

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Jan. 23, 2018**  
**7:30 – 9:30 pm**

**All Board members present**  
**Public: 20 Staff: 20 Press: 1**  
**LWV Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for collective negotiations, possible litigation, purchase or lease of property, setting of a price for sale or lease of property and approval of closed session minutes of 12/12/17 and 1/09/18.

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

**Public Comment:** Four parents of middle schoolers spoke and requested that the Board slow down before approving the changes in the Middle School program. Two expressed concern with moving the Band/Orchestra/Choir (BOC) into the school day. One was concerned about the acceleration period not being rigorous enough. One was concerned about bringing in Project Lead the Way, which could dilute the current Unified Arts.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from 12/12/17, 12/27/17 and 01/09/18 were approved.

**Superintendent's Consent Agenda** The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Continuation of Student Records Document Scanning Service with Konica Minolta Business Systems – To scan additional 19 boxes of student records. Not to exceed \$6,820.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 2: Board of Education (First Reading)
  - 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure – procedures for complaints regarding breastfeeding accommodations for students.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 4: Operational Services (First Reading)
  - 4:15 – Identity Protection – Personal Information Protection Act requirements removed and other provisions regarding social security numbers were added.
  - 4:80 – Accounting and Audits – non-substantive changes were made to this policy.
  - 4:110 – Transportation – revised to track the statutory language regarding a District's provision of transportation to students whose travel constitute a serious hazard.
  - 4:170 – Safety – Added a lead testing in water subsection.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 5: Personnel (First Reading)
  - 5:20 – Workplace Harassment Prohibited - non-substantive changes were made to this policy.
  - 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting – included hotline numbers and a directive for school employees to immediately call 911 if they believe a student is in immediate danger.
  - 5:220 – Substitute Teachers – updated substitute teacher requirements.
  - 5:240 – Suspension – new subhead “Employees Under Investigation by IL Dept. of Children and Family Services” was added.
  - 5:290 – Employment Termination and Suspensions - new subhead “Employees Under Investigation by IL Dept. of Children and Family Services” was added.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section

#### 6: Instruction (First Reading)

- 6:50 School Wellness – re-designed and updated to better align with the Alliance for Healthier Generation’s (AHG) model policy.
- 6:70 – Teaching about Religions – neither preferential nor derogatory treatment given to any single religion, belief, or to religion in general.
- 6:150 – Home and Hospital Instruction – a physician, physicians assistant or advanced practical nurse may provide written permission for home or hospital instruction.
- 6:300 – Graduation Requirements – non-substantive changes were made to this policy.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 7: Students (First Reading)
  - 7:15 – Student and Family Privacy Rights – updated for the use of the term “ward.”
  - 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited – school personnel to be available with help with a bully.
  - 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy – excuses a student whose parent is on active military duty.
  - 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students – health exams contain age-appropriate developmental, social and emotional screening.
  - 7:180 – Bullying - school personnel to be available with help with a bully.
  - 7:250 – Student Support Services – these services are from a school nurse, school psychologist, school social worker or school counselor.
  - 7:305 – Concussions – cross-referenced and updated per state law.

#### **Superintendent’s Action Item Agenda:** The Board approved:

- Middle School Program Changes
  - Incorporate Band, Orchestra and Choir into the school day.
  - Add Project Lead the Way (PLTW) to the MS curriculum.
  - Make World Language a choice and ensure that students who take 3 years in middle school obtain Level III standing as freshmen and that students who take 2 years in middle school obtain Level II standing as freshmen.
  - Authorize the creation of semester elective course in Unified Arts for eighth grade students.

The Board discussed this for about an hour. Superintendent Moyer said that the administration was continuing to watch the acceleration units, to give BOC students preference for acceleration units and BOC into the school day will be phased in (6<sup>th</sup> graders will start and 7 & 8 graders will continue to have early morning BOC for the next year). All Board members were supportive of the change.

- Approval of 2018-2019 School Calendar
- Approval of 2019-2020 School Calendar
- Donation from D205 Foundation designated for York HS – From the Friends of York Baseball \$119,450 for two sets of new bleachers for the York varsity baseball field.
- Donation for Sandburg – \$5,848 for a new sound system at Sandburg from a Sandburg family.

Special note that Board member Harrell voted “present” on the two donations, above.

#### **Superintendent’s Communication:**

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests – two requests (one for a contract and invoices and

another for specific purchase orders) were approved. Two others (one for residency information and one for employee information) were partially granted and partially denied.

**B. District Management Group Summit Recap** – Dr. Moyer reviewed the District Management Group (DMG) summit. DMG will facilitate a Leadership Development meeting in Chicago on April 26-27 and D205 will host District Leadership Roundtable for Chicago Area Administrators on March 1<sup>st</sup>. D205 will send teams to both.

**C. Mid-Year Financial Report:**

- Revenues – Are higher than last year due to timing of receipt of General State Aid, State Categoricals, Federal Grants and E-Rate. Property tax collection is down by about 0.6%. With DuPage County collecting many pre-payments of 2017 property taxes, the June 2018 collection percentage will be high. SB1947 increased General State Aid by combining General State Aid, Special Ed Personnel Reimbursement & Special Ed Funding for Children Requiring Special Ed Services.
- Expenditures – Are up by 2.4%, but were budgeted to be up by 3.6%. Salaries are up 3.5% and were budgeted to be up 5.7%. Anticipation for benefits is that they will be under budget for FY 2018.
- Fund Balances – were 50.5% of expenditures on 12/31/17 compared to 50.0% on 12/31/16.

Board member Blum was concerned about the early payment of property taxes many homeowners have done in 2017. This will mean a higher level of property tax receipts for June 2018. Although this current budget is a \$2 million deficit budget, this higher level of property tax receipts will make the budget appear to have made money. Mr. Whelton stated that the reason for this will be presented at that time.

**Board Communications:** Mr. McDonough announced that the following night (Wednesday), at 5:00 pm the School Board will go to the City of Elmhurst's TIF 6 review board.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, 9:00 am – Special Board of Education Meeting