

Roseland Board of Education Update

Highlights of Thursday, September 25th meeting

Below please find a summary of the key highlights from our September Board of Education meeting ([long agenda](#)); note agenda items now include indicator linking to board/district goals

*Note - a request for volunteers for use of [SafeStop](#), a mobile app that allows parents to track their student's bus and receive alerts will be sent later today. Ten parents on one of our bus routes will have the opportunity to evaluate the app for two weeks, and then provide feedback regarding to inform whether this service should be considered for all of our routes.

- Superintendent Gross presented:
 - A recognition award to [Manny August, son of Tom August](#), acting head custodian, for his volunteer work to provide create all the balloons for the Education fair and making balloon animals.
 - An overview of the school opening and [updates to programs](#) linked with District and Board goals
 - Results of the [principal search survey, committee and timeline](#); approximately sixty resumes have been received
 - A positive [letter from the REA](#) about the great opening of school
 - An update to the Regulation for use of facilities with addition of new class IIA, with significantly reduced fees for teams with >51% Roseland students on active roster
- Ms Thorn provided follow up to podcasting / recording options and tested an amplification system - the music department recently purchased with funding from Boosters
- Mr Bohm presented transportation and construction updates
 - Cameras on buses - contract details still being negotiated, no further action yet
 - The security window for the vestibule is incorrect and will be returned and replaced
 - SafeStop app - we will be conducting a free pilot program and requesting volunteers to test the app for a two weeks, application will be sent separately
- Mr Hughes provided an overview of recent activity including bus safety leader assignments and evaluation of a [Maker Space](#), where kids can experiment and create using items like [Arduino](#) boards and a 3-D printer
- Mr Mastrangelo welcomed all teachers, parents, students and staff
- Mr Mastrangelo provided an overview of [Superintendent Merit Goals](#) process and their linkage to [District and Board goals](#)
 - Two qualitative goals worth 2.5% and three qualitative goals of 3.3% for total potential of up to 15%

Some key items the board approved:

- 2015/16 Gifted & Talented events
- Gerard Tannuzzi as interim custodian and Dawn Cortez-Lambert as new classroom aide
- Placement of plaque recognizing donations from Roseland Boosters
- Superintendent Merit Goals

Public comments included bus safety, SafeStop app, principal search process

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22th at 7:30pm in the Noecker Media Center

Roseland Board of Education
Communications Committee