

UPDATE

Quincy Public
Schools
Newsletter

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FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

I hope all of you enjoyed the Thanksgiving break and spending time with family and friends. The November Board meeting was held last Tuesday night on November 21 prior to the break.

The Board of Education and Quincy Federation ratified a four-year contract agreement. Quincy Federation includes teachers, paraeducators, food service workers, bus drivers, custodians, clerical, and security guards. The contract calls for 2.4 percent increase the first year, 1.5 percent the second year and 1.7 percent the third year. The raise for the fourth year of the agreement is \$850 per person which will help to narrow the gap between employees at the top and bottom of the salary schedules. Health insurance premium increases are capped at 17 percent per year. Salaries could increase to as much as 2 percent in the second and third years of the contract if sufficient additional state revenue is received per the new evidence-based funding formula. The formula is expected to provide more money for Quincy beginning this school year because the District has a high number of students living in poverty. It will be early next year before the District will know how much additional funding will be received.

QF and Central Office leadership team members who were part of negotiations were recognized with a Blue Devil Coin. School Board President Sayeed Ali said that the district is looking forward to being able to have a four-year deal in place. He said the District can work on educating the community on Quincy Public Schools and some of the challenges the District is facing. He is hoping to be able to improve competition with other school districts when it comes to hiring employees. "We want to be able to be very competitive with how we pay." Ali said. "So any organization you point to, they want to be able to pay the best, and attract the best employees."

The Board approved the resolution on the amounts necessary to be levied for 2017. This is payable in 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Chief of Business Operations Ryan Whicker explained that the tentative tax levy assumes the District's total equalized assessed valuation will increase 4.99% over last year. It is anticipated that the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) will come in lower, but in order to ensure the District does not leave any money on the table, the EAV has been overestimated. The overall tentative tax rate is 2.3 cents less than last year.

Site plan drawings, probable costs, alternative bid items and a project schedule for the Harrison Street school were reviewed by the Board. Bids will be advertised December 3 and due December 21, 2017. Final completion date for Harrison is July 1, 2019.



Roy Webb
Superintendent

PERSONNEL

Appointments/Change in Assignment

KIM SCHUTTE—ASST GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH QHS
LOUANN GOEHL—COOK ADAMS
VICKEY HAXEL—PARA DEWEY
LYNNE OHNEMUS—PARA ECFC
JANET NUTT—SECURITY GUARD ADAMS

Resignations

MICHAEL BENNETT—FLINN FUEL 11/10/17
ASHLEY BADAMO—FOOD SERVICE QHS 11/10/17
BLAKE NOTHOLD—SECURITY ADAMS 11/17/17
ROBBY YOUNG—ASST VARSITY BASEBALL COACH
QHS END OF 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR.

The Board also approved:

- Extended Day Instructors for QJHS and K-5 Schools
- Human Relations Committee Members—*first meeting is December 6—4:15 p.m.*

QHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT VESPERS 2017



Sunday, December 17
3:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.
Contact the QHS Music Office
for tickets
217-224-3774



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SPECIAL OPEN ENROLLMENT



Egyptian Trust has approved for QPS to allow a one-time open enrollment for medical plans only. The Special Open Enrollment will run **Monday, December 4, 2017 through Friday, December 15, 2017.** Any changes made

during this Special Open Enrollment will go into effect on January 1, 2018. The form is available on the District's website under Departments/Human Resources/Benefits.

Also, QPS staff will be available at the BOE if any employee has questions about the different medical plans. If you'd like to sit down one-on-one with someone to discuss your medical plan options, please contact Teresa Kemp by email or by phone at 228-7158 ext. 2244.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- **QHS Music Dept. Students and Staff** for the wonderful performance of **L'L ABNER!**

WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL

**Thursday, December 21—
Tuesday, January 2**



**School Resumes
Wednesday, January 3**