

UPDATE

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Former School Board Member Dr. Steve Krause Appointed to Board Vacancy

At the January 21st meeting, the Board of Education appointed former School Board Member Dr. Steve Krause to fill the unexpired term of Jeff Mays. Dr. Krause will serve until after the election and the four new board members are seated in April. Because of the short time remaining in Mr. Mays' term, the Board waived provisions of Policy 2:70 which calls for publicizing the vacancy, accepting resumes, and conducting interviews to select a replacement.

In other action, Board Member Scott Stone was elected to replace Mr. Mays as vice-president.

Update on Building Project

Architects Contracts. Contract agreements for the design work for the six building projects have been completed and signed with three local architectural/engineering firms. Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates, Klingner & Associates, and Architechnics were assigned two projects each but will consult together on all six. Total cost of the three contracts is \$5.3 million and was included in the \$89 million bond issue approved by voters for the projects. Business Manager Joel Murphy said now that the contracts are approved, the firms can begin the final design phase and draw up construction documents. He said it is still the goal to open the QHS addition and the school on the Monroe site by fall of 2016. He said efforts will be high to complete the high school and relocate the 9th graders by that date.

Construction Manager. A superintendent's committee will conduct interviews with three construction manager firms. The Board will select one of the firms to manage the entire high school addition and the design phase of the Monroe School project. Superintendent Cobb said interviews with the construction managers will likely begin next week.

Security Grant

Quincy Public Schools received a security grant for \$116,310 from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). Baldwin, Berrian, Dewey, Ellington, Madison, Monroe, Washington, and Quincy Junior High have been approved for replacement of aging metal detectors, upgrades to surveillance cameras, entry door security improvements, and installation of a Visitor Management System. The items purchased with this grant, with the exception of the door improvements, will be able to be transferred to our new buildings, saving construction dollars.



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
PRESIDENTS' DAY**



PERSONNEL

Appointments—PATRICIA MCGLOTHLIN—SP ED DEWEY. DEB OLSON—SP ED DEWEY. HENTRY BOCKE—SP ED QJHS. JEAN COONROD—MATH QJHS. CATHY CODD—GRAPHIC ARTS QAVTC. MICHAEL BOLING—SP ED ELLINGTON. DENISE BAILEY—COOK BERRIAN. MEGHAN ROBINSON—COOK MADISON. AUDREY WOODWORTH—SPRVR REG TRANSP. SARAH GRAWE—DIST MUSIC SECY. EDNA DIX—COOK ELLINGTON. DAN ARNS—CHIEF OF SECURITY. MARISSA LUMPKIN—PARA ACSS. MELISSA WAYLAND—ECFC SECY.

Leave of Absence—HALEY TOURNEAR—KDG WASH. 3/23/15 THROUGH 5/4/15 NICOLE HOLTSCHLAG—SPEECH/LANG PATH. 4/13/15 THROUGH THE END OF 2014/2015. BRIAN WALKER—PE QJHS. FMLA APPROX 1/26/15 THROUGH 1/30/15. CRYSTAL JOHNSON—ECFC TEACHER. 1`2/17/14 THROUGH 1/5/15. SHARI MANGOLD—SECY QHS. FMLA 12/12/14 THROUGH 1/5/15. ANGELA KITE—PARA QJHS BEGINNING 1/5/15. STEVE MCNEILLY—MAINTENANCE. 12/14/14 THROUGH 1/17/15.

Resignations—ALISON EBBING—GRAPHIC DESIGN QAVTC. MARIE JOHN—BALDWIN EXT DAY POSITION. JULIE SCHULTE—DEWY PBIS COACH AT THE END OF 2014-15. BRITTANY TURNBOW—PARA DEWEY.

In other action, the Board approved:

Bids for food and non-food line items
submitted by Kohl Wholesale
and Fox Rivers Foods.

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5ESSENTIALS SURVEY

Quincy Public Schools will join the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) in the third statewide survey of school climate and learning conditions. The survey provides a unique opportunity for teachers, students, and parents to have a voice in improving their schools. From January 12 through March 13, teachers, students, and parents will be asked to take a 20-minute research-based survey to help identify strengths and weaknesses in their school's learning environment. This survey will also be an important chance for schools to reflect on progress since the statewide implementation began in the 2013.

Quincy parents can access the survey on the district's website, www.qps.org, on the right side under Parent Information. Quincy Public School Superintendent Steve Cobb said, "We encourage all of our parents, teachers, and students to provide input regarding our efforts for school improvement. We value the feedback and will utilize the 5Essentials survey data to measure progress in each school and across the district. Results will be used to set school improvement goals for the future."

The 5Essentials Survey provides a comprehensive picture of a school's organizational culture in an individualized report measuring five "essentials" critical for school success:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environment
- Ambitious Instruction

Research has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of the 5Essentials were 10 times more likely to make substantial gains in improving student reading and math than schools that were weak on three or more. Those differences remained true even after controlling for student and school characteristics, including poverty, race, gender, and neighborhood characteristics. Strength on components within the Essentials also correlated with increased teacher retention, student attendance, college enrollment, and high school graduation.