

BOARD OF EDUCATION BRIEFS
August 13, 2002

Approval of Minutes	The Board of Education approved the minutes of the July 9 Board of Education meeting.
Financial Affairs	The Board of Education approved payroll and accounts payable.
Personnel	<p>The Board of Education approved contracts for the following teachers: Mrs. Amy Beseth – 1st Grade Ms. Heather Cummings – Special Education Ide Asma Akhras – ½ Math/Sci 7th Grade Melissa Ciezadlo – ½ LA/SS 7th Grade Jennifer Kilkenny – LA 6th Grade</p> <p>The Board of Education approved resignations for the following teachers: Mrs. Peggy Hoggatt Mrs. Deborah Tyrrell</p>
Institute Schedule	Dr. Tiede reviewed the upcoming institute schedule with the Board of Education.
Special Education Coordinator	Dr. Tiede informed the Board of Education that the search for a new special education coordinator is underway.
Approval of SASED Budget	Since Center Cass District 66 serves as the administrative agent for SASED, our Board of Education reviewed the SASED budget and approved it as presented.
Amended Tentative Budget FY 03	Dr. Tiede reviewed the revised budget for the 2002-2003 school year. The Budget will be placed on public display on August 14, 2002. A budget hearing has been scheduled for September 24, 2002, 7:15 p.m. at Prairieview School.
Hot Lunch Bids	Dr. Tiede reported that bids for the district lunch program were opened on July 29. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved Aramark as the food service provider.
Bus Purchase	<p>Dr. Tiede discussed the advantages of providing local transportation of several District #66 special education students attending class out of the district. It appears that the district can transport these students at a lower cost than from an outside service. In order to provide this service, the district will need to lease a mini-bus.</p> <p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the lease of one 22-passenger mini-bus for one year.</p>
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PTO Donation	The Board of Education approved PTO donations to each school.

The district is very fortunate to have a helpful and supportive parent organization.

Idle	Playground equipment Games for recess Assignment books for 2 nd grade
Prairieview	Playground Equipment Scanners Camcorder Paper Cutters
Lakeview	Student Activity Scholarships Landscaping

Retirement of Certified Staff

Dr. Tiede informed the Board of Education that the deadline for requesting retirement of certified staff is August 15. Currently, there are four requests for retirement. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following teachers for retirement.

Ed Rambis
Don Armstrong
Carl Heitman
Diane Mlyniec

Health Insurance

Dr. Tiede informed the Board that the insurance committee met with Mrs. Vickie Correa from Gallagher Benefits to review the status of the health insurance plan for district employees. After discussion, the Board of Education agreed to continue our current plan for one more year.

Lighting Grant

Dr. Tiede informed the Board of Education that a grant has been submitted to renovate and update our lighting. If approved, the school district may receive about \$120,000 to help offset the cost of the project. If the grant is approved, the project must be completed in FY 03. The District will be notified in the near future concerning the status of the grant.

Executive Session

An executive session was held for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific district employees pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 © (1).

Superintendent Contract

The Board of Education approved the Superintendent's contract as presented.