

**Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202  
Board of Education Meeting**

# Notes

*We prepare learners for the future*

## **July 17, 2006 Regular Meeting**

### **Board Salutes**

The first-ever Foundation for Excellence Battle of the Bands was held on Saturday. The event proved successful as approximately 550 people came to see 13 local bands perform. Initial estimates are that the Foundation raised \$2,500 through the event. All monies will go directly into grants, scholarships and special projects to benefit District 202 students. A special thank you goes to the bands.

**Judges:** Brent James, Erik Schelling and Jeff Dixon. **Sound and lights:** Deb Fleming, PHS-CC teacher; Quinn McGee, PHS-CC junior; and Jade DeMarco, PHS-CC sophomore. **Ticket sales:** Gena Graves, Foundation Trustee; Lucia Rossi-Nichols, community member; and Tony Hamilton, Community Relations Coordinator.

**Organizers:** Rick Friddle, Foundation Trustee and Carla Erdey, Director of Community Relations. **Community**

**Partners:** Plainfield Park District, especially Community and Business Relations Manager Cheryl Crissman and Plainfield Community Access Television. **On-site**

**logistics:** Plainfield High School – Central Campus Assistant Principal Bob Smith. **Security:** Jon Ryan, PHS-CC Campus Monitor; Chris Costosos, PHS-CC Campus Monitor; and Josh Eppstein, PHS-CC Campus Monitor.

**Prize sponsors:** Plainfield Park District; DELL; CDW and Jon Balke. **Sponsor solicitation:** Margie Bonuchi and Kellie Doubek.

Middle School and High School Mathematics Committee for their work on the mathematics curriculum over the past two years to align the curriculum.

The high school reading intervention program team for its work to develop a course.

Nancy Hayhurst for her guidance of the mathematics and reading projects that were brought to the Applied Learning and Technology Committee.

### **Public Input**

A parent asked the Board of Education when parents will know if their child is in the a.m. or p.m. kindergarten session and why the decision is made at that time. Dr. Harper responded that the decision is made at the campus level in conjunction with the transportation department. The decision is not made until late summer because of the district's ongoing growth. New students register everyday and the district needs to accommodate all of the students

who enroll. He said he would check with the principal at her child's school and would get back in touch with her soon with an update on the planning at that school.

A community member addressed the Board thanking George Schlott and Lane Abrell for all of their efforts on behalf on the Community Homecoming Committee. She invited them to return as honored guests for the parade.

A bidder addressed the Board regarding a question he had with the bid for the middle school #7 construction contract. A representative of the district's architecture firm addressed the question.

### **Honored Guests**

#### **Retiring Plainfield High School – Central Campus Associate Principal George Schlott**

Associate Principal George Schlott is retiring following 37 years of service to the students and staff of our community. His official titles have included Associate Principal, Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor, Director of Data Processing, and Mathematics Teacher. His unofficial titles have included advisor, fan, student-advocate, scheduling guru and technology extraordinaire. His experience, expertise and dedication are unsurpassed. He will be missed as he retires and moves into private industry where he will work for ACT doing one of the things he does best – managing data. We wish him the best as he begins this new chapter in his life.

#### **Leaving Plainfield High School – Central Campus Associate Principal Lane Abrell**

Tonight we have the opportunity to bid farewell to Dr. Lane Abrell and wish him well as he takes on the superintendency of Leland School District in LaSalle County. Dr. Abrell served students at Plainfield High School - Central Campus since 1997. He was the Wildcat's principal beginning in 2000. Prior to joining District 202, he served in administrative roles for Munster High School (Munster, IN), Minooka High School and Lockport Central High School. He also taught health, physical education and driver education at Lincoln-Way Central High School. We wish him the best of luck in this next step in his career. The students, staff and community in Leland are fortunate to have him.

**Interim Plainfield High School – Central Campus  
Principal Robert Smith**

District 202 is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Smith as Interim Principal for Plainfield High School - Central Campus. He has 31 years of experience in education including 11 years serving the Plainfield High School - Central Campus community. Mr. Smith has served the Wildcats as Assistant Principal since 1999 and as Dean of Students prior to that. Before joining District 202, he was an agriculture and horticulture teacher for Minooka Community High School for 20 years. He holds a master's degree from Governor's State University (University Park, IL), a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University (Normal, IL) and an associate's degree from Kemper Military College (Boonville, MO).

**Plainfield High School – Central Campus Special Ed.  
Administrator Jeanie Possemato**

District 202 is happy to announce the appointment of Jeanie Possemato as Special Education Administrator for Plainfield High School – Central Campus. Ms. Possemato has 21 years of experience in education including serving as a Principal of North Star Academy (Lockport Area Special Education Cooperative), Staffing Coordinator for Lockport High School District 205 and a special education teacher for District 99 (Downers Grove), Joliet High School District 204, Maine Township High School District 207 (Des Plaines), Elementary School District 146 (Tinley Park), Reed-Custer High School District 255U (Braidwood), and Lincoln Way Area Special Education Cooperative 843 (Frankfort). She holds a master's degree from Benedictine University (Lisle), and a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University (DeKalb).

**Drauden Point Middle School Assistant Principal  
Dean Kariotakis**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dean Kariotakis as Assistant Principal at Drauden Point Middle School. This past school year he served as Dean of Students at Plainfield High School – Central Campus. He joined District 202 in 2003 as a Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher at Drauden Point Middle School. Prior to joining District 202, he was a middle school social studies teacher in Western Springs School District 101 and Willow Springs School District 108 and high school social studies teacher at Eisenhower High School in Rialto, CA. He holds a master's degree from St. Xavier University and a bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University.

**Director of Finance Michael Pakosta**

We would like to officially welcome Director of Finance Michael Pakosta to the district. Mr. Pakosta began his duties earlier this month. Mr. Pakosta joins us with five years of school business office experience with Niles Township District for Special Education in Morton Grove and Warren Township High School District 121 in Gurnee. He also has six years of experience with private

accounting firms in the northern suburbs. He holds a master's degree from Northern Illinois University (DeKalb) and a bachelor's degree from Roosevelt University (Chicago).

**New school construction bids approved**

The Board of Education approved the 16<sup>th</sup> elementary School bid to George Sollitt Construction Co. for the base bid amount of \$11,299,000 and recommended alternate bids. It also includes an allowance of \$239,000 for temperature control. The school will be located in the Crossings of Wolf Creek subdivision.

The Board approved the 17<sup>th</sup> elementary school bid to Nicholas and Associates for the base bid amount of \$11,698,539 and recommended alternate bids and an allowance of \$180,000 for temperature controls. The school will be located south of the Aux Sable Middle School site.

The Board approved the 7<sup>th</sup> middle school construction bid award to George Sollitt Construction Co. for the base bid amount of \$18,597,000 and alternate bids and an allowance of \$415,000 for temperature controls. The school will be located near 119<sup>th</sup> St. and Essington Road.

**Committee Reports**

**Ways and Means Committee**

The report was made by Board Vice President Ron Kazmar and the following action was taken:

- Approved Treasurer's report.
- Approved payment of bills.
- Approved purchase of Connect-Ed messaging service to allow sending of voicemail messages to parents to inform them of emergency situations, school closings or important updates.

**Personnel, Policy and Administration Committee**

The report was made by Board Member Linda Johnson and the following action was taken:

- Heard Community Relations update
- Approved Exchange Teacher from Thailand to come to Creekside Elementary School.
- Heard report on automated sub caller program.
- Denied stipend request for robotics competition team.

**Applied Learning and Technology Committee**

The report was made by Board Member Linda Johnson and the following action was taken:

- Approved Exchange Students at Plainfield South High School and Plainfield High School –Central Campus.
- Approved extending Power Up program for implemented in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Approved high school reading intervention course development for struggling readers.

- Heard Six Traits data report that shows improvement in writing scores.
- Heard report regarding alignment between mathematics curriculum and assessments.
- Heard report on implementation data on the first year of Glencoe Mathematics.

### **Site Management Committee**

The report was made by Board Member Roger Bonuchi and the following action was taken:

- Approved construction report and change order credit. Approved design modifications for Plainfield East High School.
- Approved bid for Plainfield South High School Varsity Baseball Field renovation to Sportsfield Inc.

- Approved conversion of staff mailroom into conference room at Indian Trail Middle School.
- Approved Ira Jones Middle School Outdoor Classroom project to be paid for by PTA and school fundraising efforts.
- Approved Paint a Block PTA beautification fundraiser at Crystal Lawns Elementary School.

### **In other action**

In other action, the Board:

- Approved PHS-CC fieldtrip to Operation Snowball retreat.
- Approved minutes.