

# EPG Unit #11 Quick Board Summary

## October 19, 2009 Regular Board of Education Meeting Rick Johnston, Superintendent of Schools

(El Paso, IL--Centennial Library) The Board of Education met on Monday night in regular session for its October regular meeting. The following is a summary of that meeting.

Presentation: Rick Phillips (District Auditor) presented the summary for the FY09 Financial Audit

### **The consent agenda action approval contained the following items:**

- Approval of minutes from the regular Board meeting held on September 21, 2009
- Approval of minutes from the Board Executive Closed Session held on September 21, 2009
- Approval of financial report
- Approval of bills
- Approval of Mick Finck's retirement as a maintenance/custodian as of December 31, 2009
- Approval to hire Brady SantAmour as the Junior High Wrestling Coach for 2009-2010
- Approval to hire Stephanie Matzke as the Junior High Scholastic Bowl Coach for 2009-2010
- Approval to hire Sharon Flesher as the Junior High Scholastic Bowl Coach for 2009-2010
- Approval to confirm Dave Poppen as a volunteer for Junior High Wrestling for 2009-2010
- Approval to confirm Kenny Kuerth as a volunteer for Junior High Boys Basketball for 2009-2010
- Approval to hire a special education aid position at Centennial School
- Approval of the agreement by Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Approval of the El Paso Gridley Foundation Requests for 2009-2010

**Administrative Reports: Each building administrator shared their monthly report in writing prior to the meeting. They fielded questions from Board members concerning those reports.**

### **State Report Card View: Brian Kurz with input from administrative team**

A summary of the District Report Card and state testing scores was reviewed with the board. Mr. Kurz reviewed how staff will be using data to drive goal setting and curriculum for the district. Staff members will be analyzing this data and arriving at goals for each evaluated area for specific grade levels. The differences between the ISAT testing program and the ACT core testing programs were also discussed. EPG will be using a "growth model" for each class as they progress through the district. The question that needs to be answered is: Are we doing a service for each class as they move through our buildings? Additionally, individual student scores are being analyzed so that staff members can identify those students who are slightly above or below the meets level and the exceed level. By identifying those students, we can work for improved overall test results.

**Superintendent Report:**

1. The Annual school report cards will be available through the ISBE website after October 31. We have a link on our site to the ISBE site for those that want to view our report cards. The board was provided the report cards for each school and the district.
2. October 22 is Parent-Teacher Conference Day. Staff will meet with parents from 12 to 8 p.m. Each building will be arranging for the meals that night for their staff.
3. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> the Institute will be held in the buildings with grade and curriculum meetings. We are bringing in a presenter for K-6 grades in how to incorporate the interactive white boards into their curriculum. The remainder of the day will be building level grade and curriculum meetings. The board was provided those schedules.
4. The enrollment report was provided to the board. We are down slightly from last year at the one month mark.
5. CAC Meeting—we met in an organizational meeting on Tuesday night. The minutes were provided to the board.
6. DuPont donation—we will be receiving a donation from DuPont for \$3000 to the school district on Wednesday afternoon. .
7. INDOT was contacted concerning our signage proposal. They shared their requirements to this project. All signage we would supply cannot be placed in the state highway right away. We have met with the city officials who are in agreement with our signage proposal and can place the signs where appropriate. The Gridley locations will need to be arranged next.

**Action Item(s)**

Approval of the 2008-2009 financial audits as presented by Rick Phillips

**Closed Session**

The board entered into closed session for the purpose of appointment and employment of employees

(The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.)