

BOARD BRIEFS

Avoca School District 37

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Avoca Center

At the January 5, 2017 Committee of the Whole (COTW) meeting, Superintendent, Kevin Jauch, gave the Avoca School Board of Education (BOE) an update of the activity regarding the future of the Avoca Center land parcel. The current Avoca Center tenants, Arlyn Day School and One Hope United were served with a notice of termination of current lease agreements with an effective date of December 31, 2017. Dr. Jauch shared this information with the Executive Director of the Wilmette Park District. At that time, Dr. Jauch invited the administration of Wilmette Park District to attend a meeting on January 13, 2017, with the Avoca administration to brainstorm mutually beneficial options for that space. At that meeting, many ideas were brought forward regarding the use of the land that range from maintaining greenspace to the possibility of building new mutually beneficial structures. At the March COTW meeting, Dr. Jauch will present a new timeline regarding the future of Avoca Center that will incorporate the three major options that are in discussion at this time; partnership with the Wilmette Park District, razing the building and maintaining greenspace and the potential sale of the property for development of single family homes.

Board of Education Policy Updates

On January 5, 2017, Dr. Jauch shared policy updates from the October 2016 Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) which contained 38 applicable updates to the Avoca School District 37 Board of Education Policy Manual. These policies were reviewed revised as appropriate and approved at the January BOE Meeting. Notably, policies 2:125 and 5:60 were modified due to updates to the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act. This update included the approval of a Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements which sets a maximum allowable expense per event, per person. You can view the Policy Manual in its entirety on our website at www.avoca37.org/boe/board-policy-manual/.

2016-2017 District Goals Update

At the January Board of Education Meeting, Dr. Jauch and the Avoca School District Administrative team gave the Board an update regarding the current progress 2016-2017 District Goals. District Administration and staff have been working on developing the aligned strategies to achieve the five Strategic Plan goals: Goal 1: Provide a rigorous, comprehensive, personalized education to ensure

success for all students at Avoca District 37 and beyond; Goal 2: Support Professional Learning Communities to ensure coherence, collaboration, innovation and accountability; Goal 3: Establish data-driven systems to facilitate ownership, growth, and continuous improvement; Goal 4: Establish trust, respect, engagement and satisfaction among families and communities; and Goal 5: Responsibly manage district resources including people, time and money to achieve our mission, vision and goals. Dr. Jauch is developing an internal information warehouse to be used by staff to track and document progress. A user friendly site for the greater Avoca community to keep them informed of the process is also being developed. Specific progress regarding each goal was recorded in the January 19, 2017 BOE Minutes, which are available on our website at the link listed at the bottom of the page or to learn more about the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, please visit www.avoca37.org and click on the Strategic Plan link.

Key Action Items

Bus Lease

At the January 19, 2017 BOE meeting, the Board voted to approve 5 year leases for two 66 passenger buses at the annual lease rate of \$20,488, plus the cost of an extended warranty of \$1,600 per bus.

Glenview Park District Lease

At the January 19, 2017 BOE meeting, the Board voted to approve an updated Lease of Space and Grounds around School Buildings and Use of School Buildings with the Glenview Park District. The term for the new Lease will run from February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2026.

2017-2018 Budget and Finance Guideline

At the January 19, 2017 BOE meeting, the Board voted to approve the 2017-2018 Budget and Finance Guideline which includes key district financial tasks and deadlines to guide the CSBO with the budget process and compliance with state and county law.

One Hope United Rental Rate at Avoca West

At the January 19, 2017 BOE meeting, the Board voted to approve the One Hope United rental rate for facility use at Avoca West for 2017 in the amount of \$29,283.

Approval of Revised 2017-2018 Calendar

At the January 19, 2017 BOE meeting, the Board voted to approve the 2017-2018 School Year calendar. It is available for viewing on our website.