



Cary District 26 eBulletin

July

Board Seat Opening Provides Opportunity for Community Leadership

The Cary District 26 Board of Education has an open seat that must be filled by appointment. Mrs. Aimee Williams submitted her resignation to Superintendent Brian Coleman on July 9, 2010 stating that she lacks the time necessary to adequately serve as a fully contributing Board member. This event triggers a 45-day window in which the board is required to interview and appoint a new board member. Mrs. Williams has served on the Board since her appointment in December, 2009. “As a District parent and a financial consultant by trade, Aimee provided the Board a valuable perspective when making financial decisions that impacted our students,” said Brian Coleman, Superintendent. “Her honest, thoughtful, and poignant contributions to Board discussions and decisions will be missed. We wish her all the best in the future.”

Applications are being accepted for the open Board seat at this time. Applicants must be legal residents of the Cary Community Consolidated School District 26, and of legal voting age. The open seat will be appointed to serve through the April 2011 general election. The Board encourages any community member who is interested in serving the District to send a letter of interest with resume/qualifications to Superintendent Brian Coleman at the District 26 Administrative Center, 2115 Crystal Lake Road, Cary, IL. 60013 or email it to Mr. Coleman’s attention at district26@cary26.k12.il.us. All applications must be received at the Administration Center by **Friday, July 23, 2010**.

Invitation to District 26 Strategic Planning

In June the Board of Education completed its second session of strategic planning and development. The goal of the strategic plan is to provide a “road map” and directions for short and long term district objectives that provide a framework for goal setting, planning, decision making, budgeting, and program evaluation. By developing Smart Goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and timely, the Board and Administration hopes to provide a consistent focus to guide decision-making and accountability. During the introductory session on Strategic Planning, at the Special Board of Education meeting on May 10, 2010, the Board determined that the three general goal areas for the D26 Strategic Plan will be Student Performance, Finance, and Learning Climate and Culture.

The District invites all stakeholders, including teachers, parents, and community members to attend these important strategic planning sessions and encourages community participation in the development of this plan. Our next strategic planning session is scheduled for **July 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Cary Junior High**. July’s planning session will include the following topics:

- Review of measurable percentage thresholds for all Student Performance SMART goals

- Review of a timeline and evaluation plan that aligns with each SMART goal and action within the area of Student Performance
- Review of SMART goals and actions for the area of Finance

District School Day Schedule for 2010-2011

The school day schedules with starting and ending times were established by the District last month for the 2010-2011 school year. Please see the chart below for specific building and program starting and ending times for next year. **The first day of school will be August 25 for students in grades 1-8 and August 26 for Kindergarten and Early Childhood students.**

2010-2011 School Day Schedules		
School/Program	School Begins	School Ends
Briargate	8:45	2:30
Deer Path	8:45	2:30
Three Oaks	8:45	2:30
Prairie Hill	8:45	2:30
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Cary Junior High	7:55	1:46
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Kindergarten		
AM	8:45	11:14
PM	12:00	2:30
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Early Childhood Education		
AM	7:55	10:16
PM	11:25	1:46

Delayed State Funding

The State's delayed payments of promised funding continue to further compound the District's financial hardship, causing cash flow problems. The money the District was counting on to make payroll and invoices has not arrived. To date, the State owes the District \$1,638,901 million in funding. Below is a summary of past due payments by the State.

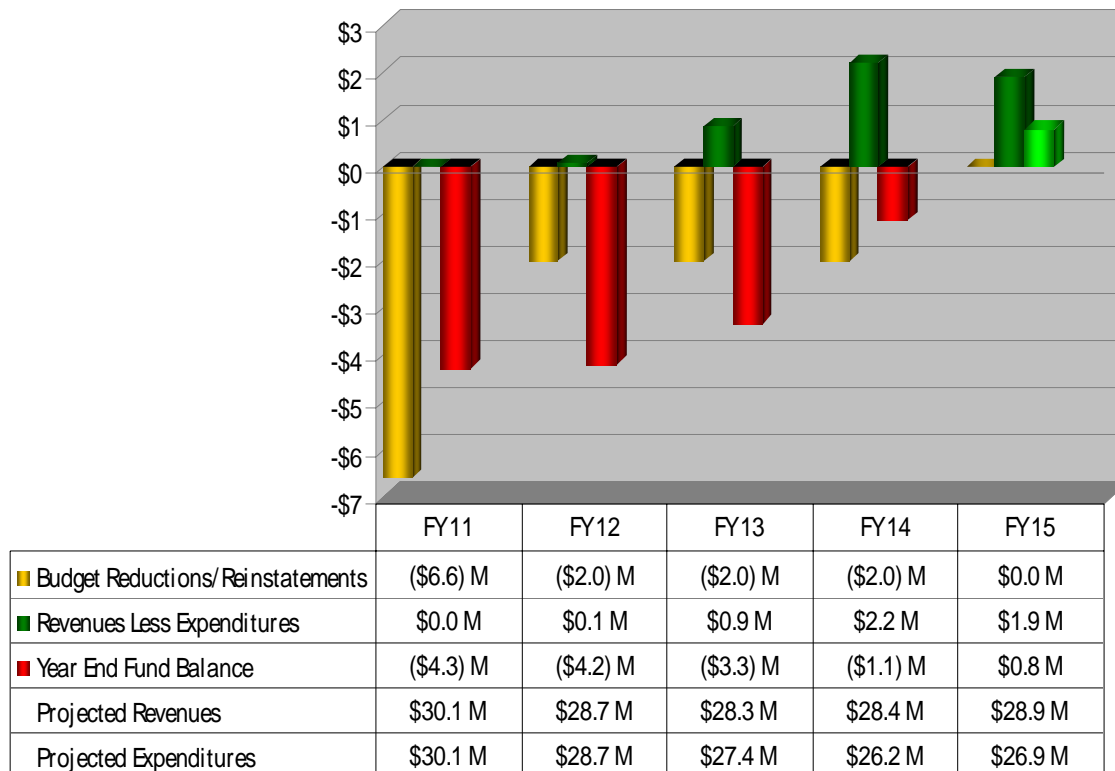
Delayed State Payments Total: \$1,638,901

- Past Due Summary:

Over 90 Days Due:	\$1,382,124
60-90 Days Due:	\$138,144
30-60 Days Due:	\$116,043
Less than 30 Days Due:	\$2,590

Finance Committee Continues Review of FY 2011 Budget Draft

The District Finance Committee continued to review the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget draft during its June 14, 2010 Board Finance Committee meeting. The FY 2011 Budget is the first part of a 5-Year Financial Plan to set the District on a course for financial recovery. A total of \$6.6 million in budget reductions have occurred to balance next year's budget. An additional \$2 million in cuts **each year** for FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014 are now projected to be needed to move the District out of debt by 2015. The Board and the Administration will be discussing ways to potentially shorten the recovery period and limit reductions during upcoming strategic planning sessions in which short and long-term goals will be mapped out. The graph below summarizes this plan.



Board Approvals from June

This past month the D26 Board of Education took the following major actions at their June 28th, 2010 Board Meeting. For a complete listing of past Board of Education actions and Minutes, go to www.cary26.org. Minutes are posted after they have been approved by the Board.

- Approved revisions to Board Policies 6:15, 6:130, and 6:260.
- Approved the name change of the native prairie located at Prairie Hill School from Cary Junior High Prairie to Prairie Hill Nature Preserve.
- Approved vacation carry over days for District Administrators.
- Approved Amended 2010-2011 School Calendar, removing the 5 early release School Improvement Days from the calendar.
- Approved a Board Prevailing Wage Resolution advocating for exemption from the Prevailing Wage Act.
- Approved monthly bills and payroll in the amount of \$3,248,640.

New Board Meeting Schedule Starts in July

A new Board of Education Meeting schedule will begin this month and run through June of next year. Please see chart below for new meeting dates. All meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Date	Meeting Location
July 26, 2010	Cary Jr. High 2109 Crystal Lake Road
August 23, 2010	Cary Jr. High 2109 Crystal Lake Road
September 27, 2010	Cary Jr. High 2109 Crystal Lake Road
October 25, 2010	Three Oaks School 1514 Three Oaks Road
November 22, 2010	Cary Jr. High 2109 Crystal Lake Road
* December 13, 2010	Cary Jr. High 2109 Crystal Lake Road
January 24, 2011	Briargate School 100 South Wulff Street
February 28, 2011	Cary Jr. High 2109 Crystal Lake Road
** March 21, 2011	Cary Jr. High 2109 Crystal Lake Road
April 25, 2011	Prairie Hill School 233 Oriole Trail
May 23, 2011	Deer Path School 2211 Crystal Lake Road
June 27, 2011	Cary Jr. High 2109 Crystal Lake Road

* This date has been moved ahead two weeks due to Winter Break

** This date has been moved ahead one week due to Spring Break

New Board Committee Schedule Starts in July

2nd Monday of the Month

5:30 p.m. – Policy Committee

7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee

3rd Monday of the Month

6:00 p.m. – Community Engagement Committee

7:30 p.m. – Committee of the Whole

Please visit the District website at www.cary26.org to view the complete schedule of Board Committees and noted adjustments due to student breaks.

July District Calendar

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| July 19 | Board Community Engagement Committee – 6:00 p.m.
Special Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Committee of the Whole – 8:00 p.m. |
| July 26 | Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |