

UPDATE

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FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

The Board approved the 2019-2020 District Improvement Plan that has been shared with Board members and staff. The plan shifts the district from purchased programs and systems and district-wide initiatives to more simple school based guidance and classroom innovation. Principals will have more autonomy and control of their schools. Teachers will be free to innovate. We offer what to teach but allow teachers to decide how it should be taught. I am meeting with district leaders individually to discuss the plans for next year. We want to sustain the many good things happening at QPS. The great majority of our kids are achieving and growing well. There are great offerings for students including accelerated classes, special education offerings, honors, fine arts and extra-curriculars/co-curriculars. We have world class facilities and staff who have a willingness to change and improve to be the best. Areas to improve include decreasing staff turnover, attracting more applicants for open positions, increasing student achievement scores, providing more student social/emotional support, and improving teacher and leader workloads and staff morale.

In my plan, the role of the central office becomes one of support and facilitation. I want to simplify our world a bit and make teaching fun. In order to make it fun, teachers have to have control, be supported, and have strong leaders looking out for them. *Operation: Simply World Class—The Quincy Public Schools 2019-20 District Improvement Plan* will be available on the District's website.

Lunch prices will increase for 2019-2020. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act requires districts participating in the National School Lunch Program to provide the same support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced-price lunches as they are for lunches served to students eligible for free or reduced priced lunches. According to the USDA, pricing paid lunches below the cost of production effectively increases Federal subsidies for higher income children because Federal funds intended for free and reduced-price lunches are being used to help fill in the gap between what a paid lunch costs and what the school receives. Based upon previous calculation history and after speaking with the ISBE, Food Service Director Jean Kinder recommended increasing lunch prices ten cents which is the maximum we are required to increase lunch prices even if our weighted average suggests we need to raise lunch prices higher. The increase will bring the price to \$2.60 for pre-k through fifth-grade and \$2.85 for grades 6 to 12. Adult meals are required to be 50 cents greater than the highest student paid lunch. The new adult meal price is \$3.35.

Following the regular April 24th Board meeting, a special organizational meeting was held to seat the four Board members who were re-elected at the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election. The Board members serving new four-year terms are Shelley Arns, Carol Nichols, Michael Troup and Jim Whitfield. Sayeed Ali will continue as Board President and Mike Troup as Vice-President.

Roy Webb
Superintendent

PERSONNEL

Appointments/Change in Assignment

SARA CRAMER—DIRECTOR ECFC 7/1/19. JAMES EDDY—ASST 7TH & 8TH GRD WRESTLING COACH JH. BRANDON VANCAMP—ASST SOCCER COACH QHS. NICOLE ROSSMILLER—KITCHEN HELPER LDE 4/15/19. TERESA KLINGELE—KITCHEN HELPER LDE 4/15/19. AMANDA LIESEN—FAMILY LIAISON ILES (ADDTL ASSIGNMENT) 3/19/19. DENNA MCCOLEZ—KITCHEN HELPER ACRSS 4/11/19. TOMMY KELLEY—NIGHT CUSTODIAN QHS 4/23/19. CAROL RICE—PM DRIVER QF 4/2/19.

Certified Appointments for 2019-2020 Placement To Be Determined

JEFF FESSLER
HANNAH HUBER
AMY SLOUGH
LINDA GARNER
SAMANTHA POWERS
CELSEY WEST
LUZ SANCEN DE BROWN
CHARLOTTE CEARLOCK
JULIA VAHLE

Resignations (end of 2018-19 unless otherwise noted)
DYLAN MOORE —ENG QHS. DEBRA SUPLEE—4TH GRD ROONEY. DEONNA KLOBE—MATH QJHS. BRITTANY MOORE-5TH ROONEY. BRITTANY WILLET—1ST GRD ILES. SHARON BEARDEN—SOC WORKER BALDWIN 8/10/19. CHRIS GASS—MUSIC QHS. DAVID WALSH—HEALTH QJHS. MIRANDA MOORE—2ND GRD ROONEY (DATE CHG—5/3/19). BRAD SOEBBING—CUSTODIAN ADAMS 6/28/19. BREANNA KURK—CHILD CARE ASST ROONEY 6/5/19. JEAN RUBLE—CROSSING GUARD 4/1/19.

Retirements will be listed on the
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In other action, the Board approved:

► **Internal Health Life Safety Projects:** new exhaust for diesel mechanics classroom and improvements to woodworking classroom; side walk access from parking lot to concession stand at QHS; and railing installation at Flinn Stadium.

► **QHS Marching Band as PE credit.** This eliminates the sports study hall. PE credit remains 3.5 credits of PE to graduate which includes PE, Health, Drivers' Ed and Marching Band. Marching band is a class as well as an afterschool activity so this will provide flexibility for these students to take other classes.

JROTC Program. A JROTC course will be offered next year to generate interest in the JROTC Program to begin in 2020-2021. This will create a career path for students interested in military service, law enforcement and/or fire service.

► **Lease/Indemnification Agreement and Pledge.** The Board approved agreements tied to a \$1.38 million athletic facility to be built at Flinn Stadium.

► **Food/Non-Food Bids.** The bid from Kohl's Wholesale for fall semester 2019-20 was approved for food and non-food items. The cost is \$729,673.05. Kohl's was the only bidder. The escalator milk bid at a cost of \$228,523.75 from sole bidder Prairie Farms Dairy Inc. was approved. The produce and bread bids were rejected and will be re-bid.

