

## **CUSD #2 Press Release December 19, 2011**

Prior to the 7:00pm regular December meeting, a public hearing was held at 6:45pm regarding the truth in taxation levy for 2011. No one present had any questions. The public hearing was closed at 6:55pm.

After pledge and roll call at last night's board meeting, CUTEA Co-President Kirk Rardin expressed a heartfelt Happy Holidays on behalf of all Unit #2 faculty to the school board and all unit #2 staff!

Principal Hickey introduced Scott Rawlings who reviewed the current software being used for Unit #2 athletes. He explained it is an internet based "tool" to determine "back to play" program to manage concussions and head injuries suffered by student athletes. Baseline testing is done in the early summer months that store information on each athlete. Rawlings then reviewed the 6-module test. IHSA now mandates that a trained medical person determine the athlete's return to play. Rawlings noted the comprehensive program is working well.

CUSD #2 Media Janet Jenkins and Holly Gallagher presented the board with an update on their LSTA state per capita money. Sarah Hemrich was unable to attend last night's meeting. Jenkins and Gallagher both expressed with enthusiasm their passion for doing everything possible to teach students the importance of reading books!

The board took the following action at the board meeting:

- Adopted 2011 Certificate of Tax Levy Report as presented in the total levy amount of \$12,078,000
- Reviewed prior 6-months Closed Session Minutes and opened June 20 & July 18, 2011 to public
- Adopted Section 5 of Administrative Procedures
- 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policies:
  - 2:250-Access to District Public Records
  - 3:60 – Adm. Responsibility of Bldg. Principal
  - 4:80 – Accounting and Audits
  - 5:200 – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
  - 5:240 – Suspension
  - 6:60 – Curriculum Content
  - 6:150 – Home and Hospital Instructions
  - 7:305 – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries (NEW)
- Adopted membership agreement with SIPC, (Schools of Illinois Purchasing Co-Operative)
- Approved RHS curriculum modifications as follows:
  - Eliminate Pre-Algebra and require all incoming freshman to take Algebra or Algebra II
  - All freshmen are to take Biology or Conceptual Biology. Sophomore year students would have the choice of Physical Science, Earth Science or Chemistry
  - Add a class called "Survey of English" which will practice and master a variety of reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in a variety of "real-world" applications. The course will place an emphasis on practical application of communication, especially as a tool in the world of work. Some of the topics students might explore include: using reading and writing technical reports and manuals, writing business letters and resumes, giving and taking directions, and how to use problem solving skills. This course is especially recommended for

students interested in preparing for vocational or certification programs after high school

In other business, the board

- Adopted minor revisions to policies #5:90; 5:100; 6:300; 6:320; and AP1 2:250

The school board took the following Unit #2 personnel action:

- Approved leave of absence for the following with the approximate dates for leave:
  - Eli Coulter – January 6 through January 30, 2012
  - Christina Snyder– February 1 through March 12, 2012
- Pay adjusted for part time custodian Kristen Johnston due to Johnston being inadvertently omitted from pay increases awarded to non-certified employees
- Authorized Supt. Quick to post and hire 2 paraprofessionals prior to January 17, 2012 school board meeting

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**

Supt. Quick reported the four County Superintendents are working together on the 2012/2013 calendar. Two drafts will be presented in February.

Supt. Quick reported that January 3, 2012 will be a “County Teacher Institute Day” at LTC.

The next School Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, January 17, 2012 at the Central Office.

Reported by: Debbie Pethel, School Board Secretary