

UPDATE

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FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

Members of the QHS Rifle Team were recognized at the March Board meeting. The team won the Illinois State Championship held in Bloomington. Alexis Giffin won the Illinois state individual championship. Other team members are Alexis Klinner, Caleb Roll, and Kaleb Gille led by Coach Jim Holtman.

The Quincy Plan Commission voted 6-3 recommending to the City Council to approve the permit for a new school on the ADM site at 30th and Locust. The district will add sidewalks to meet city code and a number of steps will be taken to mitigate traffic concerns regarding the safety of children. The next step is for City Council to take action on the permit.

Carol Frericks, Secondary Curriculum Director, explained the role and function of the School Administrator Manager (SAM) Program. Studies have shown that principals spend the bulk of their time on administrative tasks – and only about one-third on instructional leadership activities that strengthen teaching and learning. A SAM is a staff member who will meet with the principal each day to schedule instructional leadership time, develop a First Responder structure in the school, and handle administrative tasks. This will allow the principals to spend more time on instructional leadership in their buildings. Grant funding has been available to provide professional development for the SAM Project. QHS and QJHS will have a SAM beginning next year and all K-5 buildings will have a SAM with the opening of the new buildings.

Quincy Police Chief Rob Copley has requested the school district fund 75% of the School Resource Officer Program. QPS currently pays 50% of the cost of three officers; one at senior high, junior high and Baldwin (serving K-6). The officers provide a great service for our district. They have arrest authority, provide security, conduct investigations, act as a liaison between the district and the Quincy Police Department, and are the “first responder” for criminal activity in the schools. The Board requested further information about how other districts in the region and state pay for similar programs and whether other funding sources might be available. There will be further discussion with Chief Copley regarding this request. The Police Department previously funded 50% of the School Crossing Guard Program. Effective with the 2015-2016 school year, however, the Crossing Guards are fully funded by the School District.

Board members discussed the impact of social media on education and the educational environment. All agreed that the school district should shape the information that is posted and promote positive happenings. A statement from the Superintendent as soon as possible when a negative event occurs is vital. The Superintendent’s statement should be shared on social media and communicated by Board members and staff. Parents can be notified through School Messenger if deemed necessary.

Respectfully, Roy Webb

PERSONNEL

Appointments/Changes— GLORIA KIRBY—QHS 21ST CCLC AFTERSCHOOL YOGA CLUB SPONSOR. BRITTANY PHILPOTT—EXT DAY INSTRUCTOR SUB. REBECCA KREGER—SP ED QJHS. ROSE BEHRENS—CROSSING GUARD. PEG KLAUSER—SECURITY GUARD SUB. LINDA WELLMAN—KITCHEN HELPER MADISON. RON HULL—BLDG SUPRVSER QHS. RINNE CEJA—PARA MONROE. MELISSA BURGTORF—RECEPTIONIST/FISCAL SERVICES BOE. TERESA NEWLON—KITCHEN HELPER MADISON. LAURA EPPERSON—KITCHEN HELPER QHS.

Appointments for 2016-17—KELLY RICKETS—ENGLISH QHS AND HEAD VERSITY VOLLEYBALL COACH. ERIN BOZARTH—SP ED QJHS

Leaves— COLLEEN HUCK—ENG QJHS. FMLA 3/14 THROUGH 3/30/16. KIM ALBERT—2ND GRADE DEWEY. EXTEND FMLA THROUGH END OF 2015-16. CINDY LATOUR—ADM ASST SP ED BOE. FMLA AS NEEDED 2/23 THROUGH APPROX 5/3/16. EMY HILGENBRINCK—PARA WASH. FMLA 2/23 THROUGH APPROX 5/9/16.

Resignations (end of 2015-16 unless otherwise stated)

ERIC ROSS—MATH QJHS. SARAH JORDAN—4TH GRD BALDWIN W. MELISSA BRINK—TEACHER ECFC. RYAN SLEEPER—MATH QHS. CHERYL VOGLER—21ST CCLC COORD QJHS (STIPEND POSITION ONLY). BRITTANY CROMIE—5TH GRADE BALDWIN S. EMILY SNEGOWSKI—ENGLISH QHS. JIM YOUNG—ASST SOFTBALL COACH QHS 3/14/16. PHIL LAMBERT—CROSSING GUARD 2/26/16. MINDY MCCALLISTER—PARA ADAMS 3/11/16. CONNIE SMITH—FOOD SERV BALDWIN 2/26/16. LISA SUTTON—PARA ECFC 3/16/16. AIREN O'CHELTREE—ADM ASST BOE 5/13/16.

Retirements—DAVE WIEMELT—MAINT. 4/4/16.

61st ANNUAL NEW FACES 2016 *Dancin' Thru Life*

Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
March 31—April 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 3—2:00 p.m.
QHS Theatre
Adult tickets—\$14.00
Student tickets \$9.00
Contact the Music Department for tickets
224-3774



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In other action, the Board approved:

- **QHS Furniture Bids**—Lowery McDonnell—\$68,450.08 for classroom furniture. Resource 1—\$30,661.42 for office furniture. Staples Advantage—\$67,721.25 for folding tables.
- **Agreement between QPS Foundation and the Normal L. Tushaus Living Trust** benefiting the Child/Family Mentor Program.
- Submission of the **Wallace Foundation Grant** to continue partnership with Illinois State University and Western Illinois University for principal internship program.



April 23, 2016—8:30 a.m.
Quincy Senior High School
\$20 per person. Children 10
and under \$10

T-Shirt included with
early registration

For more information or to register,
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