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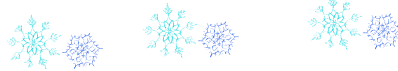
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## FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

*The January Board Meeting was highlighted by several presentations. The Adams County Regional Safe Schools (ACRSS) and Academic Behavior Community Academy (ABC) alternative schools presented information on how they are supporting students in the district with their programs. Quincy Junior High administrators briefed on how they are transitioning to the middle school concept and displayed for Board Members the programs of study for next year. Two new courses were approved: College and Career Readiness for 8th graders and Medical Detectives, Project Lead the Way (6th grade). Special Education Director Eryn Beswick then briefed the state of special education in Quincy Public Schools. She discussed the programs and plans for improvements.*

*If you have any questions about these presentations or any part of the full board summary, please do not hesitate to call me at the district office.*



*Respectfully, Roy Webb*

**ACRSS**—Director Cheryl Dreasler told the Board that the purpose of the ACRSS Program is to give our students the opportunity to shine and be the person they were meant to be. The program serves students in grades 7-12 including students from the county schools. There are currently 55 students enrolled. Attendance is an ongoing issue but is continuing to trend up— at 79.45%. Twenty-nine students have graduated from ACRSS since its inception four years ago. Students are involved in community projects. In December, they helped fill food baskets for the Salvation Army. Two courses for certificates in safety and OSHA were awarded to ACRSS students participating in two courses through a partnership with JWCC. A grant has been awarded to provide work study opportunities for students through some local employers beginning next fall.

**ABC**—ABC is an alternative program for special education students in grades 7-12. There are currently 28 students enrolled from Quincy, Camp Point, Liberty, and Payson. There are eight seniors on course to graduate this year. Instruction is teacher led and on-line. Academic and social emotional interventions are provided. Students are acknowledged for following specific school expectations such as appropriate language and good attendance. Conflict resolution and problem solving methods are taught.



**Parent/Teacher Conferences— 1/2 Day for students on  
Friday, February 12  
No School Monday, February 15—Presidents' Day**



## Special Education Report

Special Education Director Eryn Beswick presented information on programs and services provided through the Special Education Association of Adams County. Quincy Public Schools is the fiscal agent for the association which includes Unity, Central, Liberty, Payson, and Quincy School Districts. There are 1700 special education students. Seventy-six percent are Quincy students. The association employs a hearing impaired teacher, audiologist, vision impaired teacher, social workers, school psychologists, occupation and physical therapists, paraeducators, and secretarial staff. Some of the student eligibility categories include specific learning, intellectual, emotional or developmental disabilities; speech/language, hearing or visual impairment; orthopedic impairment; and Autism. Special education services are provided at all QPS schools. Services are also provided to Chaddock, Adams County Youth Home, and Transitions. There are 95 certified special education staff and over 150 paraeducators. Paraeducators provide essential one-on-one or classroom support for special education students.

Mrs. Beswick provided summaries of Reading and Math ISAT scores for special education students and MPA (Measures of Academic Progress). She outlined Professional Development opportunities for staff. She noted that federal and state funding for special education has decreased over the past four years. Some private funding through foundation grants has helped.

The Board approved submission of a mental health expansion grant at tonight's meeting through Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation. Grants of \$50,000 to \$600,000 will be awarded over two years to expand children's access to mental health services including screenings, social emotional education, prevention, early intervention and care coordination through local providers.

### In other action, the Board approved:

- \* Certified and Education Support Staff Seniority Lists
- \* Agreement with JWCC Nursing Program
- \* Spring Food Bid submitted by Kohl Wholesale in the amount of \$418,206.32

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## PERSONNEL

**Appointments/Changes**— SHAWN WOLF—HEAD SOPHOMORE BASEBALL COACH. TIM KLOBE—ASST SOPHOMORE BASEBALL COACH. MATT LONGO—HEAD VARSITY SOCCER COACH QHS. BRIAN LEWTON—HEAD 7TH 8TH TRACK COACH QJHS. LYNN BREEDEN—SECURITY SECRETARY 1/19/16. LORETTA YOUNG—KITCHEN HELPER MADISON 1/12/16. VICKY MURRAY—KITCHEN HELPER BERRIAN 1/25/16. CONNIE SMITH—CAFÉ MONITOR BALDWIN 1/11/16. RON DREYER—SECURITY GUARD QHS 2/8/16. PHIL MCCOLEZ—SECURITY GUARD FLOATER 2/8/16. JOHN POTTS—SECURITY GUARD BERRIAN. 2/8/16. KAREN UPPINGHOUSE—COOK QHS. 1/5/16. DIANA MYERS—COOK BALDWIN 1/5/16. DUANE LONG—SECURITY GUARD QJHS. 2/1/16. KELLIE LUNDBERG—PARA ADAMS 1/14/16. ROBIN WALTERS—RECORDS & DATA SERVICES COORD. 1/21/16.

**Leave of Absence**—CINDY ZIMMERMAN—LIT INTERVENTION BALDWIN S. 1/4/16 THROUGH APPROX 2/5/16 SHERRY ZAERR—PE DEWEY. 12/21/15 THROUGH APPROX 2/5/16. KATELYNN GOTTIER—SOC STUDIES QHS. MATERNITY APPROX 5/25/16 THROUGH 7/6/16. PENNY LUDWIG—PARA QHS INTERMITTENT 1/7 THROUGH APPROX 4/7/16. KIMA WALTON—PARA ADAMS EXTEND THROUGH 2/2/16. JODI WARNING—PARA BALDWIN W. 2/2 THROUGH APPROX 2/8/16.

**Resignations**—BARB CRIST—HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH 1/7/16. SCOTT MOORE—ASST GIRLS SOFTBALL 10/22/15. CINDA HUMMEL—BETA CLUB SPONSOR END OF 2015-16. BRAD FENTON—SECURITY GUARD 3/18/16. JOANNA LOOS—PARA MONROE 12/28/15. ADAM MCCOY—PARA BALDWIN N 1/18/16. NANCY CHAPMAN—CROSSING GUARD 1/8/16. AMANDA LEWIS—ISS QHS 1/15/16. SHERI MASON—FOOD SERVICE ELINGTON 2/5/16.

**Retirements**—JAMES VANDAMENT—SECURITY MADISON. END OF 2015-16. PHIL MCCOLEZ—SECURITY FLOATER 4/1/16