

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Jan. 8, 2019**  
**7:40 pm – 9:30 pm**

**All Bd member present**  
**Public: 80 Staff: 10 Press: 1**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee, possible litigation, purchase of property and setting a price for sale of property.

President Caforio called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

**Recognition:**

A. Illinois Music Educators Association All State Selectees: – York Students Michael Bindeman (Bass), Austin Brown (Composition), Anna Collins (Composition), Emily Dow (Cello), Matt Hauser (Bass), Alyssa Irby (Clarinet), Rylan Johnsen (Viola), Sam Jensen (E-flat Clarinet), Kathryn King (Soprano), Charlie Kungl (Bass), CeCe Lampa (Alto), Lauren Makinney (Double Bass), Rose Menichini (Tenor Sax), Siena Olson (French Horn), Ben Pavlik (Jazz/ Composition), Jake Rehling (Tenor), Eddie Ryan (Trombone, Jazz), Camile Steahly (Alto), Cece Stumpf (Trumpet), Maya Tofer (Composition), Emily Walker (Soprano), Maggie Wisnewski (Soprano), Julian Wrobel (Double Bass), Liz Yu (Violin) were selected as some of the best musicians in the State by the Illinois Music Educators Association and will perform in the All-State Festival to be held Jan. 26, 2019 in Peoria.

B. Shining Star Recipients: D205 employees Jan Dolan and Martha McGreal were honored for making a positive impact on the students and staff of D205.

After Recognitions, all but 4 people left.

**Public Comment:** None

**Reports and Presentation:**

A. Middle School Reorganization – Year Two Update: Presented by Mary Henderson, Associate superintendent for Learning and Leadership and

Marc Cohen Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Growth  
Review of the following changes:

- Band/orchestra/chorus is during the day
  - Retention from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band/Orchestra students for
    - 2013-2018 – 88.3% average
    - 2018-2019 - 110%
    - 2019-2020 – 99%
  - Retention for 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>
    - 2013-2019 – 89.5%
    - 2019 -2020 – 85%
- Implementation of Project Lead the Way – approximately 33% of all students in all 3 Middle Schools at all 3 grade levels.
- World language an option vs. requirement;
  - For 2018-2019 (Current 6<sup>th</sup> grade):
    - Bryan 35%
    - Churchville 39%
    - Sandburg 24%
  - For 2019-2020 for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade (Current 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade):
    - Bryan 49%
    - Churchville 44%
    - Sandburg 39%

Acceleration – Enrichment

- Top choice of units: sign language, stop-go animation, popsicle stick structures.
- Went to 4 weeks from 3 week sessions. Includes one day/week of guidance in home base. Guidance is now in all three grades (was not in 8<sup>th</sup> grade previously.) There is a monthly guidance lesson.

Acceleration – Intervention

- 6% of students are in Tier 2 (up to 2 years behind grade level) and provided with intervention during acceleration.
- 4% of students are in Tier 3 (2 or more years behind grade level) have intervention provided during elective period.
- Best practice supporting struggling students:
  - Takes place during school day

- Support is in addition to core content
- Support is mandatory

2019-2020 Changes

- Band/Orchestra/Chorus during the day for grades 6-8
- Expansion of Project Lead the Way options
- Students have the choice to “opt-in” Pre-Algebra in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

The board asked many questions concerning several of these changes.

B. Annual Review and Audit: Andy Mace of Klein, Hall & Associates reviewed the audit with the school board. Mr. Mace stated that there was no material weakness in District controls.

The current other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liabilities were reported as:

District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$62,091,177
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the District	\$67,616,044
Total	\$ 129,707,221

Mr. Mace is concerned about the other post employment benefits that the state may require school districts to fund. He does not see this happening all at once, but could see a scenario of slowly increasing the fee individual school districts may be required to pay.

He says D205’s fund balances are currently “just about right” – approximately 40%. There was a discussion with Mr. Mace and the Board about the “right” fund balance policy.

**Superintendent’s Communications:**

A. Master Facilities Plan Update – Dr. Moyer stated this agenda item will be on all subsequent agendas. Several dates/meetings were announced:

- Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> – Finance Committee meeting with community reps, to discuss bonding strategy, demographic study. (note that Community Reps are Gordon Snyder, Rob Martinelli and David

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- Week of Jan. 14 – Wight meeting with Bryan and Edison Principals.
- Jan. 16 – Tech Committee meeting
- Week of Jan. 21 – Initial meeting with school level core teams (beginning input for design phase)
- Jan. 24 – meeting with Safety Committee (secure entrances)
- Jan. 24 – All-Day Kindergarten meeting (Collins, Ebner, district and building level admin, 3 teachers, 2 PTA reps, multiple community reps) – 3 subcommittees: tuition, early implementation, curriculum
- Jan. 30 – meet with Student Services Personnel (student service suites)
- Feb. 6 – meet with media specialist (media centers and maker spaces).
- Many more as yet unscheduled, including development of a communication plan with a dedicated website.

B. “Tweet of the Week” is not a tweet, just an acknowledgement of three teachers who have earned their National Certification: Stephanie Rzewuski, Patricia Rose, and Stephanie Dipialo.

**Board Communications:** none

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Jan. 22 and Feb. 12 at 7:30 pm. These Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 – Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 pm.