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School Board Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Board President Richard Nogal called to order the Regular Meeting of the Consolidated High School District 230 School Board at 7:00 PM on March 30, 2017 in the Media Center at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following members were physically present and answered roll call: Murphy-Peterson, O'Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal.

Member Nogal suggested because of the large number of attendees at the meeting due to student awards, the Board should introduce themselves. Each Board member introduced themselves and their roles as School Board and Committee members. John Lavelle, Julia Wheaton, Bob Hughes and Dr. Gay also introduced themselves.

Amendments to the Agenda. None.

Approval of Consent Agenda.

Mr. Nogal referred the Board to the Consent Agenda items, all of which were previously provided to the Board and posted on the District 230 website. Member O'Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Member Serratore, that the Board approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- Travel
- Donations
- 2017-2018 IHSA Membership Renewal
- 2017-2018 P.E. Uniform Bid
- Instructional Materials for Review
- Routine Business Service Resolution (bill listing enclosed)
- Approval of Minutes from Regular Open and Executive Sessions of the February 23, 2017 Board Meeting; minutes from the March 14, 2017 Student Services Committee Meeting and the March 20, 2017 Building and Finance Committee Meeting and the March 23, 2017 Special Board Meeting.

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Roll call vote: Yea—Murphy-Peterson, O’Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

All Board and committee meeting minutes approved by the Board will be posted on the District website.

Old Business. None.

Comments

Teachers’ Association

No comment

Education Support Professionals’ (ESP) Association

No new business.

Public Comments. Dr. Gay thanked the Administration and Board for attending the S4 Summit and shared the event was extremely successful. Many trades were represented (Pipefitters, Electricians, etc) and the feedback the District received from them will assist in preparing students who choose a career in the trades. The event lasted about an hour and a half with great discussion on what the next steps should be. This next step will most likely take place in the summer. Our goal is to prepare our students for whatever is next whether that be a four year university, a two year program or a career in the trades.

Dr. Gay also reported that there was a workshop in McCook Illinois called “In the Blink of an Eye”. This program spoke about social emotional issues and the use of drugs and alcohol. Dr. Gay shared that this was open to all the Districts in the surrounding area but District 230 was the only District in attendance and represented by all three campuses. Dr. Gay thanked Administration and staff for attending this event and noted the Board and administration feel strongly about these subjects as it relates to helping students.

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Dr. Gay shared that Niche.com, a website dedicated to analyzing data ranked District 230 in the Top 25 Best in Illinois Schools, Dr. Gay also shared District 230 was ranked 11 out of 287 for 2017 Best Teachers in Illinois, 20 out of 404 for the 2017 Best Districts in Illinois and 16 out of 271 for the 2017 Best School District for Athletes in Illinois.

Dr. Gay reported that we had a great turnout for the Realtors breakfast at which time we were able to showcase District 230 to over 25 Realtors. Dr. Gay shared that the Realtors were very appreciative of this event as he reminded them that if there is ever a question regarding boundaries/residency, it would be best to contact the District.

Dr. Gay thanked the parents for attending the meeting noting how dedicated the Board and Administration are to students of District 230.

Board President Nogal thanked Dr. Gay for his report.

Student Board Reports

The 2016-17 Student/Board Representatives— Bassel Shanab from Stagg, Joel John from Sandburg and Kevin Gallagher from Andrew—provided their respective schools' monthly Board updates. A copy of each student report is included at the conclusion of the Open Meeting minutes.

Academic Spotlight

Eric Olsen, Principal of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, recognized Stagg's Top 1% along with Department Awards. Deb Baker, Principal of Carl Sandburg High School recognized Sandburg's the Top 1% and Department Awards. Deb Baker introduced Mr. Englehart, Sandburg Art Teacher who recognized a Gold Art Key Award winner as well as the National Gold Metal Art Winner who presented the Board with a copy of her Gold medal winning piece titled "Coney Island". Dr. Gay shared this piece will be displayed at District Office. Deb Baker also recognized the State Wrestling Champion. Victor J. Andrew's Principal, Bob Nolting introduced Andrew's Top 1% and Department Award recipients. Victor J. Andrew's National Band Festival Participants were introduced and recognized as well. Two members spoke and thanked the Board for attending their event on

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March 7, 2017 and for the opportunity to travel to Indianapolis to perform. Member Serratore shared that he attended the March 7th performance and thought it was amazing. Member Nogal thanked the students remarking the importance the support the students receive from their parents.

Curriculum Spotlight

Stagg High School Associate Principal, Jen Tyrell introduced Math Literacy Specialist, and Title 1 Teacher, Pat Kelly and Mr. Craig Ebel, Division Chair for Math and Business. Mr. Kelly shared how specialists use macro and micro intervention strategies as they work with at-risk students at Stagg High School. Mr. Kelly meets with the students on a weekly basis and therefore has established relationships to provide extra help to students who might struggle. Mr. Kelly along with the teacher work to create an individual plan to best meet that student's needs. Notable highlights this year included an SAT Suite prep course, a five week course, for at-risk students and collaboration with other districts on utilization of resources. This gave students exposure to the SAT along with linking students to College Board and Khan Academy. Mr. Kelly shared he works directly with sophomore students and has been working with teachers in preparation for the universal roll out of the Math II curriculum next school year. Mr. Ebel shared that students are going to use math skills that they currently have and go through sound mathematical methods to come up with a solution.

Dr. Gay shared the \$4,836.94 State Library Grant was awarded to District 230.

Report on Instruction

Member O'Sullivan, Education Committee Chair, reported that the March 9, 2017 meeting was cancelled. The next Education Committee meeting is on April 13, 2017 at 7:00 at the Administration Center.

Report on Student Services

The Student Services Committee Chair, Melissa Gracias, reported on topics

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discussed at the March 14, 2017 Student Services Committee meeting. The committee discussed the book "Mindset". An activity was done based on the book and how the book is aligned with the Districts S4 goals. All Board members have a copy of this book. Member Gracias shared that a report was read at the meeting explaining that meditation is being used as an intervention by some districts on the East Coast and it is successful. Member Gracias reported that the Intervention rooms at all three of our campuses have helped lower the number of referrals. Member Gracias shared Committee restructuring will take place in the coming months. Member Gracias also shared that the Student Handbook review is complete. Member Gracias reported that Mr. Olsen and Ms. Baker will be presenting at the April Institute day on April 21, 2017. The next Student Services Committee meeting is April 11, 2017.

Report on Finance and Facilities

Tony Serratore, Building and Finance Committee Chair, reported on topics discussed at the March 20, 2017 Building and Finance Committee meeting held at the Administration Center. Member Serratore reported that Bob Hughes will share information regarding the three bid packages this month which include 2017 Alterations Bid, the Lighting and Supplies Bid and the LaGrange Road landscaping IGA. Member Serratore reported that at the meeting John Connolly provided an update on the Fiber Optics RFP at all three schools as well at Willow Grove and District office. This is conjunction with the Village of Orland Park and will eliminate one of our comcast bills, thus saving us money. Member Serratore shared that with the combination of cost sharing, e-rate and a grant that this project has gone from a 1.5 million dollars to our cost of \$230,000. Member Serratore stated that John has done an incredible job. John Connolly also reported on Digital Learning and shared that we originally budgeted for a 7% chromebook damage rate, but the rate was 3%. As a result of this lower rate, all District 230 students will have a Chromebook next year not just Freshman, Sophomore and Juniors as anticipated. All students, including Seniors will have a Chromebook next year. Member Serratore shared that John Lavelle will be looking into investment opportunities as we recently received a portion of the real estate tax receipts. Member Serratore shared that we have not received money back from the State of Illinois as they are behind in paying us for our

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categoricals.

We have not received payments from last school year either. Also addressed at the committee meeting was the number bank accounts the District has at several different banks. The District is looking to consolidate bank accounts into two different banks thus saving the District money in banking fees and allowing the District to receive the best bank service possible. Next month's meeting is April 17, 2017 at which time John Lavelle will discuss fundraising through crowdsourcing, the yearbook RFP and a procedure for the P-Card which we are currently using.

Mr. Hughes reported the LaGrange Road Progress noting that once all the stop lights are installed, they will be turned on. Mr. Hughes shared that weather permitting, the concrete will be poured and the Sandburg sign will be completed. Mr. Hughes shared that on March 16, 2017 the District received bids for the 2017 Alterations bid. Mr. Hughes shared that four vendors bid with the bids ranging from \$904,316 to 1,230,093. Frontier Construction was the lowest bid and therefore awarded this bid. Bid package includes roof flashing repairs at Andrew High School, Roof repairs and running track repairs at all three schools, new softball dugouts at Stagg High School, Tying current carbon monoxide detectors into fire alarm system at all three schools and repairs to concrete windows and door sleeves at Stagg High School's 100, 200 and 500 buildings. A motion was made by Member Serratore, seconded by Member O'Sullivan, that the School Board Award the 2017 Alterations bid to Frontier Construction, Willowbrook, Il in the amount of 904,316. Roll call vote: Yea—Murphy-Peterson, O'Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

LaGrange
Road
Update

Alterations
Bid

Mr. Hughes shared there was only one one bidder for the March 2nd bid for Lighting Supplies of fifty four various lighty supply items. Helsel Jepperson's bid came in at 14,713. which is for a two year contract. Mr. Hughes shared that he contacted other companies as to why they did not attempt to bid and was told the prices could not remain for a two year period. A motion was made by Member Dalton, seconded by Member O'Sullivan that the School Board award the Lighting Supplies Bid to Helsel-Jepperson Electrical, Inc., Chicago Heights, Il for the amount of 14,713. Roll call vote: Yea—Murphy-Peterson, O'Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

Lighting
Bid

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Mr. Lavelle shared that he has been in communication with the Village of Orland Park to extend the landscaping agreement they have with V3 Construction for the LaGrange Road project. The Village landscaping project has been publicly bid by Orland Park. At this month's Building and finance meeting drawings were shared indicating which portions of the contract Orland Park will complete and what will be the responsibility of the District. The District's budget for this work was approximately \$67,500 for landscaping and the current price is \$55,378. A motion was made by Member O'Sullivan, seconded by Member Serratore that the School Board enter into the intergovernmental agreement for landscaping work to finish the frontage along La Grand Rd. and on 131st Street at a cost not to exceed \$67,500. Roll call vote: Yea—Murphy-Peterson, O'Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

Landscaping
Agreement

Member Nogal asked if IDOT would reimburse for this work and Mr. Hughes shared that we already received money for this. Mr. Hughes shared that some of the landscaping work has already been started and he has been working with our fencing contractor as it relates to guard rails. Member Dalton asked if the landscaping would prohibit drivers from having a clear view and Mr. Hughes stated there will be some low plantings allowing drivers to see clearly.

Member Nogal stated that action on the March Personnel Action recommendations would occur following Executive Session.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Gay referred the Board to the Board Policies presented for Adoption for which he requested Board approval. Member Murphy-Peterson made a motion, seconded by Member Gracias, that the School Board adopt Policies 5:330. Roll call vote: Yea—, Murphy-Peterson, O'Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

Policies for
Adoption

Member Nogal shared he detected genuine enthusiasm and appreciation by all who attended the S4 Summit. Member O'Sullivan shared he thought it was great and Member Murphy Peterson reported that the participants showed the rigor of

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their programs/trades. Member Gracias shared the conversations at the S4 Summit touched on the need for our students to have good math skills. Math skills like basic fractions and division without the assistance of a calculator. Member Serratore shared that when we look further into our educational pathways for our students, the trade association can assist us in our curriculum as it relates to preparing our students for careers in the trades. We can work together.

Carla Erdey provided a District 230 Foundation Board update, reporting that the Whoop it up Final Four Event is Saturday, April 1st at the Elements Banquet Hall on LaGrange Road. Tickets for the event and the raffle will be available at the door. Legacy Hall is coming together for the event on April 28, 2017. Carla reported that the grant selection will be announced at the April Institute Day on April 21, 2017.

District 230
Foundation
Update

Dr. Gay updated the Board on the District's FY'17 S4 Plan goals to date, highlighting the District has saved an estimated \$8,300 thus far in printing costs with PaperCut Solution for the 16-17 school year. Dr. Gay also shared Professional Development opportunities in January, February March and April along with summer offerings that will be developed. Dr. Gay also reported he enjoys visiting the Jr. High's meeting with parent groups helping them understand the transition between middle and high school. He recently visited Palos South, Prairie View, Conrady, Central Middle School and in May will visit Grissom and Jerling. Dr. Gay reported that the number of views to the District Website is growing. Dr. Gay complemented John Lavelle and the Business Services Department for their hard work in helping the District run more efficiently.

2016-17
Goals
update

State Finance.

Dr. Gay reported no change since last Board Meeting.

Executive Session

Member Serratore made a motion, seconded by Member O'Sullivan and unanimously voted, that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 8:45 PM to (1) consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation,

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discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of or legal counsel for the public body; (2) discuss student disciplinary cases; (3) discuss matters relating to placement of individual students in Special Education programs, and to consider other matters relating to individual students; (4) discuss pending or probable litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the public

A motion was made by Member Serratore, seconded by Member Murphy-Peterson and unanimously voted, that the Board return to Open Session at 10:17 PM.

A motion was made by Member Serratore, and seconded by Member O’Sullivan, to approve the below-listed Personnel Action including licensed staff employment, co-curriculars (2016-2017), co-curriculars (2017-2018), leaves of absences, requests for Job Shares (2017-2018) and resignations; support staff employment, leave of absences, resignation and retirements, as amended.

Personnel
Action

LICENSED STAFF – EMPLOYMENT

Name	School	Position	Effective
*Musil, Nicole E.	District	Psychologist	3/31/2017

*Pending Drug and/or CI

LICENSED STAFF – CO-CURRICULARS (2016-2017)

Name	School	Position	Stipend
Connolly, Emily	VJA	Volleyball Asst. Boys	\$6,513.00
Fischer, Stacy	VJA	Water Polo Head Girls	\$6,856.00
Fitzgerald, John	VJA	Water Polo Asst. Boys	\$5,462.00
Garren, Shane	VJA	Water Polo Asst. Girls	\$3,966.50
Kenter, John	VJA	Badminton Asst. (.5)	\$3,966.50

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Prudden, Bryanne	VJA	Badminton Asst. (.5)	\$2,731.00
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LICENSED STAFF – CO-CURRICULARS (2017-2018)

Name	School	Position	Stipend
Durbin, Michael	AAS	Football Asst.	\$8,516.00

LICENSED STAFF – LEAVES OF ABSENCES

Name	School	Position	Effective
Collins, Dennis	AAS	DC Science, FACS Applied Tech	2/3-2/13/2017 Intermittent
Gattuso, Michelle	CS	Science Teacher	5/2-5/30/2017
Hawes, Erin	CS	Guidance Counselor	8/14-11/7/2017 11/8-12/1/2017
Moss, Wendy	CS	English Teacher	3/7-3/17/2017 Intermittent
Osmanski, Adam	CS	Social Studies Teacher	8/14-11/7/2017
Taylor, Jeanie	VJA	Behavior Management Spec.	2/22-3/22/2017
Toronyi, Melissa	VJA	Special Services Teacher	5/15-5/24/2017

LICENSED STAFF – REQUEST TO CONTINUE JOB SHARE 2017-2018

Name	School	Position
Mozden, Christen	VJA	.6 Special Services Teacher
Sikkema, Katie	VJA	.4 Special Services Teacher
Broderick, Elisabeth	CS	.6 Math Teacher

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Nelson, Laura	CS	.4 Math Teacher
McAuliffe, Judith	CS	.6 English Teacher
Sexton, Lisa	CS	.4 English teacher

LICENSED STAFF – RESIGNATIONS

Name	School	Position	Effective
Holtrop, Ashley	VJA	Special Ed Teacher	3/20/2017
Lombard, Sarah	VJA	World Language Teacher	8/9/2017

SUPPORT STAFF – EMPLOYMENT

Name	School	Position	Effective
Moore, Chris	AAS	Technology Support Assistant	3/27/2017

*Pending Drug and/or CI

SUPPORT STAFF – LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Name	School	Position	Effective
Crofton, Maureen	AAS	Head Cook	3/9-3/31/2017
Hogan, Colleen	AAS	AP Secretary	3/6-3/13/2017

SUPPORT STAFF – RESIGNATION

Name	School	Position	Effective
Van Doran, Fran	VJA	General Food Service Worker	3/10/2017

SUPPORT STAFF – RETIREMENTS

Name	School	Position	Effective
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Gory, Sandra	CS	Baker	5/1/2017
McCue, Elizabeth	AAS	Special Services Aide	5/30/2017
Murphy, Kathy	CS	Deans' Assistant	5/30/2017
Zerlentes, Deborah	VJA	Guidance Secretary	6/30/2017

Roll call vote: Yea—Murphy-Peterson, O’Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Member Serratore that the School Board approve the Resolution – Dismissal of Second Year Teacher, Michael Fournier, for reasons other than Reduction-In-Force. Roll call vote: Yea—Murphy-Peterson, O’Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

Dismissal of
Second Year
Teacher

Member Serratore made a motion, seconded by Member Dalton that the School Board approve the Resolution – Honorable Dismissal of Teacher, Allison Fadke, that is not on a tenure track; therefore, is released yearly. Roll call vote: Yea—Murphy-Peterson, O’Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

Honorable
Dismissal

A motion was made by Member Dalton seconded by Member Gracias that the School Board approve 10 licensed teachers achieving tenure. Roll call vote: Yea—Murphy-Peterson, O’Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

Tenure
Teachers

A motion was made by Member Serratore and seconded by Member Murphy-Peterson that the School Board approve the Out-of-School Suspensions for the period February 11, 2017 – March 17, 2017. Roll call vote: Yea—Murphy-Peterson, O’Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

Out of
School
Suspensions

A motion was made by Member Serratore, seconded by Member

Expulsion
Student
EXP 17-03

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Murphy-Peterson, that the School Board approve the Administrator's recommendation to expel Student EXP 17-03 effective immediately for the remainder of the year through March 31, 2019. Roll call vote: Yea—Murphy-Peterson, O'Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Dalton, seconded by Member Serratore that the School Board approve the Administrator's recommendation to expel Student EXP 17-04 effective immediately for the remainder of the year through July 15, 2018. Roll call vote: Yea— O'Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—Murphy-Peterson. Motion carried.

Expulsion
Student EXP
17-04

A motion was made by Member Serratore, seconded by Member Murphy-Peterson that the School Board approve the Settlement Agreement and General Release between Consolidated High School District 230 and Amy Lee. Roll call vote: Yea—Murphy-Peterson, O'Sullivan, Ryan, Serratore, Dalton, Gracias and Nogal. Nay—0. Motion carried.

Settlement
Agreement

Board Comments

Member Gracias expressed her excitement to work with the Board again next year and stated because she will be out of town when voting takes place, she has voted early.

Member Serratore made a motion, seconded by Member Murphy-Peterson and unanimously voted, to adjourn the Regular School Board meeting at 10:17 PM.

President

Secretary

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Student Board Representatives' Reports

Andrew – Kevin Gallagher

The arrival of spring days that are growing longer and warmer has given the Thunderbolt community a renewed sense of energy. Over the past month, Andrew excellence has only continued to push the limits of our own expectations and standards. As we reflect on academic, athletic, and extracurricular developments from the month of March, I realize that we have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to be proud of.

At the beginning of the month, Mr. Nolting was announced as the Grand Marshal of the Tinley Park Irish Parade. Our senior leaders, NHS members, and various other Thunderbolts marched down Oak Park Avenue supporting Mr. Nolting and Andrew High School, waving to supportive spectators and residents.

Just this past Tuesday, our senior leaders held the second annual Golden Bolts community recognition ceremony in Andrew's lower commons. After a nomination and selection process that involved dozens of people who were all worthy of an award, we narrowed the list down to just a few winners for each category. These categories included teachers, support staff, community members, corporate partners, and a new special category for a direct pick by senior leaders - Mrs. Cinnamon Morse-Snead from Food Service was this year's selection! It was amazing to honor some of the people who make our school such a great place to work and study.

Our Senior Academy was held on Wednesday, March 15th, offering seniors a workshop-style day to learn from experts in fields related to life after high school. We were able to ask questions to a panel of college representatives from a variety of different institutions, learned about campus safety and health, received suggestions on financial topics from a local banker, and learned more about

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networking and professional relationships. In another step of preparation toward graduation, NHS has raised over one thousand five hundred dollars through Krispy Kreme sales to benefit a scholarship fund and help pay for graduation materials for members.

On Monday, March 20th, the Rotary Club of Tinley Park and Frankfort hosted the top 10 percent of the graduating classes of Andrew, Lincoln Way East, and Tinley Park High School for a gala at Lincoln Way East. The event was a great celebration of the academic success of our students.

At the beginning of March, our juniors took the SAT, and our freshmen and sophomores took the PSAT. Although some juniors found this process slightly challenging, having had prepared for the ACT, our graduating class of 2018 made Andrew proud with the way they handled the transition and succeeded with the exam.

The Andrew student body and community at large have been thriving from an academic perspective, but the success of athletics and extracurriculars has also been amazing throughout March. Twenty-five students in seven different categories qualified to represent Andrew at the state SkillsUSA tournament in April. Our annual Diversity show, as always, had rave reviews. This year's edition sold the most tickets in the history of the program and raised over five thousand dollars for charities all around the world, fulfilling their theme message of "we're all in this together". The Superintendent Advisory followed up that momentum by hosting an exchange with Oswego East High School. The focus was diversity and how schools respond to diversity issues. Students from both schools feel that their schools are supportive, proactive and embrace diversity - although the world around us continues to be challenged with issues of diversity.

At the IHSA State Debate Tournament at the University of Illinois at Springfield, my partner Ari Carrillo and I finished our season as one of the top 4 teams out of 58, the farthest any Andrew team has every advanced. As a whole, D230 shined bright at the intensely competitive tournament, with a Stagg team finishing as Octafinalists and Sandburg's Lily Kozak and Yaseen Mozaffar finishing as state champions for a historic second time in a row. At the same time, Andrew's Youth in Government group was also in Springfield, participating in a series of mock

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elections and legislative processes under the dome of our state capitol building. Our Group Interpretation performance, the Little Prince, earned superior rating at the SWSC Conference event, and all 14 members earned all conference medals. The group barely missed a chance to compete at state, just missing the cutoff to advance at one of the most competitive sectional tournaments in Illinois.

Some of our PEOPEL tutors and students competed in the SWSC special games, hosted by Lincoln Way Central. The Thunderbolts took home the first place spirit award, with a Smurfs theme and the message that "it doesn't matter where you come from, it only matters where you choose to be." Junior Troy Murphy was an IHSA champion for the three point basketball contest, taking home a first place plaque. Our dynamic girls soccer team currently stands at a 6-1 record, and came in 2nd place in the Windy City Classic tournament, playing a championship game at Toyota Park. We're sure they'll continue to succeed as the season goes on. Boys volleyball is currently 5-2, and is carving a path as a competitive team. Although our spring sports seasons are just getting started, all of our teams, including softball, water polo, and track, are showing promise for great success.

As for Student Council, March has been one of the busiest months we've had so far. We hosted a blanket-making event in partnership with Project Linus, the first event of its kind at Andrew. Over 125 kids came out to put together 60 blankets for kids in hospitals who are in critical condition. Our annual dodgeball tournament had 16 teams and raised close to 800 dollars for Relay For Life. We've been busy lately putting together Easter Baskets for the Orland Township Youth Committee, providing gifts for kids who are unable to receive gifts from their parents for financial reasons.

Thank you for supporting Andrew and all that we do. The success that we are able to achieve in academics, athletics, and extracurriculars sprouts from a supportive school board and community. As always, next month, I'll have many new developments to proudly report. Thank you!

Stagg – Bassel Shanab

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Hello and welcome back everyone! Just last month, we were speaking while it was cold and raining. Now, as we enter the Spring, it is just cold and sunny. Similar to the sunny weather, Stagg's students shined in the past month in every activity you can imagine. While I was running on the treadmill and staring at a wall in the weight room, Stagg's students were placing in statewide competitions, representing our peers in national championships, and, most of all, displaying what truly makes up a Charger.

Just yesterday, I, Kevin, Joel, Dr. Gay, and a few other students, volunteered at the Ronald McDonald house where we prepared and served food for parents whose children were residing in Advocate Christ Hospital nearby. We were given a tour of the house, and I realized how our small service made a difference to these families. Every chair, bed, and room has been donated from a variety of people, companies, and charities; collectively, these small donations create a house radiating love and compassion. I am happy to be a part of that loving house as we all are a part of one big family as fellow human beings.

Also, I would like to thank all the St. Baldrick's shavers for their support and role in putting a spotlight on childhood cancers. As you can tell, I normally do not sport this haircut, but I decided to shave my head. With donations from Stagg students and the surrounding community I have raised nearly \$400 alone. As a school, we have raised over \$5,000, not including cash donations. I am proud of those who have shaved their heads, and I happy to join them on this united front!

Recently, Stagg hosted the statewide SAT. Now, I had a five day weekend, so I was gone. However, my sister took the exam, and she described it as something she felt ready for. Stagg offered tutoring months before the exam as well as provided all students Khan Academy accounts to study SAT practice questions. As a tutor in an Advanced Algebra classroom, I know my students were prepared as every single assignment had at least three SAT practice questions pertaining to that lesson of the day. In addition, SAT scores also just came in, so if you see any juniors try not to bring it up.

Congratulations to the Special Olympics Charger Basketball team on a 2nd place finish at the State tournament this weekend. Finishing off with a record of 10-4, the players of this year's super successful Stagg Charger Basketball team are Hala Ali, Brad Beranek,

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Sarah Gehle, Carllene Mani, Paulina Leja, Mo Hamed, Mustafa Hamed, Ezekiel Rivera, Eleazar Rivera, and manager Sean Garcia. These student athletes trained hard, worked hard, and definitely played hard; however, these students are also known as the most outgoing and compassionate students I know. I am very proud of these students, and, speaking on behalf of the student body, they display the true definition of Charger Pride.

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Badminton team on their 10-5 win against Andrew, the first time the Lady Chargers have defeated Andrew, something I can guarantee will become routine as the season continues. Good Job Varsity Girls Badminton!

Congratulations to the Sophomore Boys Volleyball team who went 4-0 taking 1st place in the Stagg Invite. Moosa Alkalab had 30 kills, Mike Kazanecki had 35 kills, and Jeff Oblazny chipped in 54 assists. I know that Stagg will keep this phenomenal scoring streak going. Good Job Sophomore Boys Volleyball!

In addition to the athletes who are dominating the spring season, we also would like to honor students who have dominated the classroom. The students who stand behind me are not only the best of the best, they are the students who I have grown up with. I know each and every student here tonight not only for their academic performance, but also for their perseverance beyond their academics. They have exemplified Charger Pride in the hallways, in sporting arenas, in theaters, and most importantly the classroom. They will move on to some of the most prestigious universities in the nation, and I know they will change the world for the better. I am happy to call these students my closest friends, and speaking on behalf of the Student Body, I know these students deserve every recognition they will receive tonight!

To wrap up tonight, I would like to inform everyone of upcoming events. Tomorrow, during our Spring Assembly, we will see Mr. Olsen's comeback for our Sumo-Wrestling competition. With a handstand competition between our Charger Horse and Dr. Macleod and a kayak racing competition between Ms. Tyrell and State Swim Winner Lucas Smiarowski. Also, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Charger 5K, Stagg will be hosting a color blast where all runners will be blasted with color! There will be food, drinks and DJ to ensure that everyone will have a fun time. Registration is \$20 including a commemorative t-shirt and is open now on Stagg's website, Skyward, and

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the Charger Newsletter. I look forward to seeing you there April 29th at 9 a.m. In addition, our Prom theme will be Masquerade at the Bridgeport Art Center on April 21st. Hopefully, I will have a first lady to join me but until then GO CHARGERS!

Sandburg – Joel John

Good evening, everyone. I'd like to first start off by saying it's a *great* day to be an Eagle. Although the end of this school year is quickly approaching, we seniors are still fighting off Senioritis!

The month started with the rollout of the new SAT Suite of standardized tests for everyone but the seniors. Testing went smoothly. Then, on March 9th, we lined the halls for a spectacular send off parade for our students and athletes who participated in the SWSC Special Games. The team participated under the theme of USA this year.

This month, we've kept our Performing Arts Center filled with activities! On March 10th, Mu Alpha Theta sponsored our annual Battle of the Bands event. The following weekend, March 11th and 12th, Sandburg's Music Boosters hosted their annual Spring Craft Fair, which was a huge success. Boosters report record-breaking attendance. On Tuesday March 14th, the singing Eagles performed at their Choir Concert, which was followed later that Thursday by our Orchestra Concert. Tonight, our Jazz Program is performing as we speak.

Student Council has been filled with new experiences this month! On March 2nd, Student Council took a new approach to our teacher recognition breakfast, and instead hosted a dinner for the teachers on Parent Teacher Conference night. Portillo's catered quite a spread, and Student Council members worked at each table taking care of all the teachers' needs for the hour. In response, our sponsor received dozens of emails from teachers saying thank you, and sharing how much they enjoyed the meal. Overall, I'd say it was a big success! Speaking of successes, for the first time in school history, on Tuesday, March 7th Sandburg hosted its first Empower talk during a 2nd hour, intervention period. Empower is a student led presentation, based around the concept

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of a Ted Talk, and its purpose is to get students to think about opportunities beyond the classroom. The first talk, entitled "The Benefits of Travel" was co-led by Junior Class President Hunter Morris, and Speech State Finalist Maddie Walter. Hunter and Maddie shared their experiences traveling domestically and internationally, and explained to the student audience of about 160 about the benefits of travel and how young people with limited funding can find alternative ways to travel, like virtual traveling, blogging, and reading. The next Empower topic is currently Tech Tips, or Technology Tips, and is scheduled for April! Finally, today, March 30th, Student Council had its annual Executive Board elections, so next month I will be able to introduce my successor. Well, that was quick.

Always watching out for our students' safety, Sandburg hosted their yearly Pre-Prom Parent Meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd, informing parents on how to make sure their students have a fun and safe Prom! Then, to keep us on our feet, we had a severe weather drill, on March Monday 13th, and all of us Eagles passed that test with flying colors!

Last Friday, March 24th, we had our St. Baldrick's/Winter Recognition Assembly! The assembly was split into two half periods, and each session a different group of participants shaved their heads for St. Baldricks, all together raising over \$20,000. Also at the assembly, sports and clubs were recognized for their achievements in their winter season. Mrs. Baker received two more State trophies, one for 3rd place Cheer and the State Title trophy for our Debate Team, who earned back to back State titles. Making additional school history, our Sandburg Superfanz won the State title in the IHSA Student Section Showdown and presented the State Title banner to Mrs. Baker. Go Eagles!

As much as we love Sandburg, we are all looking forward to the Spring Break. I look forward to our visit next month, when I hope to share some entertaining promposal stories with you. Thank you.