

## **Tough Cookies Presentation a Highlight of the December Board of Education Meeting**

At the December Board of Education meeting, the Tough Cookies Robotics Club presented on what their organization is all about. The club is made up of students in fourth, fifth, and seventh grade and are coached by Bobbi Bruce. The students presented the club's core values and how their club operates. Their first display included a task where the students were asked to create a "Christmas ornament pie" using teamwork and communication skills. The students conferenced with each other to create a plan, and then presented how they used these skills to make the "pie" special. Lastly, students shared examples of their robotics challenges. The students used computer programming and commands to accomplish tasks with Lego robots. Students gave their robots commands in order to lift items, push items, and travel specific directions. The students were extremely enthusiastic about their involvement in the club and the Board echoed that enthusiasm.

The Board also reviewed evaluation tools for both the District Administrator and a Board self-evaluation. The Board unanimously adopted an evaluation for the District Administrator, which will be completed by January 5<sup>th</sup>. Linda Applebee will then compile the results to discuss with Erica Schley. The Board delayed action on the self-evaluation tool until the District Administrator's evaluation has been completed.

Additional action taken at the December Board Meeting includes the approval of the Fall coaching contracts, the hire of Summer Cody as a Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, and the hire of Kurt Hoesly as the Spanish Club Advisor. The Board also completed the first reading of policy updates, which include the implementation of a FMLA policy. The Board will take action to adopt these policies at the January Board meeting.

The January Board meeting date was changed to Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. so as to not conflict with the Annual Educational Conference dates.