

UPDATE

*Merry Christmas from the
Board of Education Staff
December 19, 2018*

FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

ISBE has changed the definition of an attendance day to allow school districts flexibility based on students' needs. Evidence-Based Funding for Student Success Act (ESSA) made sweeping changes to education funding in Illinois. The funding is based on student enrollment rather than attendance. A five hour attendance day is no longer required. Districts may define student engagement and learning differently, such as through a combination of classroom instruction, online instruction, independent research projects, work-based learning, and internships. Students are in attendance when they are participating in learning—anywhere and anytime. District calendars must include 176 instructional days. Quincy will count the two half-days and one full day of parent/teacher conferences as attendance days because they are student-led conferences. However, we will not make a lot of changes just yet. There will likely be legislation next spring from ISBE to further define the attendance day. I am recommending to the Board that we keep the status quo for next year's calendar.

The Board approved the 2018-19 tax levy. Chief of Business Operations Ryan Whicker said the levy totals \$36,830,561, including bond and interest payments, with a tentative tax rate of 3.86227. That compares to last year's extension totaling \$36,116,989 at a rate of 3.97637.

A grant request will be submitted to the Tracy Family Foundation to fund additional community health workers to assist more families through Hot Spotting. This initiative, in partnership with SIU School of Medicine, helps families struggling with issues that lead to truancy. Two additional workers will be hired the first of the year to expand the program.

The new District Strategic Dashboard was introduced at the Board meeting. The Dashboard can be found on the district's website at qps.org by searching "dashboard." The Dashboard provides information on district characteristics such as class size, enrollment, low income and IEP percentages. The site provides more in-depth information than the ISBE Report Card and modifications can be made as needed. It is a way for QPS to tell our story and tout our successes.

*Happy holidays to all of you!
Enjoy your break!
Roy Webb*



PERSONNEL


Appointments/Change in Assignment. LAURA MARSOT—4TH GRD BALDWIN. SHANTI BOWEN—SP ED QHS. CHAR CEARLOCK—SP ED QHS. JAROD CLARK—ASST. 8TH GRD VOLLEYBALL COACH. AMY WEECH—7TH GRD ASST VOLLEYBALL COACH. ERICA KIRLIN—1ST GRD BALDWIN (FORMER PARA). CHERYL KOENIG—SP ED TCHR/TUTOR NON-PUBLIC. ALYSON HEINEMAN—SPEC ED RESOURCE ROONEY. PREVIOUS SPEC ED CO-TEACHER BALDWIN. NICHALAS HOLTSCHLAG—QJHS ASST WRESTLING COACH. MICHAEL STEINKAMP—DRIVER PM ONLY QF ROUTE. LISA SUTTON—HEAD START TEACHER. MICHELLE COTTRELL—PARA QHS. AMY THOMAS—PARA QHS. PENNY LOCK—SP LANG PARA QHS.

ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR EXTENDED DAY, CURRICULUM LIAISONS, AND CLUB SPONSORS WERE ALSO APPROVED AS TIMESHEET OR STIPEND POSITIONS.

Resignations—CARLA CHURCHILL LENTZ—SP ED 5TH LDE 1/4/19. LAYNE RAY—1ST GRD BALDWIN 12/21/18. MARISSA RADCLIFFE—DRIVER 12/7/18. DEBRA VIAR—P/T NURSE QJHS 12/31/18. MEGAN RANSON—CHILD CARE ASST ILES 12/14/18. JACKIE SCHWARTZ—BUS RIDER 12/11/18. ARJEE WEISHEIT—SECURITY 1/4/19 CONTINUES AS A SUB. ALYSSA PFAFFE—CHILD CARE ASST ILES.

In other action, the Board approved:

- **Risk Management Plan**—Revisions were made to add allocations for security surveillance including security cameras in district buildings and security vehicles for patrol of campuses.
- **Contract for Sound Absorption Materials**—St. Louis-based Golterman and Sabo will install sound absorption materials in the gyms at Iles, Lincoln-Douglas, and Rooney elementary schools. The cost is approximately \$21,000-\$22,000 per school.
- **Property Relief Grant.** The District will apply for a new state grant offering property tax relief to school districts. QPS will not likely receive the grant because our tax rate is one of the lowest in the state. It is for relief to communities with higher property tax rates.



**NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, JANUARY 21
MARTIN LUTHER KING
BIRTHDAY**

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**WINTER BREAK
NO SCHOOL**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
THROUGH
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4**

**SCHOOL RESUMES
MONDAY, JANUARY 7**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICES ARE CLOSED
MONDAY-TUESDAY
DECEMBER 24-25
MONDAY-TUESDAY
DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 1**



THANK YOU!
QHS Music Department
Students and Staff for
the beautiful Vespers
Program which truly
reflected
the spirit of the season.