

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Mar. 20, 2018
7:35 – 10:55 pm

All Board members present
Public: 100 Staff: 9 Press: 1
LWV Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for collective negotiations, employment of employee and approval of closed session minutes of 2/27/18.

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

Shining Star: Lauren Blanford and Bob Blaus were recognized for making a positive impact on the students and staff of D205.

Public Comment: Two Edison parents spoke about the increasing class size for next year for incoming 3rd graders. They contend that class size DOES matter.

A third parent spoke about inequity for students who live on the north side of town. The class sizes for interventions at Churchville are much higher than for Bryan or Sandburg. Only Tier 3 students have interventions at Churchville, while Bryan and Sandburg faculty work with students in Tiers 2 and 3.

Reports and Presentations:

A. Community Advisory Team (CAT)/Community Engagement Update: Marcia Sutter stated that 126 applications were submitted to be on the CAT and 33 members were selected. Their first meeting was March 19 to review work on the Master Facility Plan already done. At the second meeting on April 23, they will preview the Community Presentation and incorporate feedback prior to community meetings.

New Focus205 logo has added “Future Focused” and “Empowering Students for Success”.

In April, focus groups will meet at Lincoln, Field and Edison. Thought Exchange #1 will be launched, focusing on Edison, Field and Lincoln. In May, community meetings are scheduled:

- April 30 evening – Sandberg
- May 12 morning – York
- May 14 evening – Churchville
- May 23 evening – Bryan

Thought Exchange #2 will be launched and will focus on boundary adjustments.

On June 19, the Board will receive another presentation with data from the thought exchange and focus groups.

Potential plans for July and August will be:

- Draft a resolution
- Confirm funding options
- Phone poll
- Qualitative research and presentation
- Board analysis and discussion
- Aug 20 is the deadline to adopt a resolution. (Board meeting is Aug. 14.)

Several Board member expressed concern about the speed at which this is progressing. Mr. Blum asked, “What is CAT doing? We do not have a plan.” Mr. Collins said that an actual cost needs to be associated with each piece. Ms. Sutter said that there would not be a “Chinese menu” of items, but 3 or 4 packages from which the community could choose. Mr. Blum stated that a conversation about boundary changes needs to happen before a conversation on anything else. Mrs. Caforio asked, “What are Boundary changes solving?” She also requested that focus groups be conducted

at ALL elementary schools.

The Board did not like the fact that they wouldn't be updated as a group until July. Dr. Moyer will come up with a suggestion of how best to continue.

B. Instructional Rounds Update: Dr. Henderson, Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Leadership Development said that the area of emphasis for the 2017-18 school year is rigor. This will remain the focus for the 2018-19 school year.

C. High School Instructional Materials 2018-19: Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Growth, Mark Cohen, presented.

- New Course – American Studies Honors – several paperback books
- An Auto book – for two auto classes
- Several Calculus classes – new book
- Food and Restaurant – new book

D. Finance Committee Report: Mr. Whelton, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, reviewed the committee meeting of March 7th.

- Due to many residents paying their 2017 property taxes before the end of 2017, the County will have a special distribution to taxing groups in May.
- With the passage of SB1947, the evidence-based model, several categorical payments have been added together and D205 will receive just under \$6.3 million in General State Aid.
- Student fees were discussed.
- Facility usage rental will be increased by the CPI, 2.1%.
- Athletic fees discussion:
 - Middle School 2 tiers – currently families pay about 26% of the fee; \$40 and \$70. To go to 25%, the tiers would be \$30 and \$100.
 - High School – 4 tiers – Currently families pay about 17% of fees. (\$125, \$150, \$175, \$200). If families pay 20% of fees - \$105, \$155, \$190, \$250.

The Board has been asked:

- 1) What option as a percentage of athletic expenditures should be funded through student fees?
- 2) Should athletic fees be waived for fee eligible students?
- 3) Should the family cap for \$450 for athletic fees be increased? (For York High School)

Another discussion will be held at the April 10th meeting with a vote at the April 24th meeting.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Minutes from 2/24/18 and 2/27/18 were approved.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Foreign Exchange Student "B" – From Lithuania through the Rotary Club.
- Display of High School Instructional Materials
- RFP #18-02 Cold Beverage Contract Service – Great Lakes Coca-Cola, with a maximum price increase of 4% beginning in 2019-20.
- RFP #18-03 Mechanical Contractor Service at York, Hawthorne & Field – Monaco Mechanical for \$254,000.

- 15 month Subscription to EdPrivacy Student Data Privacy Management System – From 4/1/18 – 6/30/19 at \$2.25/student
- Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Membership Renewal
- Disposal of Vehicles – 5 vehicles that are not in a condition for resale or donation. Will be sold for scrap.
- Dr. Harrell pulled: Special Education Student Transportation Services and Transportation Services Contract – Sunrise Southwest, LLC. Kathy Kosteck, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services explained that this is for School Association for Special Education in DuPage County. Only two D205 students use this transportation. Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Action Item Agenda: The Board approved:

- Donations:
 - Conrad Fischer – PTA \$250 to each of the 22 classroom teachers to provide literacy support. \$5,500.
 - Emerson – PTA - \$750 to the library to buy Reader’s Choice Nominee books.
 - Jackson – The Aiden Shea Foundation donated \$5,000 to go toward a 3D printer (about \$2,000) and to purchase books.
 - Lincoln – PTA - \$7,500 for an outdoor classroom.
 - York – Athletic Boosters to purchase a new tent for \$10,522.

Superintendent’s Communication:

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests – Four requests were submitted regarding the following.

- Student disciplinary action was denied.
- Specific RFP information was partially granted.
- Specific Bid information was granted.
- Specific expense information was granted.

Board Communications: None

Action on Closed Session Item: The Board approved:

- Resolution authorizing notice of non-renewal to non-tenured teachers other than final-year probationary teachers.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Apr. 10th and Apr. 24th at 7:30 pm.