



District looks forward to starting school year

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Dunlap, Ill. — The District 323 Dunlap School Board discussed financial issues and the upcoming school year at its monthly meeting Wednesday.

The school board gave a preview of the continuous training improvements that will be introduced to each school, of which half of the Dunlap district has been trained.

“Every school has a strategic plan framed in the building. It’s building a sense of focus and unity throughout the district,” Superintendent Dr. Jay Marino said.

Each teacher will be mapping their courses to move students to use 21st century skills.

“We’re putting everything on the table and seeing what fits with the direction we’re going, and seeing what used to fit but doesn’t anymore,” Marino said.

Teacher orientation began last week with the new teachers being welcomed into the school.

“We’ve got our teachers off to a good start and certainly our mentors provided that good start,” Marino said.

Wilder-Waite Grade School is off to a good start after receiving a \$680 grant to start a recycling program.

“We’re going to purchase 20 classroom bins, four large-wheeled bins for transportation of the materials and an aluminium can crusher,” Sarah Urbanc, third grade teacher at Wilder-Waite and recipient of the grant, said. “It will be a single stream bin, so no one will have to sort anything. It will be kind of like drop off your kids at school and drop off your recycling,” she said.

In other action and discussion, the board:

- approved the payment of bills at more than \$2.5 million
- and approved the move to PNC Bank for a local financial institution.

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