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Prospective Board member? Just want to know more about how a school district functions? Here's your opportunity.

If you ever wanted to learn more about your local school district, or even thought a run for the Board of Education might be in your future—do we have an opportunity for you!

For three days this fall, the district is hosting “**District 101**” a glimpse into the inner workings of your Oswego school district. The experience is for anyone who has an interest in learning more about how District 308 functions, including potential Board members.

District 101 is organized into three informational meetings held from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Oswego East High School

Community Room, 1525 Harvey Road in Oswego.

The planned sessions and topics are:

Board of Education candidate information packets for the April 7, 2009 election will be available for pick up on Oct. 28 at the District 308 Administration Center, 4175 Route 71 in Oswego. The appropriate paperwork must be filed with the district Jan. 19-26, 2009.

Oct. 15 (district organizational structure and governance, curriculum, testing and NCLB);

Oct. 29 (school finance, planning, construction, transportation, food service, and budgeting); and

Nov. 12 (personnel, human resources, student services, boundaries and the function of the Board of Education).

Please join us for one or all of these informational sessions and become more knowledgeable in how we educate our children.

International speaker to empower local students and their parents

For over 15 years, Eddie Slowikowski has spread his message of empowerment to student, education and athletic organizations throughout the United States and now he is scheduled to bring his dynamic message of motivation to Oswego Community Schools with his Community Night presentation, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 3 at Oswego East High School, 1525 Harvey Road, Oswego.

During this event, Slowikowski will help area parents and their junior high and high school students understand how a person's choices affect their destination in life. A key part of that journey is to find hidden passions and talents. Once students discover what they're passionate about, they can hone in on what will make them successful. Slowikowski will also focus on how alcohol and other drugs detract from that success and what students can do to stay on a positive track. Parents will focus on the big picture by developing a Family Vision while also learning the specifics of generational differences. Learning how to navigate the journey now will help parents set students up for future success—doubling the chances for positive results.

Regarded as one of the top motivational speakers in America, Slowikowski's story has always been about taking the lead and setting the pace. His program will be a multi-media experience using personal stories, sound effects, music, dancing, and interaction with the audience.

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Community invited to hear Board committee recommendations

During the October 6 Board of Education meeting, the Growth, Facilities and Enrollment advisory committee is expected to make its long-awaited recommendations concerning various projects occurring throughout the school district.

The committee was established by the Board this spring and consists of eight members of the community with backgrounds in various areas related to data analysis, finance, building construction or real estate. Together, the committee has been charged to analyze enrollment histories, projections, facility utilization and boundaries and make recommendations for potential future growth.

Over the past few months the committee has been meeting with the district's Executive Director of Construction Services, Doug Gallios, to thoroughly analyze how the district determines student enrollment and plans for the

future. Topics being discussed by the committee includes school additions, a district feeder system and the potential of constructing a third high school.

The committee's report will include proposed recommendations for the Board's consideration.

The October 6 Board of Education meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Oswego East High School Community Room, 1525 Harvey Road in Oswego.

District 308 thanks the following individuals for their service on the Growth, Facilities and Enrollment Committee: Judy Sollinger of Oswego, Mikhail Fedorov of Aurora, Chris Rellinger of Montgomery, Joseph Guinnane of Montgomery, Sue Bertrand of Aurora, Mike Scaramuzzi of Oswego, Luis Perez of Aurora, and Russell Pietrowiak of Oswego.

During its September meetings, the Board of Education:

- Held a public hearing and adopted a balanced 2008-09 district operating budget of \$134,022,741.
- Approved an agreement with Oswegoland Pony League Baseball for field usage.
- Approved hiring a part-time kindergarten teacher at Boulder Hill and East View; a special education teacher and a science/language arts teacher at Traughber and a first-grade teacher's assistant at Grande Park in response to the district's first-day enrollment figures.
- Expanded policy 6:15-Instruction to include information regarding School Choice.
- Employed Prudential Doss Real Estate to sell the 2008 Building Trades House at 239 Liszka Lane in Oswego.
- Donated three 1998 school buses to the Oswego Fire Department for training purposes.

Click the BoardDocs link on www.oswego308.org to access additional Board of Education meeting information.

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| Oct. 6 | Curriculum Committee
9:00 a.m. / Administration Center |
| | Finance Committee
5:45 p.m. / Administration Center |
| | Board of Education Meeting
7:00 p.m. / Oswego East H.S. |
| Oct. 7 | Policy Committee
6:00 a.m. / Superintendent's Office |
| | Personnel Committee
6:30 a.m. / Administration Center |
| Oct. 20 | Board of Education Meeting
7:00 p.m. / Oswego East H.S. |
| Oct. 27 | Growth Committee
6:00 a.m. / Superintendent's Office |

