

UPDATE

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Schools
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FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW \

I hope all of you enjoyed the Thanksgiving break and spending time with family and friends. The November Board meeting was held last Tuesday night on November 22 at Ellington School prior to the break.

An outline of a staffing plan for the new K-5 buildings was presented. It is “FTE neutral” - there are no additions and no deletions to staff. By bringing all the schools together, we can add some resources that are needed to support STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), some interventionists to help kids in those areas, and to add social-emotional support. Each K-5 school will have one principal and two administrative managers along with four teachers for each grade level, two PE teachers, two music teachers, approximately three special education classroom teachers and five special education teachers to team-teach with a regular education teacher. Two art teachers will serve the K-5 buildings. Each K-5 school will have one social worker, one psychologist and two speech teachers. Two special education coordinators and five additional social-emotional support personnel will serve the five schools. The schools will have two Reading Recovery interventionists and one interventionist in English language arts and math plus two coaches. Assigning staff will likely take place in January.

The Boundary Advisory Task Force (BATF) was formed by the Board to develop new attendance boundaries that would provide a more balanced demographic among the five community schools. Members include QPS teachers, parents, educational support personnel, bus drivers, and Early Childhood staff. Representatives from the Quincy Human Rights Commission, PTA, and the QFT Union were also included. The BATF has met numerous times and worked tirelessly to draw potential boundary lines based on the criteria established by the Board. Two Town Hall meetings were recently held to gather input on two proposed boundary maps and transition plan for the K-5 schools. There were some legitimate concerns expressed about the proposed number of transitions for some students and some of the boundaries. There will be further review of the plans in light of these concerns.

The Board approved the tentative tax levy of \$29,578,779. This is 4.58% above last year’s \$28,283,458 actual extension. Subtracting debt service—\$5,746,009 in 2015 and \$5,592,261 estimated for 2016, the levy increase is 3.35 percent. Finance Committee Chairperson Richard McNay said that if the EAV increases about 3 percent as it did last year, the tax rate would increase 2 to 3 cents—still under last year’s rate.

The Board also approved a loan of \$750,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund because of late payments from the state. Bids from Waterkotte Constructions for the new elementary school at North 12th Street were approved by the Board at a cost of \$12,491,000 which is well below the construction budget of \$13,380,500.

Roy Webb, Superintendent

PERSONNEL

Appointments/Change in Assignment

BARB UPPINGHOUSE—CROSSING GUARD SUB. ASHLEY KELTNER—SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST QJHS. AMY PHELPS—COOK ECFC. TERESA SPENCER—COOK QJHS. APRIL ROHN—SUPRVSR SP ED TRANS. JO AN WIEMELT—AM/PM NON UNION SP ED BUS RIDER. STEPHANIE CHANDLER—SUPRVSR EARLY CHILDHOOD TRANS. MICHELLE ARROWSMITH—KITCHEN HELPER DEWEY.

Coaching Appointments

MIRANDA RODRIQUEZ—ASST 7TH VOLLEYBALL COACH. ABIGAIL MOSER—HEAD 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL COACH QJHS. MICHAELA LLEWELLYN—ASST 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL COACH QJHS. MIKE LLEWELLYN—8TH GRADE HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH QJHS. CASEY LITTLE—HEAD 7TH & 8TH GRADE CHEERLEADING COACH QJHS.

Leaves of Absence

KARISSA HAM—SCIENCE QHS. 12/1 THROUGH 12/20/16. ANGELA KEPPNER—COUNSELOR QHS. FMLA 11/22 THROUGH APPROX 12/9/16. SUSIE WESTERMAN—2ND GRADE MADISON FMLA 12/5 THROUGH APPROX 12/20/16. REBECCA FEE—BUS RIDER. FMLA 12/20/16 TO APPROX 1/31/17. ROBYN SPRENGER—OCC THERAPIST SP ED FMLA 12/16/16 THROUGH APPROX 1/13/17.

Resignations.

EDNA DIX—BUS DRIVER 11/30/16. TERRI SCHREACKE—BUS RIDER ECFC 11/30/16. SHIRLEY BURGTORF—COOK QHS 11/18/16. ERIN SCHAEFER—PARA QHS 11/3/16. RALPH SMART—CROSSING GUARD SUB 10/25/16. CHELSEA BURKHART—KDG WASH 12/20/16. MATT LONGO—VARSITY SOCCER COACH QHS 10/26/16. JORDAN DIETRICH—ASST VOLLEYBALL COACH QJHS 11/10/16.

Retirements

LUAN WAY—3RD GRADE WASH 12/20/16. MARY NEUSER—PARA QHS 12/20/16

LAND AUCTION

The property at 30th & Locust Streets will be auctioned on Wednesday, December 14

**6:00 p.m. in the
QHS Cafeteria.**

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CONGRATULATIONS!

- **QHS Music Dept. Students and Staff** for the wonderful performance of **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF!**
- **DYLAN MOORE**—English Teacher at QHS. Dylan will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army National Guard in Ft. Benning, Georgia on December 15. Superintendent Webb will be a guest speaker at the event.

WINTER BREAK

NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday, December 21—
Monday, January 2**



**School Resumes
Tuesday, January 3**