



DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA

Regular Meeting
Keil Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room
1st Floor Board of Education Room

May 14, 2013
5:00 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 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, MAY 14, 2013

IO 5.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations MacArthur High School Physics II Students! Thanks to a grant provided by the Decatur Public Schools Foundation, on March 30, 2013 three students from MacArthur High School became the first in Central Illinois to send a video camera in a capsule to near space, record the journey and recover the capsule after it has returned to the ground. Although the target altitude of 20 miles was not reached, the video clips and still photos from the recovered capsule were more than satisfying to consider the project a complete success.

Special Presentation Report: Caring Black Men Organization - 2012/2013 School Year, Jeffrey Perkins, Founder

Congratulations to Angeline Peck, South Shores Elementary School Teacher, who was named the May 2013 Rotary Teacher of the Month!

IO 6.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AI 7.0 CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Minutes: April 23, 2013, Regular/Closed, May 2, 2013 Sine Die and Reorganization Meeting
- B. Monthly Bills
- C. Job Descriptions: Pre-Kindergarten Secretary, Secretary to Assistant Director of Special Education/Receptionist, Secretary to Special Education Administrators and District Receptionist-Microfilm Clerk

AI 8.0 ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

- A. Personnel and Administrative Appointments
- B. Resolution Designating Interest Earnings
- C. Comcast Fiber Agreement Amendment
- D. 2013-2014 School District Traditional Calendar
- E. 2013-2014 Hope Academy Transition to Traditional Calendar

IO 9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. District Policies: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Director of Student Services

DI 10.0 BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Board Standing Committee Reports:
 - 1. Finance Committee
 - 2. Discipline Action Committee
 - 3. Bargaining Team
 - 4. Schedule B
 - 5. Decatur Public Schools Foundation
 - 6. Senate Bill 7 (SB-7 Appraisal) Joint Committee
 - 7. Class Size
 - 8. Insurance

Other Board Discussion

IO 11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Education sends condolences to the families of:

Katherine Lorraine "Kate" Taylor, who passed away Thursday, April 25, 2013. Mrs. Taylor is the grandmother of Steve Sanders, Information and Technology Technician for Decatur Public Schools.

Alice Pagel, who passed away Thursday, May 2, 2013. Mrs. Pagel is the mother of Robin Bruce, Junior Community Secretary at MacArthur High School.

IO 12.0 IMPORTANT DATES

- May** 6 – 17 Advanced Placement Exams – High School Students
23 Retirement Tribute for District 61 Employees
– Eisenhower High School Galleria
○ Reception: 5:45 - 6:30 PM
○ Program: 6:30 PM

Eisenhower High School Exam Dates

- 21 Senior Semester Exams – B Day
22 Senior Semester Exams – A Day
23 Graduation Rehearsal – Civic Center at 10:00 AM
24 Senior Exam Make-Up Day
24 Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Exams – A Day
28 Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Exams – B Day

MacArthur High School Exam Dates

- 21 Senior Semester Exams – B Day
22 Senior Semester Exams – A Day
23 Graduation Rehearsal – Civic Center at 8:00 AM
24 Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Exams – A Day
28 Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Exams – B Day
29 Make-Up Day for All Grade Level Exams
26 High School Graduation at the Decatur Civic Center
– MHS at 2:00 PM
– EHS at 6:00 PM
27 Memorial Day Holiday – No School and All District Offices are Closed!
28 Last Day of Student Attendance for Traditional District Calendar
29 Report Card Day for the Traditional District Calendar Students

- June** 7 Last Day of Student Attendance for Balanced Calendar – Hope Academy
10 Report Card Day for the Balanced Calendar Students – Hope Academy

2013 DPS Summer School Sessions and Dates

Kindergarten Preparedness Program: Students Entering Kindergarten Fall 2013

- June 3 through July 12 (Monday – Friday), 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Location(s): Pershing

Camp Connections: Students Currently Enrolled in Grades K through 5th

- June 3 through July 12 (Monday – Friday), 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
- Location(s): Baum, Enterprise, Franklin and Stevenson

SMASH Camp: Gifted and High Honor Students Currently Enrolled in Grades 6th through 8th

- June 3 through July 12 (Monday – Friday), 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
- Location(s): Millikin University

SMASH Jr.: Gifted and High Honor Students Currently Enrolled in Grades 2nd through 5th

- June 3 through July 12 (Monday – Friday), 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
- Location(s): Muffley Elementary School

Camp Discovery: Students Currently Enrolled in Grades 6th through 8th Who Need Course Recovery

- June 3 through July 12 (Monday – Friday), 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
- Location(s): Eisenhower High School (former SDMS) and Thomas Jefferson

High School Summer School: APEX

- June 3 through July 3 (Monday – Thursday), 8:10 AM to 12:10 PM
- Location(s): Eisenhower and MacArthur High Schools

High School Internship Training

- April 1 through May 24 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday), 3:15 PM to 4:45 PM
- Location(s): Eisenhower High School (former SDMS)

NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE ON JULY 4 & 5, 2013 FOR SUMMER SCHOOL!

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, May 28, 2013 in the 1st Floor Board of Education Room.

AI 13.0 ADJOURNMENT