

## **SUPERINTENDENT FORUM**

**November 12, 2015**

**10:00am**

**Attendees: Dennis Tobin, Daniel Johnson, Annette Hoffman, Lenore Davis, Nebrissa Song, Gracie Kozalciewicz, and Mattie Ann Smith.**

### Discussion Topics

- Mr. Tobin shared BOE electoral results indicating that incumbents Karen Scott and Jack Surdoval were re-elected to serve another 3-year term and that Linda Curcio received the third highest votes and will also serve a 3-year term.
- Mr. Tobin and Dr. Johnson indicated that it was a smooth opening to the school year. Kudos to our students, school community and staff!
- Mr. Tobin and Dr. Johnson indicated that our first year of Full Day Kindergarten at the Alpine school is off to a great start. Parents indicated they were very pleased the district finally implemented FDK.
- Dr. Johnson reviewed with parents the new initiative of implementing a STEM Academy at the high school. The Academy would include a three year phase-in program: 2015-16 Medical Biology, 2016-17 Engineering, and 2017-18 Computer Design and Programming.
- Discussion took place with group regarding meeting the needs of gifted/talented and high achieving students through Instructional Intervention teachers and regular classroom teachers.
- New Middle School schedule was discussed and the district is pleased with initial assessment with the biggest benefit being newly implemented Academic Assistance. New elective classes are also being considered for future.
- 2016-2017 Budget development calendar was reviewed with group emphasizing public participation portions of January, February and March BOE meetings for community input.
- The district Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) was discussed with very positive feedback being expressed from executive board, parents and new Director of Special Service Danielle Hamblin.

- Dr. Johnson provided group with a comprehensive update of state PAARC assessment which included a review of 2014-2015 and a look ahead at 2015-2016.
- Discussion of High School lunch schedule and enough appropriate seating for students took place. It was indicated that 10 tables were on order for annex gymnasium and that Senior off-campus privilege should address concerns.
- Concern was shared regarding Wi Fi availability for students and instructional purposes at high school. This issue was discussed with the technology department and is not a concern.

\*Superintendent Forum discussion topics will be shared with District Administration Team and appropriate Board of Education Committees.