

Girard Board of Education Meeting

November 28, 2007

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I. Finance

- The Budget Implementation Act has not yet been signed by the Governor, therefore, our state aide funding remains at last year's amount. It was sent to the Governor on November 5, and he has 60 days in which to take action. If he signs the bill into law, it will become effective immediately. If he issues a total veto or amendatory veto, the bill will have to go back to the legislature for consideration.
- ISBE has officially proposed a costly new mandate on local school districts regarding school libraries. The proposal states that "each attendance center shall provide a program of library media services that shall include a library media center containing a collection of resources that circulate to students and staff for the purpose of supporting learning activities". Further, "there shall be space within each attendance center specifically devoted to a library media center".
- We have purchased a program called School Reach with funds from our ADA Safety grant that will be operational by second semester. This program provides a message center that can be accessed either by Web interface or telephone. Messages are delivered in the actual voice of person who recorded the message once a connection is detected by the system. This will be used in weather-related closings, utility failures crisis incidents, activity reminders, early dismissal reminders, etc. All households will receive calls when the system is activated. This should greatly improve communication with our parents and staff members.

II. Reorganization Feasibility Studies

- Carlinville: Dr. Phillips of UIS would like to meet with members of the Carlinville Board and the Girard Board on Wednesday, December 19 prior to the December Board of Education meeting here in Girard. We would like to meet around 5:00 or 5:30 to hear Dr. Phillips explain the process.
- Virden: Dr. Phillips would like to meet with both the Virden and the Girard Boards of Education sometime in January on a date that has not yet been determined.

III. Communication

- I received a letter from Kent Tarro of the Macoupin County Public Health Department thanking the district, and specifically our maintenance staff, for our assistance with the SNS exercise/influenza vaccination clinic at Girard Schools on October 20, 2007.

IV. REMINDER:

Senior Citizen Dinner this Saturday, December 1 at noon. Please be here by 11:30 AM.