

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Jan. 10, 2017
7:40 – 9:40 pm

No Bastedo or Collins
Public: ~25 Staff: 9 Press: 0
LWV Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:30 p.m. for employment of employee and an individual student matter.

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

Public Comment:

Kirsten Young Powers, speaking as a leader of the Action for a Better Tomorrow leader, stated that after the Nov. elections, there were some students being harassed about racism and bigotry.

Several from the group had tried to meet with the Superintendent, which has not happened. She thanked Melea Smith and Kathleen Kosteck for the information they shared with her.

Jen Tofler complained about the lack of Parent Teacher Conferences at Sandburg. In their place was a student-led conference. She asked the Board to reinstate the parent teacher conferences.

Deb Casey spoke about the same situation as above.

Reports and Presentations:

A. Thought Exchange Survey Results: Two men from Thought Exchange presented the website via teleconferencing with the results of the thought exchange done for D205. 1562 people participated, 2417 thoughts were contributed and 118,056 stars assigned (a sort of ranking). The website was presented, but was too small for most, if not all, those present to see. Dr. Moyer stated that the School Board would be the first to be able to see the website, and next would be the Focus 205 Facilitating Committee. After the Feb. 1st Focus 205 meeting, the website would be made live for all. Dr. Harrell suggested that the website should be made live as soon as possible, with Mr. Blum agreeing and asking the rest of the Board if there were any that had an issue with making this information public as soon as possible. No Board member answered. Dr. Moyer said that he would consider this.

B. Instructional Coaches Mid-Year Update: Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching, Mary Baum, and three instructional coaches (2 from Conrad Fischer and 1 from York) gave a presentation of the work of instructional coaches. Coaching outcomes for the first year are being met and among other outcomes, there is evidence of implementation of the 4 coaching roles – classroom supporter, instructional specialist, data coach and learning facilitator.

To meet these goals, the Coaches were given a two-day coaching academy in August, twice monthly meetings with Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching, attendance at the Illinois Conference for Instructional Coaching, attendance at the national conference for Learning Forward and they began working with Cindy Harrison, coaching consultant.

Several questions from Board members were answered. One, from Mr. Blum asked what the top issues were. The answer was the new English Language Arts curriculum, literacy/struggling readers and classroom management.

C. Annual Audit Review:

Scott Klein from Klein, Hall & Associates reviewed the audit with the school board. The state required an assessment of pension liability should the staff pension requirements be shifted to local school districts. D205 would have an additional \$368 million in pension liability for TRS and additional \$8 million from IMRF. TRS is 41% funded; IMRF is funded close to 90%. (Pg 58-60 of report)

Mr. Klein stated that there was no material weakness in District controls.

D. Summer Facilities Projects: Frank Schuh, Director of Building and Grounds, presented a review of the capital maintenance summer 2015 and summer 2016 projects.

For summer 2015, The District transferred \$1.4 million from the Operations and Maintenance fund to Capital Projects and received about \$120,000 from a TIF 1 distribution and spent \$1.5 million on York Building Automation System, Bryan and Madison tuckpointing and the Hawthorne chiller.

For summer 2016, no TIF money was supplied by the City and \$1.266 million was expended on Jefferson tuckpointing, Bryan roof, Jefferson roof, York stadium parking lot, Sandburg parking lot the D205 office parking lot, York balcony bleachers, Jefferson and York plumbing upgrades, Conrad Fischer and Jackson drainage for water heaters and the resurface of the York indoor track.

The necessary capital maintenance projects for summer 2017 are:

- Replacement of York academic building roof (15 years old) - \$1.2 million
- Renovation of Sandburg Restrooms/locker rooms - \$280,000

Desired capital maintenance projects for summer 2017 are:

- Churchville parking lot repaving - \$250,000
- Jackson/Jefferson air-conditioning - \$1 million
- Sandburg secure entrance - \$360,000

Board members once again spoke about how D205 was depending on excess TIF funds to be shared with the district to take care of maintenance issues for the next couple of years. The City of Elmhurst is refusing to uphold the intergovernmental agreement signed with D205 in 2004, per Mr. McDonough. There was talk about suing the City, but ultimately, there was a discussion about going to referendum for maintenance. Some Board members and the Superintendent were concerned that this short-term fix would contradict the work that Focus 205 has done concerning a long-term fix.

See Superintendent's Action Item Agenda for transfer of money for what was expended in 2016 and what will be expended in 2017.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Agreement between the BOE and Marenem - \$5,000 for the use of instructional materials

Superintendent's Action Item Agenda: The Board approved:

- "Resolution Directing the School Treasurer to Transfer Funds from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund" in an Amount of \$1,250,000 for Summer 2016 Maintenance Projects
- "Resolution Directing the School Treasurer to Transfer Funds from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund" in an Amount of \$1,480,000 for Summer 2017 Maintenance Projects

Superintendent's Communication:

A. Lincoln Model Classroom – A video of the model classroom at Lincoln was shown.

B. December Principal Professional Development – Principals worked on placing focus on the right drivers that lead to whole systems change: focusing direction, cultivating collaborative cultures, deepening learning and securing accountability.

C. District AP Honor Roll – D205 was named to the College Board’s 7th annual AP District Honor Roll. It recognized 433 schools in the US and Canada that have increased access to AP coursework while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning a 3 or higher on AP exams. Only 21 schools in Illinois were honored.

Board Communications: None.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Jan. 24th and Feb. 14th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017, 6:00 pm – Policy Committee Meeting