

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Feb. 14, 2017
7:30 – 9:15 pm

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Public: ~10 Staff: 9 Press: 1
LWV Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for collective negotiations and employment of employee.

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

Public Comment:

Reports and Presentations:

A. Shining Star Recipients: Vicki Kalnins and Donna Lynch were recognized for making a positive impact on the students and staff of the District.

B. Instructional Rounds: Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching, Mary Baum, Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching, presented “instructional rounds,” along with the Principals from each middle school and from the high school. This is based on the medical rounds. A group of 4 D205 Principals, one being the Principal of the building in which they are in, will visit each classroom in a building. After each classroom visit, there will be a discussion focusing on the student achievement objectives of balanced assessments and student engagement witnessed in the room.

Each classroom should have learning targets posted for each subject the class will be studying. At the end of the rounds, a report will be written. No teacher names or room numbers will be used. This is to help all to reach the student achievement goals.

C. Learning and Teaching Committee Report: Instructional rounds, Eureka Math and standards based reporting were discussed. The standards based reporting will be presented at the March board meeting. Two elementary schools will be piloting this in the next school year.

D. Eureka Math Pilot: Dave Beedy, K-12 STEM, PE/Health, Family Consumer Science Coordinator, presented this update, along with four teachers, all of who are part of the pilot of this curriculum this year. The goals of Eureka math in D205 is:

- Students make sense of never-before seen “messy” problems and persevere in solving them.
- Students construct viable arguments involving math and statistics and critique the reasoning of others.

Eureka Math is open source and is the most widely adopted curriculum in common core curriculum standard states. (57% of elementary schools have chosen it.) It has extensive professional library of videos and documents available on line. It has a strong emphasis on building number sense and problem solving. 30% of D205’s elementary students are “piloting” this program. The breadth is not as wide as the Everyday Math curriculum, but depth is much deeper. Mr. Beedy has been “touring” all PTAs explaining this new curriculum. There are many great online resources. The professional development for this will begin for grade school teachers at the March 3rd teachers’ Institute Day. Eureka Math will be used for the “core” middle school math classes, with the REACH classes using the Carnegie Math. Mr. Beedy has been working with Sue Brown, from York, and both were not impressed with Eureka at the High School level.

Superintendent’s Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- RFP #17-03 - Employee Benefits Consultants/Broker Services – 3-year with Alliant/Mesirow Insurance at \$68,160 annually.

- Display Eureka Math Materials

Superintendent’s Communication:

Dr. Moyer announced that the York Girls’ Bowling team and one boy wrestler were going to state this year. He also stated that at the Superintendent’s Coffee this week, a parent said how much she liked the “exit tickets” that are a part of the Eureka Math curriculum.

LUDA (Large Unit District Association) Conference Update – Dr. Moyer, Mary Baum and two Principals attended the conference in Springfield. Among other presentations, one was on different financial deliberations that were taking place in Springfield. Superintendents hope a new model for College and Career Readiness will be approved by the State Board of Education.

Board Communications: None

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Feb. 28th and Mar. 21st at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Monday, Mar. 6, 2017, 7:00 pm – Finance and Operations Committee Meeting
- Thursday, Mar. 9, 2017, 6:15 pm – Learning and Teaching Committee Meeting