

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Feb. 25, 2019
7:35 – 8:55 pm

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Public: 0 Staff: 12 Press: 1
LWV Observer: J. Dorner

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

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

Public Comment: none

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

- A. Open session minutes from 1/22/19 and 02/12/19 were approved.
- B. Closed session minutes from 1/22/19 and 02/12/19 were approved.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Foreign Exchange Student "A" (From Germany)
- Contract with Center for Team Excellence – for Administrative retreat
- Dispose of Surplus Equipment – 8 pieces of equipment that are no longer running. Will be sold as is or for scrap.
- Revision to Policy #6:310 - Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions (Second Reading and Adoption) - updated to include grades nine and ten when submitting a request to be excused from physical education courses based on ongoing participation in an interscholastic athletic program.

Dr. Harrell removed the following for an explanation why these were being voted on again, since this Board had voted on them in June 2017:

- Contract with Wight and Co. for Architect Services-Architectural services
- Contract with ICI International Contractor for Construction Management and Estimating Services.

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Chris Whelton, replied that

the lawyers have reviewed and approved the language of these contracts. He also confirmed that the scope and price of both contracts were the same as in June of 2017.

Superintendent's Agenda – Action Item The Board approved:

- Student Services Staffing Recommendation - Cabinet is recommending the addition of a 0.5 FTE Dean at each middle school, the addition of a Director of Special Education EC-5, a Director of Special Education 6-12, an Assistant Director of Special Education--York High School, an Assistant Director of Students Services, the elimination of four special education supervisor positions and the elimination of a 0.6 LEA (Local Education Agent) rep at York, for a net increase in staff of 0.9 FTE at an estimated net cost of approximately \$76,000.
- Board Member Conference Expenses - \$656.80 for Board member Collins to attend the AASA (American Association of School Administrators) Innovation and Transformational Leadership Network conference.
- 2 Gbps AT&T Internet Service Agreement and 6-month extension of 100Mbps Internet Service - \$2,255/month to AT&T for a three-yr agreement for the 2Gbps (could be eligible for a 40% discount) and \$6,000 for 100 MBPS service for six months. This will double the District's bandwidth and increase reliability.
- Donations
 - Lincoln – From the PTA - \$1500 for a year-long kindness campaign video, \$5,000 for book room allocation and \$5,000 for STEM resources.
 - Jackson – From the Aiden Shea Foundation - \$1,724.40 for yearlong online subscription to BrainPop.
 - Sandburg – From the PTA - \$1,263.99 for a monitor to be placed outside of the office.
 - Field – From the PTA - \$2,000 for an indoor stencil sensory path and \$3500 for a Gaga ball pit.
 - York – Grant awarded from the Technology and Manufacturing Association Foundation for \$27,585 for the purchase of a mill.

Dr. Harrell stated that she will be voting present on ALL donations from now until the end of the school year. Although only one Board member, she is calling for community discussion and unification for all. She suggested a joint meeting with Board, PTA, Foundation, others.

The motion for the donation was carried 5 yes, 0 no, 1 present, 1 absent.

Superintendent's Communication:

A. Boundaries Update – The Boundaries sub-committee met and came up with the following:

- Boundary adjustments are based on the purchase date of the home.
- Purchasing a home prior to the implementation of the boundary adjustments gives the residents the choice between attending Edison or Hawthorne if the home is between the east side of York and the west side of Kenmore (currently in the Hawthorne area).
- Residences on the south side of Butterfield and either side of Harrison north, who are currently bused to Jackson, will be bused to Edison.
- Affected families above will have their choice of attending either Bryan or Sandburg middle schools.

This committee recommended that the full Board approve the following to be voted on at the March 18th school board meeting:

Effective June 1, 2022, any family that purchases a home on the east side of York Avenue and north side of St. Charles Road and the south side of Butterfield Road and either side of Harrison Street north will be subject to the five provisions listed above.

B. Facilities Update – A list of upcoming meetings was presented.

C. Freedom of Information Act Requests: One FOIA was received for retirement information, which was granted.

D. “Tweet of the Week”: From York High School at the Illinois High School Art Exhibition. The art presented represented over a million dollars in scholarships.

Board Communications: Mrs. Stuefen stated that LEND (Legislative Education Network of DuPage) is having a Lobby Day in Springfield on April 3rd. She suggested that this Board participate, and she would like to, but it is the day after the election and she is running for re-election.

Dr. Harrell asked for reaction from other Board members about her suggestion to bring the community together to understand donations and find out what the community wants. Mr. McDonough said that there will have to be homework done before the meeting.

What are the donations for?

What is D205 doing to produce parity? etc

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Mar. 19th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Monday, Mar. 11, 2019, 7:00 pm – Special Board Meeting
- Tuesday, Mar.12, 2019, 6:30 pm – Finance and Operations Committee Meeting.