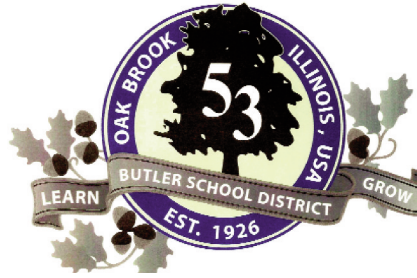


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Butler School District 53

# Board Report

## A news report of the March 14, 2016 Board of Education meeting

### 2016-17 calendar adopted

The Board adopted a revised school calendar for next year to better align with the Hinsdale High School District 86 calendar. The Butler calendar shows the start date for students as Aug. 22, 2016 and the last day, unless emergency days are used, as June 5, 2017. Winter break will begin Dec. 22, 2016 with students returning Jan. 9, 2017. Spring break is the week of March 27, 2017 with students returning April 3, 2017. The calendar was revised to meet recent changes in the District 86 calendar. The full calendar will be online at [www.butler53.com](http://www.butler53.com)

### State funding plan hurts District

The Board heard a report on a state proposal not to fund K-12 education across Illinois next year and its potential effects on District 53. Business Manager Dr. Sandra Martin said District 53 receives \$275,322 a year from the state, a small but significant amount in the budget. As a result, the District 53 administration is delaying presentation of its staffing plan until next month. The District won't delay longer than April in order to begin recruiting candidates for 2016-17, said Superintendent Dr. Heidi Wennstrom.

### Before and after school care agreement approved

The Board approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Oak Brook Park District to operate a before and after school care program for District 53 students. While the program will be held at Brook Forest, employees will be hired by the park district and the program will be operated by the park district. The Board reaffirmed its intent that no tax dollars be used in operating the program, and that it will be funded by user fees.

### Board approves auditor, facility work, policies

In other news, the Board:

- Approved a proposal to hire Baker Tilly for auditing services for the upcoming fiscal year for \$22,800. The move was vetted and recommended by the Finance Committee as well as the administration. It is an increase of \$350 over last year.

- Approved work to repair a cracked sewer line and replace the stairwell drain and pipes at Brook Forest. The work is extensive and involves demolishing and repairing two sets of stairwells to repair the drainage problem. The work will be conducted by Abbey Paving for \$86,640.

- Approved the interior painting of Brook Forest and the multi purpose room at Butler Junior High for \$37,100. The contract was awarded to Multisystem Management Company. The work and contract was recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee.

- Approved the disposal of old furniture and storage items at Brook Forest to make way for new mobile casework at the school. The school was built without much storage nor any classroom shelving and closets. Some items will be donated, others sold, but most items are "beyond repair" and will be disposed, said Superintendent Dr. Heidi Wennstrom.

- Approved 17 revised policies on final reading and 12 policies on first reading. They relate primarily to changes in case law and were recommended by the Board's Policy Committee.

## Discussions on tech and facilities

In other news, the Board:

■ Heard a report from the Technology Committee about plans to replace older Smart Boards over time with interactive Smart TV's. The SmartBoards are 3-8 years-old and some are beginning to break and/or reach the end of their life expectancy. The new interactive TV's were demonstrated to the Board during the meeting. Interactive TVs provide a highly engaging, multi-touch experience enhancing student collaboration and interactive learning engagements.

■ Discussed options for the new safety vestibule and revised drive and drop off for Butler Junior High's gym. Board members said they are sensitive to neighbors concerns and, as promised, are in the process of drafting a status update letter to neighbors in York Woods. The matter will come before the Board at a future meeting for review and discussion.

## Superintendent, principals report

In the superintendent and principals' reports, the Board:

■ Heard an update on plans to administer the PARCC exam. Brook Forest students will under go testing the week of April 11, once during the morning and another day in the afternoon. Butler Junior High students will take six different tests over three days, April 25, 26 and 27. A science test could also be added by the state in the future, most likely in May. Parents are asked to refrain from taking their student out of school during those weeks unless their child is ill.

■ Heard about Brook Forest hosting 25 educators, most who were administrators, to observe the school's Reading and Writing Workshop in action. Principal Kelly Voliva said she received numerous positive comments about the school's climate and culture, teaching practices and student and staff enthusiasm.

■ Heard about Butler Junior High's 8th grade Washington D.C. trip. Forty students attended and visited the U.S. Capitol Building, a variety of Smithsonian museums, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Arlington National Cemetery, presidential and war memorials, and took a tour of the White House. Accompanying them were Principal Amy Read and teachers John Hamilton, Andrea Lett and Mike Finke.

### Board Calendar

<b>April 5</b>	District Leadership Team - 4:00 p.m.
<b>April 11</b>	Policy Committee Meeting - 5 p.m.
<b>April 11</b>	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Administrative Center
<b>April 28</b>	Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Administrative Center

### School Calendar

<b>March 25</b>	No School
<b>March 29</b>	BJH: End of third quarter
<b>March 28 - April 1</b>	Spring Break
<b>April 4</b>	School resumes
<b>April 8</b>	PTO Meeting



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