



New logo aims to brand Dunlap school district

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Dunlap, Ill. — Dunlap’s District 323 school board reviewed the school year, covering improvements, construction updates and curriculum accomplishments.

Superintendent Dr. Jay Marino discussed the district’s leadership and vision through the new strategic plan.

“We spent the year really building a foundation for teamwork, collaborating and shared leadership,” he said. “As an administrative team, we met every week with a focus on instructional leadership.”

Through the school’s vision and mission, the new strategic plan was created and will be posted in each school, adorned with the new district logo.

“I said, ‘Create something that when people look at this over time they wouldn’t even have to see any words, but they would know that’s the Dunlap district,’” Marino said of how he wanted the artist to see his vision for the new logo.

The district has been undergoing changes with construction, which was another point of the meeting.

“High school phase one is going well. It’s been delayed because of the rain, which is completely out of our control, but they are working 10-hour days and Saturdays trying to catch up,” Lisa Parker, assistant superintendent, said.

Construction is expected to be completed between the middle and end of August.

“The district office was renovated to two classrooms. If you see the pictures, it’s hard to believe the amount of space in there. There’s two large storage areas and two large classrooms, and it’s turned out very well,” she said.

In other action and discussion the board:

- discussed implementation and success of continuous improvements throughout the district. About 100 teachers have gone through new training and more will be trained in September.
- discussed curriculum accomplishments, which included the creation of elementary and secondary curriculum councils, reviewing the science curriculum and purchasing new materials, developing a consistent kindergarten through second grade handwriting curriculum and creating collaborative maps for core curriculums.
- approved the payment of dues which amounted to more than \$2 million.
- approved the consideration and action on a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing school building bonds to the voters of the district at the general election held on Nov. 2.

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