

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Feb. 27, 2018
7:30 – 9:05 pm

No Blum or Collins
Public: 12 Staff: 9 Press: 2
LWV Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for collective negotiating, possible litigation and approval of closed session minutes of 1/23/18 and 2/13/18.

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

Public Comment: Two public comments were presented. The first, from a representative of the Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition, suggested that green schools be considered if new buildings are being built. He also advocated for storm water mitigation possibilities.

A parent thanked the administration for the attention they paid to safety in the schools and ended her comments by saying that the possibility of guns in the school would be disturbing to her family.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Minutes from 1/23/18, 1/27/18 and 02/13/18 were approved.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- 24 Month Extension of AT&T Wide Area Network Switched Ethernet Service - \$12,129/month through 9/30/2020
- Foreign Exchange Student "A" – A student from Halberstadt, Germany from the Youth for Understanding USA Program.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 2: Board of Education (Second Reading and Adoption)
 - 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 (Second Reading and Adoption)
 - 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 (Second Reading and Adoption)
 - 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 – updates substitute teacher requirements.
 - 5:240 – Suspension – new subheads "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 (Second Reading and Adoption)
 - 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, physician assistant or advanced practice 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 (Second Reading and Adoption)
 - 7:15 – Student and Family Privacy Rights – updated for the use of the term “ward.”
 - 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited – school personnel be available to 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 be available with help coping 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 Agenda – Action Item:

- Donations –
 - Bryan- PTA for \$1,375 for 4 banners to line Bryan Middle School parking lot.
 - Emerson – Parent School Improvement Team and Student Council for \$3,800 for wooden sign in front of the school. Also Teaching Garden from Clark Construction for \$6,000.
- Study skills instructional program stipends funded by D205 Foundation – up to \$12,000.

Superintendent’s Communication:

A. Community Engagement Process – Part II – Marcia Sutter of Minding Your Business presented the communication plan to determine what the community will support as far as a possible referendum. The plan is about ongoing dialog between the Board of Education, the administrative staff, parents and community members.

Focus 205 Priorities:

- Rebuild Lincoln Elementary School
- Improve safety and security
- Renovate Field Elementary School
- Address physical plant and maintenance needs
- Provide an All Day Kindergarten Option
- Update Madison Early Childhood Education Center
- Add on to Edison School
- Update the York High School auditorium
- Address the needs of the Transition Program (Discussions with the City and Park District are ongoing & not included in Master Facility Plan)

- Expand the Model Classroom Project? (Funded by the Foundation, next steps TBD (not included in MFP))

Consultants will work with BOE, Wight (architects), ICI (construction management), Raymond James (Bond counsel) and the administrative team to define expectations and prioritize topics.

Sample Areas of Inquiry:

- What plan elements are most appealing and why?
- Are there plan elements that are not well justified or desirable?
- Is there a preference for a plan option when costs are included?
- Is messaging clear?/areas for improvement
- Test boundary adjustments
- Determine if timing impacts preferences

The Board discussed the communication plan. There were a lot of questions concerning the Community Advisory Team, which will be a group that will review communications to make sure that all messaging is clear and understandable.

President Ebner asked the Board if there was consensus to have Strategies 360 and Mind Your Business to put a presentation together on the entire (\$160 million) possible Master Facility Plan along with a substantial FAQ. There were no objections to that comment.

They will develop materials, questions and timelines and recruit the CAT (Community Advisory Team) and meet with them to vet the developed materials.

B. Safety Committee Overview – Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Chris Whelton, gave an overview of this committee.

- Although Mr. Whelton is technically the chair of this committee, he is really a facilitator.
- There are 4 Elmhurst Police Officers, and 1 Fire Department officer on the committee.
- There are D205 union reps and York High School Deans on this as well.
- The committee meets 5 times per year and some members attend safety seminars.
- Every year procedures are reviewed.
- There are panic buttons in each school office in case of an armed intruder.
- Every year there is a perimeter breach trial.

C. REACH Identification Process: Letters are going out soon to all families involved. Board member Margaret Harrell asked if the criteria had changed based on MAP scores. Both Dr. Moyer and Dr. Henderson said it had not and will not for the coming year.

D. Freedom of Information Act Requests: Three requests were received. One requesting a specific RFP was denied and the other two, one for levy information and one for employee information, were granted.

Board Communications: None

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Mar. 20th and Apr. 10th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Wednesday, Mar. 7, 2018, 6:30 pm – Finance Committee Meeting