

BOARD BRIEFS

Avoca School District 37

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Review of 2015-2016 Financial Report

On July, 21, 2016, the Board reviewed the Financial Report for fiscal year 2015-2016. The District ended the year with a deficit of \$1,939,242 including the Fire Prevention and Safety Bond transactions. This deficit reflects the spending of money from the 2015 issuance of \$3.7 million of life safety bonds. The District also made a payment on the 2015 Fire Prevention and Safety bonds using reserves in the Debt Service Fund. If you exclude all of the Fire Prevention and Safety transactions, the District ended the year with a surplus of \$227,383.

Public Hearing for Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

At its July 21, 2016 meeting, the Board of Education established the date for the public hearing for the budget for fiscal year 2017 for September 22, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. in the Joseph M. Porto Community Room at Marie Murphy School. The tentative budget is open for public viewing. If you are interested in viewing the budget, please contact our business office or visit avoca37.org/businessoffice/ and click on the link for [Budget 2016-2017](#).

Summer Construction Projects

Throughout the summer, several renovation projects took place at both Avoca West and Marie Murphy School. The 5th grade wing at Avoca West was updated with new cabinetry and flooring. At Marie Murphy, the 8th grade bathrooms were updated with new piping, fixtures, tile and flooring. While the above facilities projects were taking place, the district also completed projects from the life safety plan. Both schools added smoke detectors, fire alarm pull stations, bathroom drains, mixing valves and vacuum breakers. Marie Murphy also replaced about a third of the roof and three roof top HVAC units.

Strategic Plan 2016-2021

At its June 23, 2016 meeting, the Board approved the Mission, Vision, Core Values and Strategic Goals for the District's new strategic plan. The Strategic Plan 2016-2021 was developed by a planning committee that consisted of 12 parent/community members, 12 Avoca staff members, and 12 people in leadership positions in the District. To learn more about the Strategic Plan, visit avoca37.org and follow the [Strategic Plan](#) link.

Avoca Center

After discussing the pros and cons associated with the expenditure of funds to refurbish Avoca Center or to sell the parcel of land that it sits upon for the purpose of development of single family housing

units, the Board agreed to charge CSBO Dever and Superintendent Jauch with the responsibility of identifying the actions necessary in consideration of selling the Avoca Center property. At a subsequent meeting, an action plan was presented to the BOE. A community meeting will be scheduled to inform and gather input from district residents before the BOE officially decides to either refurbish Avoca Center or sell the property.

Employment Matters

On June 23, 2016, the Board approved the resignation of Lisa Kubit, Intervention Specialist at Marie Murphy School. The Board also approved the employment of Lindsay Harris, as a 7th Grade English-Language Arts Teacher at Marie Murphy School for a year-long maternity leave position. The non-certified staff salary schedule for 2016-2017 was approved to reflect at 3.0% increase for returning staff. The Board approved a 2016-2018 Contract for The Avoca West Principal, Jessica Hutchison and Marie Murphy Principal, Matthew Palcer.

At its July 21, 2016 meeting, the Board approved the employment of the Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator, Jennette Winters.

The August 18, 2016 Board meeting authorized the employment of the following: Diana Cole, Instructional Assistant (IA) at Avoca West; Judy O'Malley, IA at Avoca West; Danielle Walovitch, IA at Avoca West; and Katherine Meinzer, Personnel and Benefits District Office Assistant. The Board accepted the resignations of Kristin Moulton, IA at Avoca West and Janine Wilkin, IA at Avoca West.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

Regular Board meetings are open to the public and are held at Marie Murphy School. To confirm time and location of the meetings, please contact the Superintendent's office at 847-251-3587 or visit the Board of Education [website](#) for a complete schedule.

- 9/22- 5:30 p.m.- Finance Committee
- 9/22- 6:15 p.m.- Public Hearing on FY 2017 Budget
- 9/22- 6:30 p.m.- Board of Education
- 10/6- 5:30 p.m.- Committee of the Whole
- 10/20- 5:30 p.m.- Finance Committee
- 10/20- 6:30 p.m.- Board of Education