



DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA

Regular Meeting  
Keil Administration Building  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board of Education Room

April 9, 2013  
4:45 PM Closed Session  
6:30 PM Open Session

Legend: AI = Action Item

DI = Discussion Item

IO = Information Only

The Decatur Public School District is “**committed to educating all students for life-long success.**” The 2012-2013 school year theme is, “*Accountability. Excellence. Success!*” *District Strategic Plan Goals:* 1. Improving Academic Achievement 2. Promoting a Positive Learning Environment 3. Fostering Trusting Relationships Among Staff 4. Maximizing parent and Community Involvement

**IO 1.0 CALL TO ORDER**  
Roll Call

**IO 2.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
The Board of Education will meet in closed executive session to conduct a student discipline hearing and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, possible litigation and discussion of collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees.

**IO 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AI 4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA, APRIL 9, 2013**

**IO 5.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

**IO 6.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**AI 7.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Minutes: Regular/Closed, March 12, 2013 and Special Called Meeting  
Regular/Closed, March 28, 2013
- B. Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- C. Closed Session Meeting Tapes
- D. Monthly Bills
- E. Annual Review and Approval of District Authorized Depositories
- F. Purchase of Cafeteria Tables and Benches for South Shores Elementary School and  
Johns Hill Magnet School

- G. Purchase of Energy Recovery Ventilators for Stephen Decatur Middle School
- H. Purchase Xerographic White Paper for Warehouse: 2640 cases (3 truckloads) of 8 1/2" X 11" xerographic white paper
- I. Food Service Contract Renewal
- J. Food Service Lunch and Breakfast Prices for FY14
- K. Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Membership for 2013-2014
- L. Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) Membership for 2013-2014
- M. Job Description: Librarian/Media Center Specialist

**AI 8.0 ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Personnel and Administrative Appointments
- B. Reduction in Force and Non-Reemployment of Non-Certified Staff
  - Decatur Public School District 61
- C. Parent Handbook and Student Code of Conduct/Procedures Handbook for 2013-2014 School Year
- D. Amend the 2012-2013 School Calendar
- E. YMCA School Age Care Program Services Agreement for 2013-2014 School Year
- F. Resolution: Continue Participation in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund (ISDLAF) Plus
- G. Resolution: Abatement of Working Cash
- H. Resolution: Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB)
- I. Resolution: Transfer of Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT)

**IO 9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. School Improvement Grant (SIG) Update: Director of Special Programs Bobbi Williams and Principal of Eisenhower High School Charles Hoots
- B. Elementary Alternative Education Update: Director of Student Services Dr. Rochelle Clark and Principal of Phoenix and the Elementary Alternative Program
- C. First Reading of Board Policies: Director of Purchasing/Transportation Randy Dotson
  - **Policy, Section 6-Instruction**
    - 6:240-Field Trips
  - **Policy, Section 7-Students**
    - 7:340-Student Records

**DI 10.0 BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Board Standing Committee Reports:
  1. Finance Committee (Dan Winter and Brian Hodges)
  2. City Planning Commission (LaVell Peete and Sherri Perkins)
  3. Discipline Action Committee (LaVell Peete and Sherri Perkins)
  4. Safety: (Kevin Moore, Dan Oakes, Sherri Perkins)
  5. Bargaining Team (Dan Winter, Kevin Moore)
  6. End of the Year Grievance Review Committee (Dan Winter, Dan Oakes)
  7. Schedule B: (Dan Winter, Brian Hodges)

8. Decatur Public Schools Foundation (Dan Winter)
  9. Appraisal Action (teacher evaluation): (Kevin Moore)
  10. Class Size: (Jackie Bullard)
  11. Insurance: (Dan Winter, Brian Hodges)
  12. Other Committees
- Other Board Discussion

## IO 11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Education sends condolences to the families of:

Edwin Dale Mellon, who passed away Friday, March 8, 2013. Mr. Mellon was a Teacher for 33 years in Decatur Public School District 61 and the last 20 years, an Elementary Principal until his retirement.

Kathleen “Kay” Bryant, who passed away Monday, March 11, 2013. Mrs. Bryant is the daughter of Naomi Buck Davis, retired Title I Reading and Elementary Teacher for Decatur Public School District 61.

Norman Lee Stewart, who passed away Friday, March 15, 2013. Mr. Stewart was a Counselor and English Teacher at Eisenhower and MacArthur High Schools. Mr. Stewart also chaired each English Department until his retirement from MacArthur High School in 1989.

Helen Kindred, who passed away Saturday, March 23, 2013. Mrs. Kindred is the mother-in-law of Melinda Harrington, retired Executive I Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education and the Superintendent for Decatur Public School District 61.

James L. Ryan, who passed away Monday, April 1, 2013. Mr. Ryan is the brother of Darlene Goodman, former teacher at Oak Grove Elementary School.

## IO 12.0 IMPORTANT DATES

- April**
- 12 High School Progress Distribution
  - 14 Elite Energy Senior Spotlight
    - Eisenhower High School Auditorium at 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
  - 19 Hope Academy 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Card Distribution
  - 23 – 24 High School Testing:
    - PSAE (11<sup>th</sup> Grade), PLAN (10<sup>th</sup> Grade) and EXPLORE (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - 24 NO HIGH SCHOOL LATE START!!!
    - **Normal High School Start Time, which is 8:14 AM**
  - 25 Freshman Orientation
    - Eisenhower and MacArthur High Schools, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
  - 30 Kindergarten Jamboree
    - Hope Academy, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
  - 30 DPS 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Art Show – Madden Arts Center
    - Elementary Showcase, April 26, 2013, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
    - Middle/High School Showcase, May 3, 2013, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

- May**
- 15 Eisenhower High School Senior Awards Night
    - EHS Auditorium at 7:00 PM
  - 16 MacArthur High School Senior Awards Night
    - MHS Auditorium at 6:30 PM
  - 23 Retirement Tribute for District 61 Employees
    - Eisenhower High School Galleria
      - Reception: 5:45 - 6:30 PM
      - Program: 6:30 PM
  - 26 High School Graduation at the Decatur Civic Center
    - MHS at 2:00 PM
    - EHS at 6:00 PM

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, April 23, 2013 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board of Education Room.

**AI 13.0 ADJOURNMENT**