

**Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District
Board of Education
Committee Meeting Summary**

**Monday, November 30, 2015
Cedar Hills Elementary School
5:30 p.m.**

Board of Education Members Present: Mr. Carini, Mrs. Cerniglia, Mr. Jossart, Mr. Verhalen

Mr. Mittag, Principal, teachers, and students led the Board of Education members on a tour of Cedar Hills. This was followed by a student musical performance and the premier showing of the Cedar Hills Movie—an all school video featuring Cedar Hills' students and staff members.

Public Comments: Two residents provided comments to the Board regarding the redistricting and class sizes. Public comment registration forms are available from the Superintendent's Office upon request.

Items Discussed:

1. School Update: Cedar Hills Elementary

Mr. Ed Mittag, Principal, updated the Board on various events and activities that have been held and are scheduled at Cedar Hills. He commented that over 98% of parents recently attended conferences and that there are currently 150 students with perfect attendance so far this school year. The PTO has sponsored a variety of fundraisers and family events and provided support for several activities emphasizing reading and math. He reminded those present that the biggest challenge for Cedar Hills is the lack of space.

2. First Reading of Revised Policy 423 – Full Time Open Enrollment

3. First Reading of 423-R Procedures for Full Time Public School Open Enrollment

Dr. Culver presented background information on the numerous changes to the Public School Open Enrollment Program as a result of the state's recent legislation, requiring the recommended changes to the district's Board Policy and District Procedures for Open Enrollment. The recommendations follow those from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards. The Board agreed to bring the recommendations on the Policy and Procedures as second readings at the December 14 meeting.

4. Notice of Special Needs Scholarship Program

Dr. Culver shared the notice that will be distributed in January 2016 relating to the Special Needs Scholarship Program that was created by Wisconsin Act 55. This allows parents of special education students to be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Department of Public Instruction to allow their student to attend a private school participating in the program.

5. Debt Refinancing in 2016

Mike Clark, of R.W. Baird, presented information on a refinancing opportunity on \$5 million of outstanding debt to be completed in early 2016 that will provide taxpayer savings of approximately \$400,000. The Board agreed to act on a resolution for action for the refinancing in January or February, based on Baird's recommendation.

6. 2016-17 School Year Calendar

Mr. Troy Hamblin, Director of Human Resources, presented the proposed calendar for the 2016-17 school year. He indicated that the calendar was developed in consultation with principals and the Professional Educators Advisory Council and shared with all teachers. It is very similar to the current school year's calendar, except that the first day of school will begin on September 6, the day following Labor Day, instead of September 1.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:00 p.m.