the completion of the Transition Facility; the recruitment of a more diverse work force; media training for Board members and administrators; work with the Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation; and quantitative analysis of programs. He also stated that several of the tasks in the Strategic Plan have been completed.

To read the Goals for 2013-14 and the State of the District on these goals please see:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M56FB6DB02F/\\$file/2014%20State%20of%20the%20District.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M56FB6DB02F/$file/2014%20State%20of%20the%20District.pdf)

Assistant Superintendent **Gina Ziccardi** presented information on the Performance Series™ Reading Test. The test is used as a diagnostic tool and for progress monitoring. Data shows that all students are making gains in their reading abilities.

To read the complete report please see the following:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M93TK77AB63/\\$file/Performance%20Series%2007%2021%2014%20%202.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M93TK77AB63/$file/Performance%20Series%2007%2021%2014%20%202.pdf)



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### Instructional Technology Plan

One of the goals of the Strategic Plan was to develop a plan for implementation of a large scale technology model. **Rod Rousseau**, director of technology and information services, and **Gina Ziccardi**, assistant superintendent, shared information on the Technology Plan. Ms. Ziccardi said that it is important to remember, **"It really isn't a tech plan, it's a learning plan. This is our one-to-one learning initiative."** She went on to say that technology is embedded in all of the professional development strands. In 2014-15, the one-to-one pilot will be expanded to include 1,500 students, in all grade levels, and 37 teachers, and will be used to simulate a larger scale roll out of one to one learning. Mr. Rousseau shared that District 99's technical score was in the 94<sup>th</sup> percentile during a recent outside assessment.

To read the complete report please see the following:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M2RDA614A6D/\\$file/District%2099%20Instructional%20Technology%20Plan%20-%202014-2015.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M2RDA614A6D/$file/District%2099%20Instructional%20Technology%20Plan%20-%202014-2015.pdf)



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### End of Year Financial Report

Controller **Mark Staehlin** shared that last year the District ended with a \$203,000 deficit. A large portion of the deficit is attributable to higher than expected tuition costs for special education students who are outplaced. He also said that the State is catching up on amounts owed to the District, but is paying on a more heavily pro-rated basis.

To read the complete report please see the following:

- [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57WY70F7C1/\\$file/Quarterly-June%2030-2014%20final%20to%20BOE.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57WY70F7C1/$file/Quarterly-June%2030-2014%20final%20to%20BOE.pdf)
- [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57YE710FB6/\\$file/JUN%202014%20Quarterly%20FB.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57YE710FB6/$file/JUN%202014%20Quarterly%20FB.pdf)
- [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57Z3711305/\\$file/JUN%202014%20Quarterly%20REV.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57Z3711305/$file/JUN%202014%20Quarterly%20REV.pdf)
- [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57ZE711560/\\$file/JUN%202014%20Quarterly%20EXP.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57ZE711560/$file/JUN%202014%20Quarterly%20EXP.pdf)



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### 2014-2015 Tentative Budget

**Mark Staehlin** presented information on expected revenues and expenditures for 2014-2015. Overall, revenues are anticipated to increase by 2.2% and expenditures increase by 2.9%. Three items figure predominately into the increase in expenditures – rising special education tuition, higher bussing costs and the purchase of 1,300 new Chromebooks for the one-to-one pilot. Mr. Staehlin explained that the tentative budget must be on public display for a minimum of 30 days and must be approved by September 30, 2014. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. on September 15, 2014 at the District 99 Administrative Service Center.

To read the complete report please see the following:

- [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57TM70C71D/\\$file/2014-15%20Tentative%20Budget%20Memo%20for%20BOE.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57TM70C71D/$file/2014-15%20Tentative%20Budget%20Memo%20for%20BOE.pdf)
- [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57TS70C961/\\$file/2014-15%20tentative%20budget%20for%20BOE%20Agenda%20FUND%20BAL.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57TS70C961/$file/2014-15%20tentative%20budget%20for%20BOE%20Agenda%20FUND%20BAL.pdf)
- [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57U470CC46/\\$file/2014-15%20tentative%20budget%20for%20BOE%20Agenda%20REV.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57U470CC46/$file/2014-15%20tentative%20budget%20for%20BOE%20Agenda%20REV.pdf)
- [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57U970CF49/\\$file/2014-15%20tentative%20budget%20for%20BOE%20Agenda%20EXP.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57U970CF49/$file/2014-15%20tentative%20budget%20for%20BOE%20Agenda%20EXP.pdf)
- [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57UR70D3D3/\\$file/2014-15%20tentative%20budget%20for%20BOE%20Agenda%20NON%20OP.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M57UR70D3D3/$file/2014-15%20tentative%20budget%20for%20BOE%20Agenda%20NON%20OP.pdf)



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### Refunding 2004 Bonds

The average interest rate on General Obligation bonds issued in 2004 is 4.75%, according to **Mark Staehlin**. These bonds can be refunded with a new interest rate of 1.35% including expenses, which will yield about a \$2 million dollar savings. The savings will be used to pay off some debt, increase the District's reserves and provide a savings to taxpayers.

To read the complete report please see the following:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M584M712D6A/\\$file/2014%20refunding%20bonds%20BOE%20memo.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9M584M712D6A/$file/2014%20refunding%20bonds%20BOE%20memo.pdf)



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## Freedom of Information Requests

There were seven Freedom of Information Requests since the last Board meeting.

To read the complete list please see the following:  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/Public>

## Consent Agenda



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The Board **approved** the following consent agenda items:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Pages
- Deletion of Board Policies
- Closed Session Minutes and Verbatim Recordings

## Recommendation for Action



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The Board members **unanimously approved** the following item:

- The Tentative 2014-15 Budget

## Old Business



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## Policy Committee Report – Second Reading

Board members **unanimously approved** these policies recommended by the Policy Committee:

- [3.50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent](#)
- [3.53 District Controller](#)
- [3.55 Director of Physical Plant and Operations](#)
- [4.20 Fund Balances](#)
- [6.236 Websites and Social Media](#)
- [7.275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment](#)



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### Dates for Superintendent's Evaluation

The Board selected September 4, 2014 for the Superintendent's evaluation.



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### Communications and Announcements

- Member **Keith Matune** reported that the Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND) does not meet during the summer.
- Member **Julia Beckman** gave an update on the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED). She said that SASED's summer school program was a huge success and that SASED is looking for additional space for some of its programs.
- Member **Julia Beckman** shared information of three programs that the Illinois Humanities Council is sponsoring: The Odyssey Project which provides free college-level courses in the humanities for adults living on low incomes and provides the students college credit; free events at the Chicago Cultural Center open to community groups, schools and non-profits; and continuing conversations on the humanities and the experience of war, which includes a play being offered down state.
- Member **Terry Pavesich** reported that the District 99 Education Foundation did not meet last month.
- Member **Deb Boyle** had no report on the Illinois Association of School Boards.



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### Upcoming Board Meetings

**August 18, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.**

Business Meeting  
Administrative Service Center

**September 8, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

Workshop Meeting  
Administrative Service Center

**September 15, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.**

Business Meeting  
Administrative Service Center

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