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Board News

News from the **Tues., September 9, 2008** Regular Board Meeting

Board Adopts 2008-09 Budget

Business Manager Megan Stoltz presented the FY2009 (Fiscal Year 2008-09) Budget to the Board. After a public hearing, the budget was approved 7-0.

Operating revenues (comprised of the Education, Operations/Maintenance and Transportation funds) for the current school year are projected at \$14,853,829. Operating Expenses are projected at \$15,305,869. The \$452,040 difference marks the 8th year of deficit spending that will be funded from the District's Working Cash Fund.

The District has been able to minimize deficit spending due to two years of budget cuts totaling \$2.7 million. However, operating costs continue to increase, placing a burden and challenge on the District to deliver quality education without an increase in revenue. Under current conditions the District is projecting solvency through January 2012, midway through the 2011-12 school year. At this time it is anticipated that fund balances will be depleted, necessitating the possibility of issuing tax anticipation warrants to pay operating costs.

The approved budget is available for review in the Superintendent's Office upon request.

Lace and DeLay Building Additions Completed

The building additions at Lace and Mark DeLay elementary schools were completed in August, welcoming students and staff to the 2008-09 school year. The buildings were open for viewing during registration on August 20th. Both schools feature new gyms, art and music classrooms, computer labs, and special education rooms. In addition, Lace has a new library space topped with an environmental Green Roof – the first green roof school in the county. This roof was funded by a DuPage County Stormwater Committee grant.

The buildings will be open for public viewing and tours after the Lace playground Dedication ceremony on Tuesday, September 30th, during Curriculum Night at each school, and on Election Day, November 4th.

The construction costs for the additions were funded by the lease/sale of Fairview and Marion Hills Schools, and building bonds sold in March of 2007.

Among Other Business

Among other business, the District #61 Board of Education:

- **approved** Seniority Lists for Certified Staff and Educational Support Personnel;
- **approved** the employment of Emily Becker as a Kindergarten teacher at Mark DeLay for the 2008-09 school year;
- **approved** the monthly employment report;
- **approved** the tentative dates of the 7th grade student trip to Springfield, Illinois and the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C.; and
- **heard** about the Eisenhower Junior High Marching Band and Jazz Band's successful performances at Darien Fest on September 5th.

Scheduled Meetings and Important Dates

The following meetings have been set. For possible changes please check with the Superintendent's Office at 968-7505 or visit www.darien61.org.

Policy Meeting <i>(Policy Updates)</i>	Tuesday, September 30, 2008 5:30 pm at Lace School
Regular Board of Education Meeting	Tuesday, September 30, 2008 7:30 pm at Lace School
Regular Board of Education Meeting	Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:00 pm at Lace School