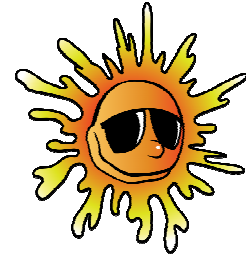




Quincy Public Schools

# UPDATE



June 23, 2016

## **FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW**

Summer is a very busy time for Quincy Board of Education, even though school is out. There was a full agenda for the June 22nd meeting held at the Board of Education Offices. Five students from Adams and Washington Schools were recognized for their participation in the Special Olympics State Tournament in Bloomington. The students were very proud of the medals they received in tennis, softball and 50-meter competitions. Thanks to coaches Mark Schleppehorst, Wynne Penn, and Jennifer Buss who volunteered their time to make this happen.

Secondary Curriculum Director Carol Frericks recognized several QPS staff who were presenters at a recent two-day IL-PART conference in Bloomington. Quincy is part of the IL-PART grant which is a partnership with several universities to provide administrative training and internships for teachers. This is Quincy's third year of participation. Those presenting from our district were Danielle Edgar, Michaela Fray, Lisa Otten, Mark Pfleiger, Kaleb Smith, Carol Frericks, and myself. Other district administrators also had the opportunity to attend.

Principals from Baldwin and the K-3 schools and the directors of the Early Childhood Programs and alternative programs reported to the Board their school's successes, areas needing improvement and the "Hot Rock" — an area of immediate concern. Some reoccurring areas to sustain are the dedication of staff to meet the needs of students and families, meeting and exceeding academic goals, and teacher collaboration and professional development. Some common areas needing improvement include student attendance, parent involvement, and communication district wide. Several administrators indicated that more social/emotional support for students is a major need. Truancy and attendance is also of major concern for several schools and programs. Students can't learn if they're not at school.

The Board approved increases in the QHS parking permit fees. Students parking at QHS, available to seniors based on number of credits, will pay \$60 for 2016-2017, up from \$40. Student parking permits for Flinn Stadium will be increased from \$30 to \$50. Lunch prices will also increase. Requirements of the Health Hunger-Free Kids Act requires school districts that have a weighted average lunch price of less than \$2.78 to increase lunch prices by 2% plus 2.97% for the Consumer Price Index. Our district has a weighted average lunch price of less than \$2.78. Therefore, meal prices will need to increase by 10 cents per meal to be in compliance with this requirement. Lunch prices for Pre-K through 5th grade will be \$2.30 and 6th through 12th grade will be \$2.55 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Finally, updates on the District's building project were presented. The QHS project remains on schedule. The new parking lot and sidewalk replacement is in process. At the Monroe site, almost all of the wall panels have been installed. Bids will be sent out for the ADM site after a special Board meeting to be held in early July. It is an exciting time as the plans for these buildings become a reality.

Roy Webb  
Superintendent

## PERSONNEL ITEMS

*Appointments for 2016-2017.* ABIGAIL ROCKHOLD—BALDWIN S SP ED. HANLYNN CRUTHIS—HEAD 7TH 8TH GRD GOLF COACH. JULIE RADEL—KDG BERRIAN. CHIS ALTMIX—MATH QJHS .5. BRADY KNAPP—PE BERR. ELICIA SCHAFFER—7TH GRD ELA QJHS. ABBIGAIL HIBBERT—1ST BERRIAN. AMANDA SKOPEK—5TH BALDWIN W. JENNIFER MEYO—KDG ELL. RACHEL KINCAID—KDG MADISON. LAUREN KILLION—2ND ADAMS. MONICA WRIGHT—LIT COACH ADAMS. JESSICA KOSCIELSKI—KDG MONROE. BRANDY ZANGER—SP ED QJHS. MARCEY WELLS—CHANGE TO TEACHER/COORD YOUTH HOME. MIRANDA CRANE—4TH GRD BALDWIN. KATIE LEACH -4TH GRD BALDWIN S. NIK BROEKEMEIER—PE WASH. CHANDRA CRAWFORD—5TH GRD BALDWIN S. MICHELLE STEGEMAN—2ND GRD MONROE WENDY SHEEHAN—HEALTH QHS. MEGAN FUNKENBUSCH—1ST GRD BERR. BROOKE CUNNINGHAM—4TH GRD REI BALDWIN N. MORGAN MEADE—LA QJHS. MEGAN GINSTER—SP ED QHS. KIRK MOSLEY—PE MAD. NICHOLAS HOMMOWUN—MATH QHS. MCKAYLIA LARGE—2ND GRD ADAMS. KARAS STEHL—PSYCH INTERN. TYLER DUSCHINSKY—QJHS HEAD 8TH BOYS BASKETBALL COACH. JERMAINE TALTON—QJHS HEAD 7TH BOYS BASKETBALL COACH. HAYLEY WOMACK—QJSH ASST 7TH 8TH SOFTBALL COACH. SUSAN PETERS—SCH PSYCH. JESSICA HOWSE—SP ED BALDWIN W. JENNIFER SIMS—SP ED ABC. JAMES GOODWIN—NIGHT CUST QHS. GAYLA GREEN—NIGHT CUST QHS. DAVID WOMBLES—CONSTRUCTION REP. LAURA EPPERSON—NIGHT CUST QHS. JIM SCHALLER, TERRY HILL, PAUL LANDSOM, CODY STEEL—SECURITY. ROD DAVIS—SECURITY SUB. JERMAINE TALTON—ISS SUPVSR QHS. TONI SMITH—PARA BALDWIN S. DEENA KROEGER—HEAD START TEACHER ECFC.

*Leaves—* TIM ANDERS—FMLA 7/18 THROUGH APPROX 8/1/16. CHERYL DREASLER—ACRSS DIRECTOR. FMLA 7/1 THROUGH APPROX 8/14/16. DALE WILLIS—DRIVER. EXTENDED FMLA THROUGH 6/30/16.

*Resignations—*ALEXIS PARTLOW—SP ED BALDWIN W. NANCY EBBERT—5TH GRD BALDWIN N. ALYSSA KERKE—3RD GRD MONROE. PATTI BABYAK—3RD GRD ELL. JOE KERKE—SOC WKR QJHS. MICHELLE EAGER—LIT COACH BALDWIN S. MIKE MCKINLEY—KEY CLUB QHS. TRACY BUGH—PBIS COACH BALDWIN S. KEVIN DOUGLAS—QJHS ASST 8TH BASKETBALL COACH. DIEDERICK KUIJPER—TECHNOLOGY. ROBERT CAMPBELL—SECURITY GUARD. LILLIAN AYSTON—CROSSING GUARD. MICHELLE TUCKER—PARA BALDWIN N.

*Retirement—*LARRY SLATER—CUST MADISON.

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### *In other action, the Board approved:*

- ◇ **Amended Budgets for Special Education Association, WCR, QAVTC, and the District for 2015-2016.**
- ◇ **Memorandum of Understanding—School Resource Officers.**
- ◇ **Loan of funds from Working Cash Fund**
- ◇ **Abatement of \$405,240.51 from Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund**
- ◇ **Three-year waste disposal/recycling from Republic Services.**
- ◇ **Junior Achievement Programs—5th grade JA Biztown and 7th grade JA It's My Future**

### ***Discipline Committee Reviews Handbooks***

The District's Discipline Committee, which also serves as the parent-teacher advisory committee, reviewed changes to student handbooks to reflect modifications in the law relating to student discipline with Senate Bill 100. SB 100 dramatically alters the ability of districts to use disciplinary exclusion (suspension and expulsion), especially in response to relatively minor behavior problems. It also requires positive intervention before and in conjunction with any disciplinary exclusion, placing a priority on helping students, rather than just excluding them. In many cases in the handbooks, the word "shall" has been replaced with "may" with regard to descriptions of "possible" disciplinary consequences for students.

Based on the new law, by September 15, 2016, school boards need to develop, review and implement discipline policies in accordance with the new law's requirements. SB 100 eliminates "zero-tolerance" policies and provides that the harshest forms of punishment may only be used for students who pose a threat to the school community or who substantially disrupt, impede or interfere with the learning environment. The handbook revisions for ECFC, K-3, Baldwin, QJHS and QHS were approved by the Board for 2016-2017.