

*This is an unofficial summary of the Special Board Meeting which was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015.*

## Phase I – Lincoln Hall Renovation Approved, Bond Sale Authorized

The Board of Education unanimously approved the resolution providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$13,400,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds for the purpose of funding the Lincoln Hall Project. Further, the Board of Education unanimously approved the total Contract Awards in the amount of \$10,485,607.63. **With the approval of the issuance of working cash bonds and the approval of the bid awards, the Board of Education has completed the package for the first of three phases of the Lincoln Hall Project!**

## Lincoln Hall Holiday Music

Thank you to the musicians from Lincoln Hall and Orchestra Director Mr. Jones for the beautiful holiday music they provided at the Board of Education meeting. The full orchestra, along with the Lincoln Hall Band and Chorale, will be performing a Holiday Concert on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Hall.

## Wellness Day at Lincoln Hall

Physical Education Teachers Mrs. Lauren Malartsik and Mr. Brian McInerney, provided information about the success of Lincoln Hall's Wellness Day. Wellness Day (1/2 day) was on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and the main focus was on physical fitness and nutrition. All LH students participated through eight stations both physical and non-physical. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers, Board member volunteers, Wellness Day sponsors, and the Lincoln Hall students and staff.

## Approval of the 2015 Tax Levy

A public hearing was held for possible audience comments to approve the proposed tax levy increase for Lincolnwood School District 74. The Board of Education approved the 2015 Tax Levy:

- The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2015 are \$20,051,000. This represents a 1.70% increase over the previous year.
- Factoring in new debt services, the District will levy at a 7.25% increase over the previous year.

## Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2016

The following dates were approved for the 2016 Board of Education meetings:

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| January 12, 2016 (Admin. Bldg.) | June 30, 2016 (Admin. Bldg.) |
| February 4, 2016                | August 4, 2016               |
| March 3, 2016                   | September 1, 2016            |
| April 7, 2016                   | October – TBA                |
| May 5, 2016                     | November 3, 2016             |
| June 2, 2016                    | December 1, 2016             |

## Principals Present School Improvement Plans

The Principals of each school building presented School Improvement Plans for 2015-16. The main focus of the plan is: the alignment to the District's Strategic Plan, to be 1-3-1 (one district-three schools-one vision), that the process is continual and collaborated between the three schools; and, to obtain growth in reading and math, along with a school-wide discipline program. Our students continue to improve in reading and math. The Code of Conduct, which was developed at Lincoln Hall, has been adopted at both Rutledge and Todd. Increased participation in Clubs throughout the District. There are over 180 students enrolled in Chess, there are 12 new clubs at Lincoln Hall and many opportunities for sports in both intermural and competitive teams. These clubs help engage students during the day in their academics.

### Renovating Kitchens at Rutledge and Todd Hall

The Board of Education approved the cost of \$33,750.00 for Arcon MOU to provide architectural drawings for the renovation of both Rutledge and Todd Hall kitchens. These kitchens, dating back to 1945, have never been renovated.

### Upcoming Dates

December 16: Todd Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Show, 6:00 p.m.  
December 17: Lincoln Hall Holiday Concert, 7:00 p.m. (Chorale, Band, and Orch)  
December 18: Lincoln Hall Holiday Assemblies, AM Schedule  
Dec. 21 – Jan. 1: Winter Break – NO SCHOOL  
January 4: School Resumes  
January 12: Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Administration Building