

UPDATE

Quincy Public
Schools
Newsletter

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FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

Last week was great for Quincy Public Schools. Over 800 of our 1200 staff members received their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. Our number of cases has continued to decrease. Several days we have had zero new cases or only one. The Illinois Department of Public Health has informed us that temperature checks are no longer required for students boarding a bus or entering a school building or for visitors to school buildings. Parents should still screen students at home. Wearing masks and social distancing is still required. Any staff member who has received their second dose of the vaccine will no longer need to quarantine for the next 90 days after coming in contact with a person who is positive. However, the Illinois High School Association still requires temperature checks for athletes coming to practice and prior to events. Board President Sayeed Ali said none of this would have worked if it wasn't for our team. The Board appreciates all the hard work and perseverance of our staff and their commitment to our students. He said in a few more months, this will be the most remarkable year ever.



Chairperson Sheldon Bailey presented a report from the District Improvement Committee which met last week. Data from the Student Growth Report Winter 2020 to Winter 2021 shows growth in almost all grades. Kim Dinkheller told the committee that she is not surprised at the growth that is evident because of the hard work of teachers, administrators and students. The committee heard there were far fewer discipline issues. Discipline referrals and out-of-school suspension days dropped dramatically in first semester 20-21 compared to 2018-19 and 2019-20. An A-day, B-day schedule for in-person high school students and more lunch times curb discipline issues as well as having teachers, not students, change classroom at junior high.

The Board Policy Committee reviewed revisions from the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS). The following revised policies were laid on the table for approval by the Board at the March meeting:

3:40 – Superintendent
4:90 – Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day
6:310 – High School Credit Non-Dist Exper
6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment
7:300 – Extracurricular Athletics

4:80 – Accounting and Audits
5:270 – Employment-At-Will
6:300 Graduation Requirements
6:320 – High School Credit Proficiency
7:100 - Health, Eye, Dental, Immunizations
7:325 – Student Fundraising Activities

Roy Webb
Superintendent

In other action, the Board approved:

- Bids from Kohl Wholesale for food and non-food items for Spring 2021 at a cost of \$479,031.93. This is an increase of 2.59% over Spring 2020.
- Bids for 32 new buses to lease or lease to own at a cost of \$2,646,002 from Central States Bus Sales, Inc.
- Resolution Regarding TRS Supplemental Savings Plan—an optional defined contribution benefit to any active members of TRS who choose to participate.

PERSONNEL

Appointments/Change in Assignment

MARIE JOHN – PART-TIME CASE MANGER – QJHS
RILEY CAMERON – MATH TEACHER – QHS
BRITTANY BLEICHNER – TITLE 1 EXT DAY – DENMAN
TAYLOR CARLSON – TITLE 1 EXT DAY – DENMAN
COURTNEY ERFFT – TITLE 1 EXT DAY – DENMAN
AMBER SPECKHART – TITLE 1 EXT DAY – DENMAN
KOURTNEY THOMPSON – 3RD GRD – DENMAN
BRITTANY BLEICHNER – 3RD GRD CO-TCHR- DENMAN
TOM REGNER – TITLE 1 EXT DAY – LDE
AMY WEBSTER – TITLE 1 EXT DAY – LDE
MICHELLE STEGEMAN – TITLE 1 EXT DAY – LDE
AMBER HOLTSCHLAG – TITLE 1 EXT DAY – LDE
VERONICA WINGERTER – ASST SOFTBALL COACH – QHS
SARA GORDY – CHILD CARE SUPERVISOR – DENMAN
LEAH ROLANDO – FISCAL SERVICES MANAGER – DIST
CHASE REEVES – GROUNDKEEPER - MAINTENANCE
RICHARD WHITAKER – BUS RIDER ECFC
CARLOS CAMACHO – BUS DRIVER
ANDRE LANDSOM – SUP REG TRANSP/MAP RT COORD
KEVNISHA SMITH – AFTER SCH CHILD CARE ASST-BALW
LACEY KAMPHAUS – SECRETARY – LDE
LORNA HOUGHTON – CAFÉ COORD-QHS
SALLY ARTZ – KITCHEN HELPER – ILES
ELAINE SCRANTON – ADDTL MID-DAY ECFC DRIVER RT
MACKENZIE CONNER – AM-PM RIDER ROUTE
AMY PETERS – SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER – DENMAN
ROYAL BUGH – TITLE 1 EXT DAY LDE
AMY VALEU – TITLE 1 EXT DAY LDE
ERIN HENKENMEIER – TITLE 1 EXT DAY LDE
KENDRA GENGEBACHER – TITLE 1 EXT DAY LDE
JOANNA HOCHGRABER – TITLE 1 EXT DAY LDE
SALLY ARTZ – KITCHEN HELPER ILES

Resignations

KELSEA HOSKINS – CERTIFIED CASE MANAGER – QJHS
ELI HAHN – PSYCHOLOGY INTERN – DISTRICT
ERIC NICHOLSON – WRESTLING COACH
TRACEY DANCE – PAYROLL COORDINATOR – BOE
VALERIE HAYES – COOK – ILES
KENT FRY – PARAEDUCATOR – BALDWIN
DENNA MCCOLEZ – KITCHEN HELPER – ACRSS
MARK FRERICKS – DRIVER – TRANSPORTATION
JENNIFER BRADEN – KITCHEN HELPER DENMAN
CAROL REIS – COOK DENMAN
KEVIN HUNER – NIGHT CUSTODIAN ILES



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NEW FACES 2021 ***"The Beat Goes On"***

The QHS Music Department is planning to present the annual New Faces variety show virtually this spring due to the pandemic.

The pre-recorded production will feature dramatic and comedic acts, student bands, dance solos and duets, local dance troupes and the QHS Jazz Bands, and Electric Blue and Company Blue Show Choirs. According to Dr. Todd Pettit, Director of Music Education, the production team selected the theme *"The Beat Goes On"* to celebrate the strength and ability of our students to continue to make music during a year of adjustment, loss and disappointment. Virtual ticket access to the event is \$20 and will go on sale March 22. The production will air on Saturday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. via pre-recorded live stream. Watch the QPS Music Department Facebook page and website www.qps.org for updated information.

