

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Apr. 9, 2019**  
**7:40 – 10:45 pm**

**All Bd members present**  
**Public: 150+ Staff: 15 Press: 0**  
**LWV Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board was in closed session from 6:45 p.m. for employment of employee, possible litigation, purchase or lease of property and setting a price for sale or lease of property.

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

**Recognition:**

A. York High School Mock Trial Team: The York Mock Trial team completed 6 regional competitions and then went to the State competition. Team members Katherine Clugg, Anika Jacob, Maya Iyer, Lexi Lucose, Anthony Aguilar, Sarah Martich, Andrea Gurau, Ava Gehrke, Vanessa Bardoshi, Elinor Kness finished 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the State finals and were awarded 6 individual titles, including one where they had the highest team average score on the Law Test. The Illinois State Bar Association awarded Katy Clugg, Lexi Lucose, Andrea Gurau for Best Attorney, Katy Clugg and Anthony Aguilar for Best Witness and Lexi Lucose as the only student in the state to receive a perfect score on the exam. These students will be going to Athens, Georgia for the May 15<sup>th</sup> nationals.

B. Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) Junior: 11 Bryan Students, 5 Churchville Students and 7 Sandburg Students were selected to perform in the Junior Festival Band, Orchestra and Chorus and/or Jazz Concert.

After the recognitions, about 5 people remained.

**Public Comment:** A Lincoln parent spoke about being concerned with a plan to make the current 4 sections of 1<sup>st</sup> grade into 3 sections for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**Reports and Presentations:**

A. SEED Grant: This is a partnership with the DuPage Regional Office of Education (ROE) and Illinois State University (ISU). This is to improve principal effectiveness by increasing the amount of time spent on

instruction improvement and improving instructional quality. Jackson Principal, Christine Trendel, started with this grant in February of 2018. The principal receives daily coaching meetings, monthly ½ day ROE training sessions and will focus on school improvement, goal setting and reflection.

The expected impact will be for dedicated, daily time for reflection and planning, time management, and continuous professional development focused on leadership. Ms. Trendel will continue with her second year of this and Hawthorne Principal, Tim Riordan, will begin in July.

#### B. Next Generation Science Standards – Curriculum Development

Process: Director of STEM Education, Dave Beedy, presented. He stated that with the new standards there will be less rote memorization, learning of disconnected science ideas and teachers providing information to the whole class, and more ideas learned by doing investigations and research, modeling and explaining phenomena as context for learning science and students conducting investigations, solving problems and engaging in discussions.

C. Technology Committee Update and 2019-20 Tech Plan: Dr. Cohen, Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Growth, and Dave Smith, Executive Director of Technology, presented. The Technology Committee was made up of 51 members and did a needs assessment recently. Several different needs were brought up, but will focus on software/applications/website approval.

Technology is an accelerator of learning, not a driver.

The technology staff has training and/or certificates in at least 12 different areas.

There are currently about 11,000 computers/Chromebooks in service in D205. Tech service staffing is level and turnover is low.

For this school year, the tech department is upgrading the Administrative Center to 2 Gbps, increasing fire wall security at both the Administrative Center and York, and replacing York's LAN and Core Switches.

Classroom display equipment and infrastructure will be the focus for the next several years.

New flip, touchscreen Chromebooks for grades 6-8 and 9 have:

- Dual camera
- Stylus for writing
- Latest processor (30% faster)
- Universal USB-C charger
- \$320 cost to freshman (includes 8% IL sales tax)

Grade 6 -12 tech fee remains \$65, which includes Chromebook protection plan. Repairs are via TSI class (at York) with 3<sup>rd</sup> party repairs as needed. The tech expense for this year is just slightly less than \$3 million, with revenue at about \$2.2 million.

Future technology expenditures appear to be in the \$3.2 to \$3.3 million.

D. Student Fees/Facility Rental Usage Agreement: Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Chris Whelton, gave this presentation.

The Facility Rental Usage agreements were discussed at the 3/12/19 Finance Committee meeting. The rate increased by the CPI, which is 2.1%.

Student Fees - The following changes to the York High School student fees for 2019-2020 have been proposed. Changes to the high school fees include the Algebra 2 fee being removed. Cap & Gown fee has been increased by \$1 to match the cost. The Chromebook purchase fee has been increased \$10 to offset the cost of Chromebooks as a result of moving toward more advanced models. In addition, York High School athletic fees have been adjusted to align closer to 20% of the net cost per participant.

For PreK-8 Student Fees:

PreK: \$93.00, decreased by \$10 from previous year.

K: \$143.00, decreased by \$10 from previous year.

1-5: \$141.00, decreased by \$22 from previous year.

6-8: \$210.00, increased by \$7 from previous year.

The actual fees are calculated by averaging the total cost of materials by the number of students. The fees also include a charge for student planners

for grades 3-8; a technology fee; a processing fee; and a student accident insurance fee.

Athletic fees in grades 6-8 have been adjusted to align closer to 25% of the net cost per participant.

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

- Personnel Report

**Superintendent's Action Item Agenda:** The Board approved:

- Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Growth – Scott Grens was hired to start July 1, 2019 at \$153,185 annually.

Donations

- Jackson – PTA \$2,943. (\$1,000 to Garden Committee, \$1,900 Gaga Pit Floor, \$43 Gaga balls.
- Emerson – PTA - \$6,139 for a Gaga ball pit.
- York – Baseball parents, about \$3,600 was left over from the purchase of bleachers. With the addition of \$2,000 from Elmhurst Youth Baseball – baseball training machine (\$2,749) and a sound system (\$2,843).

After the motion was made and seconded, Dr. Harrell reminded all that she would be voting “present” on these donations. Mr. McDonough said that this issue has tried to be addressed by school board policy and by administration keeping track to make sure there is equity in the District. He said that a discussion with PTAs has not yet taken place. He quoted National PTA values, specifically one about diversity. He asked that this discussion go forward and ask PTAs for input.

Mr. Collins said he was the Board Rep for PTA Council recently and after a 20-minute discussion told them that, “This is something that you do not want to hand back to the Board of Education to come up with a policy.”

Mrs. Caforio stated that she and Dr. Harrell had a conference call with the administration and then the Executive Committee of PTA Council on this issue. A procedure may come before the next PTA Council meeting to use as a pilot for the upcoming school year on this issue. This issue will also

be discussed with the D205 Foundation.

Dr. Moyer added that the District 205 Foundation donation funded by 100+ Women Who Care for \$14,600 for York Duke Depot be added to the motion. Mr. McDonough agreed to add it if it is acceptable as far as the open meetings act was concerned. (Dr. Moyer will check with counsel.)

The amended motion and main motion were carried.

Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Elmhurst – No action taken. D205 made an informal offer to the City about 3 weeks ago. D205 has not heard back from the City, but hopes to call a special meeting next week to address this.

### **Superintendent's Communication:**

A. Facilities Update: A list of the latest meeting to be held. At the next School Board meeting, building concepts will be shared. Dr. Moyer will meet with individual Board members to show them these concepts.

B. Senate Bill 1189: Today, this bill was sent back to the Education Committee with amendments for possible action by this committee. At 1:30 pm, the D205 administration received information that the committee needed witness slips filed before 3:00 pm today. Over 300 witness slips were filed. This legislation may not come before the legislature until the end of the legislative session or maybe not until the following session.

The new amendments include:

30-minute daily PE in Elementary Schools – possibly with a certified P.E. teacher.

225-minutes weekly PE for Middle School – 45 minutes/daily

This will affect D205 in the following ways:

- \$850,000 additional salary for more certified Elementary teachers.
- Additional time added to the Elementary school day.
- Not enough room at the Elementary Schools.
- Elimination of “extras” – Spanish, art, music at Elementary.
- At the Middle School level, 5 minutes/day may be needed to be taken from the core curriculum from 75 minutes to 70 minutes.

This is estimated at a cost of \$1,000,000 annually for D205.

Mrs. Caforio spoke with our State Senator Glowiak briefly today. Per Mrs. Caforio, Senator Glowiak said to Mrs. Caforio that “I just didn’t want to hire more teachers.” Several Board members mentioned that 85 teachers have been hired over the last several years. Dr. Moyer and Mrs. Caforio are scheduled to meet with Senator Glowiak on April 29<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, Bev Redmond (D205 PR) will get information to the community about this.

C. “Tweet of the Week: More Rocking with Music Monday at Madison.

**Board Communications:** Mrs. Caforio stated that at the next meeting, three Board members will be leaving the Board and the new Board members will be seated.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.