

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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SUBJECT: Elgin Public Schools Board Meeting on 11 August 2011 at 1800.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1800 with the flag salute and prayer. All board members were present.
2. The board approved the July 14, 2011 Regular Board of Education Meeting.
3. There was no public participation.
4. Consideration of and vote to approve the financial reports from the Superintendent and Treasurer. These were approved.
5. Consideration of and vote to approve the activity and lunch fund reports. They discussed the new AG pickup that would be purchased with these funds. These were approved.
6. They approved the fund raisers, and expenditures and all items dealing with activity accounts, including the sanctioning of several funds.
7. The board approved the marketing agreement with Arvest Bank, the contract with Safe Routes to School grant, and the engineers to build the sidewalks for the Safe Routes to School grant money. There was much discussion about the engineer's placement of the sidewalks. The board and Superintendent felt their needs were not addressed.
8. The board approved the calendar for the 2011-12 school year (SY) based on hours as approved by the State Department of Education. They approved an application for the deregulation of the employment of a middle school librarian for this SY, the employment of three adjunct teachers, the 2011-12 Student Handbooks, and the transportation upgrades.
9. Mr. Crimmins informed the board of the accreditation status. They had no deficiencies.
10. The board adopted the graduation policy, the records investigation policy, and the new promotion\retention policy for third graders. This promotion\retention policy states that a third grader must be able to read on grade level or they are not promoted. There are very few exceptions to this policy, such as limited English or disabilities. The student will remain in third grade up to a year until they are able to read on level. The school will put in place remediation

techniques and programs and keep the parents informed. There is a slight possibility a child could be promoted to the fourth grade in the middle of a school year. This brought up several questions. How can a child going into fourth grade, miss the first half of the year? What would this do to the class sizes? The Superintendent said a possibility might be a transitional fourth grade. This was passed by the legislature as SB 346.

11. Changes to the travel policy were discussed. The administration wants to go to the per diem method vs. the receipt method. This was approved.

12. The board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss resignations; the hiring for Special Education, English, and the elementary school; and the employment of custodians, cooks, and bus drivers for the 2011-12 SY.

13. They returned to open session.

14. The Executive Session Minutes Compliance Announcement was read.

15. The board voted to accept resignations and to hire a high school English teacher and several elementary teachers, the cooks, custodians, and bus drivers for the 2011-12 SY.

16. There was no new business.

17. They voted to adjourn.

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