TO: District #66 Employees
FROM: Rolf Sivertsen, Superintendent
DATE: November 22, 2016
RE: Board Summary, November 21, 2016

At the regular meeting of the Canton Union School District #66 Board of Education on November 21, 2016 the following items took place:

1. The regular meeting of the Canton Union School District #66 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Leonard Barnard in the boardroom at the Administration Building.

2. Board members present were Leonard Barnard, Lori Coleman, Justin Jochums, Jane Lewis, Jake Snowman, and Tom Snowman. Board member Matt Kees was absent.

3. Amendments to the Agenda: Order of business was changed for Discussion Items to precede Reports.

4. Under *Good News Items*: 1) Fourteen Canton High School students participated in the ILMEA All-District Music Festival. Canton High School student Britney Conover was chosen as one of four soloists out of a group of 225, and Chloe Howell participated in the All-District Band. Ingersoll Middle School students Tyler Gallion, Isabella Kees, Hunter Martin, Avery Morrow, Noah Stevens, Anna Taylor, Claire Wheelwright and Eleanor Fournier were participants in the All-District Junior Chorus and Darren Woods participated in the All-District Junior High Band; 2) The CHS Library organized Cranes for Cancer folding 1600 for the event; 3) Through a BSAA class at CHS, Lauren Stremmel applied for and was selected to participate in a program through the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research. The program offers students the opportunity to interact with researchers and have hands-on experiences in the lab; 4) Ingersoll Middle School will be phasing in their plans for students to take their electronic devices home, beginning with eighth grade; 5) Nets for Vets donations at Ingersoll MS will be used for Veterans trips on the Honor Flight; and 6) Lincoln Elementary School and Westview Elementary School participated in Nets for Vets for the Honor Flights for Veterans.

5. Those items approved under the *Consent Agenda* are:
   - Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 17, 2016
   - Minutes of the Closed Session, October 17, 2016
   - Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, October 24, 2016
   - Minutes of the Closed Session, October 24, 2016
   - Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, November 7, 2016
   - Minutes of the Closed Session, November 7, 2016
   - November bills and payroll
   - October Treasurer's Report
   - Medical leave of absence of a licensed staff member, effective November 22, 2016 to January 10, 2017
   - Separation Agreement and Release Related to Resignation of Jenna Games
   - Retirement of Sheri Barr, Paraprofessional at Canton High School, effective December 31, 2016
   - Employment of Michelle Murphy, Paraprofessional at Westview Elementary School, Effective November 7, 2016

- Employment of Kim Dudek, Reading Aide at Lincoln Elementary School, Effective November 7, 2016
- Transfer of Julie Sipes to Paraprofessional at Lincoln Elementary School from Reading Aide at Lincoln Elementary School
- Approval, William McCullum, Volunteer Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Effective 2016-2017 Season
- Resignation, Ashley Eck, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, Canton High School, Effective the end of the 2016 Season
- Resignation, Laura DeFrain, Volunteer Volleyball Coach, Canton High School, Effective October 27, 2016
- Resignation, Mel Turgeon, Volunteer Soccer Coach, Canton High School, Effective October 31, 2016
- Employment, Tara Keets, Assistant Dance Coach, Canton High School, Effective the 2016-2017 Winter Season
- Resignation, Andrew Schroeder, Student Council Advisor, Canton High School, Effective Immediately
- Student teachers for the spring semester: Kelsey Coates (Bradley University), with Kenneth VanHouten (eight weeks) and Trina Jochums (eight weeks) at Lincoln Elementary School; Alexander Coulter (Bradley University), with Lynn Isbell, Science, Canton High School; and Alysen Newton (Bradley University), with Jessica Lighthall, English, Canton High School
- Destruction of Audio Recording of April 27, 2015 Closed Session
- Brendan Glass, Spoon River College, as Technology Intern with Technology Director Don Howell

6. The Board approved the Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance and approved the 2016 Certificate of Tax Levy.

7. The 2015-2016 State School Report Cards for Canton High School, Ingersoll Middle School, Eastview Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, and Westview Elementary School were approved by the Board.

8. The Board approved Life Safety Amendments for roofing projects and camera security work at Canton High School, Alice Ingersoll Gymnasium, Eastview Elementary School, Westview Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, and the District Administration Building, and for security work at Ingersoll Middle School.

9. District librarian Christy Semande presented a report on *Breakout Education*, a rising trend in education to engage students in problem solving, creating, collaboration, and hands-on learning. The innovative learning process is used throughout District 66 in libraries and classrooms.

10. Administrators and staff from the Canton School District visited Barrington and Crystal Lake School Districts to observe STEM or 1:1 programs already in place. The tours provided a chance to observe classrooms and labs where students were engaged with projects using STEM, PLTW curriculum or a 1:1 program. Team members will further discuss their findings for consideration for the Canton School District's STEM and 1:1 programs.

11. Curriculum Director Jason Parsons provided scores from PARCC Testing, making comparisons of the 2015 to 2016 composite scores. Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and high school were administered the tests. The SAT, not PARCC, will be administered at the high school this year.

12. Spoon River College President Curt Oldfield and Kelly Young, Bluffstone, LLC representative, presented information to the board regarding the proposed housing development for Spoon River College students. The proposed housing development would be built and managed for the SRC Foundation by an outside firm. The Board discussed the proposed SRC Housing Tax Rebate Agreement.

13. Canton High School student Chase Strantz, on behalf of his classmates, presented information to the board on the proposal to change to weighted grades at the high school. Students and teachers were surveyed to gather information of support or opposition to the proposed change. A committee will be formed for further discussion on the topic by students, parents, administrators, and teachers; a formal recommendation will then be made to the Board of Education.

14. The Board discussed the recent decision by Mid-Illini Conference to discontinue the seasonal All-Conference banquets. Two conference schools were in favor of continuing the banquets. Athletes are recognized in a variety of other venues, other than the MIC banquets.

15. Information on the donation of a high school football scoreboard was discussed by the Board. The scoreboard would have space for paid sponsorships. Additional software options and bids for pricing will be collected for comparison to the original bid, along with the district's responsibilities for the project.

16. Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen reported that twelve individuals have committed to be members of the Citizens Advisory Council. The first meeting will be scheduled for early December.

17. Policy Governance Committee members were asked to check their calendars to determine a date for the next Board Policy Governance Committee meeting.

18. Board members gave a review of the highlights from workshops they attended at the 2016 Joint Annual Conference in Chicago.

19. The Board entered closed session to discuss personnel matters.

20. The regular board meeting adjourned at 10:08 PM.

21. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the boardroom at the Administration Building.