

Ripon School News Email Network Bulletin

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Board Approved Referendum Resolutions

The Ripon Board of Education unanimously approved three referendum resolutions calling for the election of proposed borrowing for the purpose of paying the cost of construction additions and updating curriculum and technology. Two referendum questions will appear on the ballot:

- Question 1 requests permission to borrow funds not to exceed \$29.1 million for renovating and remodeling the high school to create a combined middle school and high school on one campus; demolishing the current middle school to convert the space into a parking lot and tennis courts; undertaking safety, security and other improvements at the elementary schools; and acquiring the necessary furnishing fixtures;
- Question 2 requests the continuation of the existing \$500,000 operational referendum for the 2015-2016 school year through 2020-2021 for non-recurring purposes consisting of updating curriculum, updating technology, performing maintenance and replacing vehicles.

The School Board further specified the referendum be held on the next regularly scheduled primary or election day, which is Tuesday, November 4th, 2014.

2014-15 District Goals

The Board approved the following two goals for the 2014-15 school year:

- 100% of Ripon teachers/educational specialists will write a Student Learning Objective (SLO) to demonstrate student growth aligned to the school literacy SLO.
- 100% of Ripon teachers will use a data dashboard to monitor the Response to Intervention (RtI) procedures and practices implemented by their school as part of the RASD comprehensive RtI Model.

Building principals will report out progress on these two goals in February and June of 2015.

New Professional Staff

The following new professional staff have joined the RASD team: Poh Yee Goh (School Psychologist); Dana Franco (District LMS); Jessica Graf (MPES Grade 4); Julie Brooks (MPES/QES Music); Emily Keberlein (MPES Special Education); Jenna Rengo (Catalyst Teacher); Joshua Kollmann (Catalyst Teacher); Jesse Lain (RMS/CCMS Art Teacher); Tanya Monet-Bakken (RHS Science); Justin Ellis (RHS Science/ Agriculture); Stephanie Gregerson (RHS/Lumen Mathematics); Trisha Olm (RHS/Lumen English Language [EL]); Jonathan Potratz (RHS Technology Education); Marta Yedinak (RHS Spanish); Seth Meinel (RHS Principal); JJ Gutman (Business Manager); Anne Lang (Student Services Director)

Changes to the Board Meeting

There was consensus to change the regular board meeting dates and times to the third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. during the months of September through December. The Executive Session would follow the Board meeting and begin no later than 8:30 p.m. The change was made to accommodate the work schedule of a Board member.

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