

BOARD BRIEF

ACTION

- AYP
- Personnel
- IGA for Police Liaison Officers
- Textbook Adoption

AYP Report —

The Board was given a copy of the notification form from the State on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Specifically highlighted were the boxes showing AYP for the school, in reading and in math. Also noted was the box indicating that the school has not been identified for School Improvement according to the AYP specification of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

In his explanation, Lee Rieck shared that the State AYP Minimum Target for last year was 47.5%. For this year it increases to 55%. The scores of all students last year in reading and mathematics were 61.2% and 54.5%, respectively. It can be seen that the all student math score for last year would not meet the target for next year. This merely indicates the difficulty of making AYP as the State's minimum target increases. Each year between now and 2014 the minimum target will increase by 7.5% until it reaches 100%.

Congratulations and kudos were extended to all involved in the hard work of making AYP these last two years. It is truly a time to pause and be pleased with the concerted effort that yielded fruitful results. Gratitude is extended to all.

At the same time, the future challenges cannot go unnoticed as the State annually raises the bar. We realize that AYP is not a destination but a journey with ever-steeper slopes to climb.

District Report Card —

The State portion of the Illinois District Report Card has been received within the last week. Included in it is the AYP Report.

Originally required to be published for the public no later than October, it has been on hold because of the State's delay in providing it.

For the last several years, the District has supplemented the Report Card with local data and information.

The Report Card will now be collated into one document, posted on the District's website, and copies made available to those who request them. Prior to doing those things, the Report Card must appear on an Agenda of a Board of Education meeting. That should happen on March 20th or April 10th.

Association Statement —

Association President, Barb Laimins, read a prepared statement to the Board and provided copies for it to read. The statement covered a range of topics.

Board members Charles Jacques, Tony Reyes, and John Jensen either made some comments regarding the statement or asked some questions about it.

In the end, Board President Reyes indicated a written response would be prepared.

Sectioning Progress —

Kim Chambers reported to the Board on sectioning progress for the upcoming school year. Two sectioning meetings have been held thus far to analyze the student registration for all courses and to project the number of sections that will be needed to cover them.

Meetings will be held within the next week with department chairs to discuss registration and the number of sections to be offered for each course.

That information will be used as a basis for determining staffing needs. These needs are then translated into the personnel report which goes to the Board for discussion and action on March 20th.

Personnel – The Board of Education

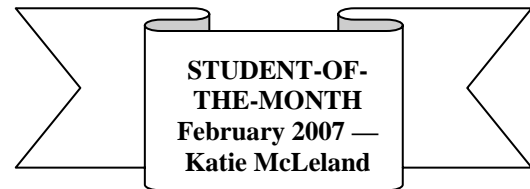
- approved the employment of **Peter Martino** as Dean, effective July 1, 2007.
- accepted the resignations of **Christopher Bardey** (Fine Arts); **Melissa J. Bortnick** (Science); and **Angela Janusauskas** (English) at the end of the 2006-07 school year.
- approved the extension of the part-time leave of absence for **Samirah Grande** (Counseling) until March 12, 2007.
- accepted the resignations of **Cathie Sanzeri** (Cheerleading) effective February 24, 2007; and **Ken Schuda** (Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach) effective immediately.
- approved the appointments of **Ted Paulsen** (Asst. Girls' Badminton Coach); and **Fred Ruiz** (Assistant Softball Coach); or the Spring Season 2007

Athlete(s)-of-the-Week(s) —

- Boys Basketball —
Peter Konchar (Feb 25 -Mar 3, 2007)
- Boys Track & Field —
Jim Foreman (Feb 18-24, 2007)

Intergovernmental Agreement —

The Board of Education entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of West Chicago to provide Police Liaison services at a shared cost with the City. The agreement will automatically renew each July 1st.



Textbook Adoption — The Board of Education approved the adoption of the following textbooks for the 2007-08 school year.

English Department:

Models for Writers (Bedford/St. Martin's)

Mirror on America (Bedford/St. Martin's)

12 Plays (Bedford/St. Martin's)

Poetry: An Introduction (Bedford/St. Martin's)

The Bedford Reader (Bedford/St. Martin's)

Foreign Language Department:

Realidades (Pearson Prentice Hall)

Industrial Arts:

Adobe Illustrator CS2 Classroom in Book (Adobe Press)

Mathematics:

Algebra 1 (McDougal Littell)

Science:

Chemistry (Person Prentice Hall)

Social Studies:

Sociology and You (Glencoe/McGraw Hill)

Psychology (COD Textbook) (Thomas Wadsworth)