

## **Superintendent's Report**

**January 26, 2014**

### **Boone County Historical Society**

I was asked to meet with the Boone County Historical Society staff and I took a tour of the enlarged museum last week. Bob Edwards joined the staff for the tour and was also gracious enough to inform me that the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois will be giving North Boone \$10,000. \$5000 towards the endowment of the Education Foundation and \$5000 to support programming for NB with the BCHS. I have invited the new Director of the BCHS to speak at the February 13 in-service to interested teachers.

### **Congressman Kinzinger**

I was asked to meet with one of Congressman Kinzinger's field representatives earlier this month to discuss the potential impact of federal legislation on K-12 Education. We had a nice conversation about potential concerns with assessments, IDEA and the impending reallocation of the ESEA.

### **PARCC Testing**

The ISBE is continuing to struggle through the preparation for PARCC testing. At NBHS we plan to ask for a waiver to take all of the exams via paper and pencil due to the time involved in scheduling the students at NBHS in groups of 30.

### **Newsletter Survey**

In the December 2014 newsletter, we included a survey for community members to complete. We received two mailed in copies of the survey and only eight people took the survey online. Results are attached.

### **Instructional Audit of NBUE & NBMS**

As a reminder, I asked the Board last week to review the objectives of the 1:1 pilot. As of now, I haven't heard back from anyone. As mentioned in December, we had some observers onsite at NBMS & UE on Monday and Tuesday of last week to review our program. The NBUE is serving as a control in a study being underwritten by Amplify which is providing integrated curriculum to a similar district in Michigan. They will return for a second visit in the spring.

### **Payroll Audit Update**

The Morrissey Agency has had some personnel health issues and have been delayed in completing the payroll audit. They apologize for the delay. I have also asked them for a proposal regarding helping the business staff develop a procedure manual. Mr. Carr and I think that it would be a good idea to do an RFP among several potential agencies.

### **Transportation Update**

For the month of September, the transportation department drove for 10 field trips. We also provided transportation for 38 sporting events. For the month of October, the transportation department drove for 11 field trips. We also provided transportation for 30 sporting events. For the month of November, the transportation department drove for 11 field trips. We also provided



transportation for 15 sporting events. For the month of December, the transportation department drove for 8 field trips. We also provided transportation for 24 sporting events.

The Elevate Program brings high school students to Belvidere North, and returns them to their homes. This program runs Mondays and Wednesdays. The 4:15 activity route started on Tuesdays and has expanded to include both Tuesday and Thursday.




### **The Concepts of SB16**

SB 16 died in January, but the concepts behind the bill have been reborn in a new SB1. Depending upon the impact of that legislation, we could realize some increase in funding. We will know after the Governor speaks on February 4 and February 18 about the state of the state and his budget plan. We do know given the current income tax structure, the state will need to cut \$2 billion in anticipated revenue by June 30. \$400 million of that is projected to come out of education funding.


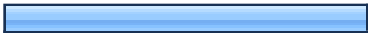





## 1. How would you like to receive district newsletters in the future?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Email		36.4%	4
Postal Mail		63.6%	7
answered question			11
skipped question			0

## 2. How frequently would you like information?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Weekly		0.0%	0
Monthly		54.5%	6
Quarterly		27.3%	3
Twice a Year		18.2%	2
Annually		0.0%	0
answered question			11
skipped question			0

### 3. What types of information are most important to you?

		Response Percent	Response Count
School/Building-level News and Achievements		81.8%	9
District-level Student Performance		54.5%	6
Sports and Clubs		81.8%	9
Faculty and Staff Achievements		45.5%	5
Student Achievements		63.6%	7
<b>District-level Initiatives</b>		<b>90.9%</b>	<b>10</b>
North Boone in the Community		81.8%	9
<b>answered question</b>			<b>11</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>0</b>