

*This is an unofficial summary of the Regular Board Meeting which was held on Thursday, August 4, 2016.*

### Looking Forward to the 2016-2017 School Year

The Lincoln Hall building project continues to be on time and within budget. The Facilities Committee continues to work through plans for Phase II of the project. The Committee is also continuing work and discussions on the possibility of expansions to the Todd Hall/Administration parking lots.

Student registration is going well at all three schools. Please be sure to re-register your students or finish the process, if you have still not done so. Enrollment figures are expected to slightly increase as “move-ins” continue to register.

Orientation for new District staff will take place on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. The entire District 74 staff will be in attendance on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for Teacher Institute Day. We welcome students back to school on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, for a full day of school.

### Curriculum Goals in SD74 for 2016-2017

Based on the District’s 6-year curriculum cycle, the area of focus for 2016-17 will be to align science and math curriculum with STEM, especially with STEM now being a “core curriculum” at the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels. The District will also start looking at the K-5 timeline relative to implementation of the STEM program. Grades 6-8 will be utilizing new math materials this year. The 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers will be aligning the science and STEM curriculum. On the District’s program side, technology and library standards will be reviewed, especially with the new library facility that will be available for students at Lincoln Hall this year.

### Board Discusses Preliminary FY 2016-2017 Budget

The budget presented at the Board of Education meeting is preliminary at this time. It will continue to be reviewed by administration and the Finance Committee with the “final” budget expected to be presented at the next regular Board of Education meeting on September 1, 2016. At that time, the budget will include updated revenue and expenditure assumptions and end of year actual numbers presented on a cash basis. The [Preliminary FY 2016-17 Budget](#) can be found on District 74’s website.

### 2016-17 Staff Approved

George Hu (replaces Jonathan Hoffmann, resigned) is District 74’s new Network Systems Engineer. Mr. Hu comes to the District with 16 years of experience in the IT field, working in the corporate financial sector. He received his Bachelor Degree in Computing-Network Telecommunications from DePaul University. Mr. Hu also has several tech-related certifications.

Ms. Emily Lauer will be joining Lincoln Hall Middle School in the position of Interventionist. Ms. Lauer has been a teacher for the past eight years, specializing in the role of an instructional coach. Emily received a Master of Science in Special Education at Western Governors University in Utah; a Master of Arts in Learning Education at Pepperdine University in CA; and a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education at Washington State University in the state of Washington.

Michael Lee (replacing Jill Litwin’s one year leave) will join the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade team at Rutledge Hall. Mr. Lee has fourteen years experience as an elementary education teacher. Michael’s education includes a Master of Education from the American College of Education in Chicago and a Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

### Upcoming Dates

August 18	Summer School Ends
August 31	New Staff Orientation
September 1	New Staff Orientation
September 1	Board of Education meeting
September 6	Teacher Institute Day – No School
<b>September 7</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>