

**SCHOOL BOARD News Release –Nov 2012**

At the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher Emily Kohl presented a Social Studies lesson on Communities her students had completed. Each child had chosen a community, gathered specific data to report and presented it in a PowerPoint page format. Kohl used the Promethean board to show each child's PowerPoint slide.

Junior High Math Teacher Brian Sullivan gave the Board background information about himself and presented a lesson on measurement the 7<sup>th</sup> grade had completed. Sullivan showed data displays, graphing on the Promethean board using Excel, folders with student writing and work, and spoke of his Response to Intervention group, a normal day in Math class, and the ways the Promethean board is used on a regular basis by students. Sullivan gave a special thanks to Principal McKeown for allowing him the flexibility to do spreadsheets with the class. Sullivan also mentioned working with Illini West to prepare current students for the high school Common Core Standards as well as for Algebra.

Dr. Campbell's Superintendent's report included information from a presentation by Diane Ravitch on the impact of No Child Left Behind and high stakes testing. Prin. McKeown gave updates on the athletic teams and mentioned recent activities such as Parent Teacher Conferences, the semiannual Book Fair, and a food drive during Hunger and Homeless Week. Certified Staff received School Improvement Day training on the new Teacher Evaluation process, Teacher Web Pages, and an annual CPI Refresher. McKeown's first round of teacher observations is completed. McKeown gave the Board a copy of the new teacher evaluation plan and a list of positive comments gathered from staff members about the school climate. McKeown listed 5 webinars she has completed regarding implementation of new standards.

The Board approved the preliminary Tax Levy, reviewed the District Risk Management Plan, appointed Laura Claassen as additional local election official, approved the a fund transfer from Working Cash fund to Fire Prevention and Safety fund, approved a bid to replace the expansion tanks in the boiler room, and discussed QNS technology services. The Board approved Ralph Todd as a head custodial substitute, Minnie Lahar as a sub cook and sub custodian, and Cindy Fry as a sub paraprofessional. The Board also approved the FY2013 Principal's Contract and revisions to the psychologist contract and Support Staff Salary Schedule.

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