

Board Briefs

The Board of Education Brookwood School District 167

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A Word from the Board President

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“Everybody can be great. Because everybody can serve.” – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is with honor, integrity, passion, and humility that I take the seat of School Board President, to assist in carrying out duties and responsibilities of a board member under the Illinois State Statutes.

Congratulations to My Fellow Newly Elected Board Members: Roslon Seals, Carl Smith, and Janice Barry for their commitment to carry out the duties to respect taxpayer interests by serving as faithful protectors of the school district’s assets.

As federal and state funding decreases and academic mandates increase, the Board of Education will continue to provide educational programs of the best obtainable quality within the limitations imposed by the taxpayer’s willingness to support. Student academic achievement is of the utmost priority.

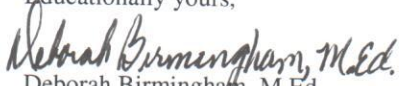
- Targeting Achievement through Governance (T.A.G.) – The board will participate in (T.A.G.) a program that is funded by a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education. The program includes a series of workshops, board development opportunities, and coaching focused on the School Board’s role in student achievement with a particular focus on the effective use of data and board policy-making.
- New Brookwood Middle School – In the upcoming weeks, the board will meet with the district architect and host focus groups to receive input from stakeholders on the development of the new school and how it can best serve academic student achievement.
- Fine Arts Fair – On Thursday, April 25th, the district exhibited students’ musical, vocal, and artistic talents to an exuberant and receptive audience in excess of 500. I extend sincere thanks to the teachers, parents, and students for an impressionable event.
- Teacher Appreciation Month – The board is appreciative for the on-going commitment and dedication of District 167’s Staff as they continually serve our students to become lifelong learners.
- District Retirement – On behalf of the board and staff, I extend a heartfelt thanks for over 90 years of combined service and dedication to the well-being and growth of our children to: Pam Bartusiewicz, Chris Burns, Linda Tatum, Jerry Toth, and Superintendent, Dr. Pamela Hollich.

Research shows a successful school district is comprised of stakeholders taking ownership. I firmly believe School District 167 can serve as a model for success by actively engaging stakeholders in the creation of new ideas, opportunities, implementation of developed initiatives, and helping to champion the objectives of the school district’s mission.

I encourage you to serve **our** community and **our** children as we look toward a promising future!

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead

Educationally yours,


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available on line at
www.brookwood167.org.

Save the Date

Class of 2013
Junior High Graduation
Ceremony
June 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION FOCUS GROUPS
BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167**

Purpose: To gather input from community stakeholders
regarding the design of the new Brookwood
Middle School

Date: June 4, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. **Location:** Longwood Elementary School
OR

Time: 6:30 p.m. **Location:** Hickory Bend Elementary School

This focus group will provide an opportunity for parents, students, and community members to share ideas regarding the design and features of the new middle school through a series of activities. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend.



8:30 a.m. ~ Registration & Breakfast

10:00 a.m. ~ Shotgun Start

3:30 p.m. ~ Lunch

\$100 for a round of golf and lunch. Raffle, exciting games, and prizes. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, contact Jan at 708-758-5190.



Mission Statement:

Brookwood School District 167, in partnership with parents and community, will create a learning environment in which all students excel at becoming lifelong learners and decision makers.

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