

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Apr. 23, 2019
7:30 – 10:00 pm

All Board Members Present
Public: 20 Staff: 10 Press: 0
LWV Observer: J. Dorner

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

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

Public Comment: Lisa Gerhold Dirks and Jill Jarvis, as members of the Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition, spoke about eliminating the use of pesticides in D205 fields. The Coalition has been working with the Elmhurst Park District to stop the use of pesticides and these representatives requested that the Board of Education do the same.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: The Board approved

- A.** Open session minutes from 3/19/19 and 4/9/19.
- B.** Closed session from 3/19/19 and 4/9/19.

President Caforio read a statement concerning the status of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City of Elmhurst and D205:

Negotiations have taken place for the past year to resolve....

- Payments to D205 which are due based on the 2004 IGA,
- The City's claim that a stormwater fee is due from the reconstruction of York HS in 2000.
- City's request to construct stormwater retention at Jackson School and York High School.

D205's March 2019 proposal requested the City to monetarily contribute to D205's acquisition of land next to York HS to offset the site taken up by the water retention.

The City responded by:

- Withdrawing the agreement to permit D205 to terminate the Jackson stormwater easement if the land was needed by D205 for educational purposes.
- Withdrawing the agreement to permit D205 to terminate the York stormwater easement if the land was needed by D205 for educational purposes.

- Shifting the responsibility of inspecting, repairing and maintaining the York and Jackson retention to D205 after 5 years.
- Withdrawing its reimbursement of D205's legal and engineering fees associated with the stormwater retention.

The Board consensus is to not engage in further negotiations with the City and D205 will explore other avenues to press its claims for the TIF money from the 2004 IGA. (Note that the observer had to do a Freedom of Information Request (FOIA) for this statement, even though she was present when it was read.)

Recognition:

The Board recognized outgoing Board members Chris Blum, Shannon Ebner and John McDonough.

Reorganization of the Board of Education:

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the certified election results. Then Mrs. Caforio administered the oath of office to Beth Hosler, Chris Kocinski, and Courtenae Trautmann. Karen Stuefen is currently on the Board and had taken this oath previously.

The Board elected Kara Caforio as President, Margaret Harrell as Vice President, and Karen Stuefen as Secretary.

The Board meeting dates from July 2019 through June 2020 were accepted. The meeting start times will be moved to 7:00 pm.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- 2019-2020 High School Student Fees (see Observer Report 4-9-19)
- 2019-2020 EC-8 Student Fees
 - Early childhood to go from \$103 to \$93
 - Kindergarten to go from \$153 to \$143
 - Grades 1-5 to go from \$163 to \$141
 - Grades 6-8 to go from \$203 to \$210.
- 2019-2020 Lunch and Breakfast Fees – no increase from the current year
- Facility Rental Fees (see Observer Report 4-9-19)
- Music Department stipend changes

Position	Current Stipend	New Stipend	Rationale
Grade 4-8 Choir department chair	V A-D	Eliminated	No Longer Needed
Grade 4-8 Band Department Chair	V A-D	Eliminated	No Longer Needed
Grade 4-8 Orchestra Dept Chair	V A-D	Eliminated	No Longer Needed

MS Band Director (7-8)	I A-D	VI A-D	Change in Responsibilities
MS Orchestra Director (7-8)	I A-D	VI A-D	Change in Responsibilities
MS Orchestra Director (7-8)	I A-D	VI A-D	Change in Responsibilities
MS Chorus Director (7-8)	I A-D	VI A-D	Change in Responsibilities
MS Band Director (7-8)	I A-D	VI A-D	Change in Responsibilities
MS Band Director (7-8)	I A-D	VI A-D	Change in Responsibilities
MS Chorus Director (6th)	I A-D	VI A-D	Change in Responsibilities
MS Orchestra Director (7-8)	I A-D	VI A-D	Change in Responsibilities
MS Chorus Director (7-8)	I A-D	VI A-D	Change in Responsibilities
MS Chorus Director (7-8)	I A-D	VI A-D	Change in Responsibilities
HS Performing Arts Division Chair	2D + Rel	Eliminated	New District Director

- procurement and installation of a replacement gym floor for Hawthorne Elementary School - \$94,204.99.
- procurement and installation of a replacement gym floor for Jackson Elementary School - \$78,911.33.
- Donate Surplus Laptops to 630 Code – 10 laptops will be donated to this summer coding camp for students who do not have access to a computer.
- Bid #19-06 - Towel Service at York High School – Marberry Cleaners and Launderers.
- Bid #19-07 – HVAC – Mechanical Inc for \$424,000.
- Bid #19-08 – Electrical – Moran Electrical Contracting for \$226,792.
- Bid #19-10 - General Trades – Metropolitan Corp for \$881,000.
- Bid #19-13 – Roofing – R.E. Burke Roofing and Sheet Metal Co for \$1,498,000.
- Foreign Exchange Student "B" – Student from Brazil
- Foreign Exchange Student "C" – Student from France
- Amended (Final) 2018-2019 Calendar – eliminates June 3 as an emergency day; reflects the last day of school as May 31 for elementary and middle schools and May 30, 2019 for York.
- Appointment of School Treasurer – Adrian Gaerlan.

Superintendent’s Action Item Agenda: The Board approved the following unanimously through the Thiems Grants:

- Special Education Bus Contract with Cottage Hill – One-year extension incorporating a 2.1% CPI increase for 2019-2020.
- U.S. Bancorp Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement for a four-year lease and purchase of Lenovo Chromebooks, Dell laptops, Apple iPads, Palo Alto firewalls, and Cisco Network switches in an amount not to exceed \$1,785,000.
- Purchase of Lenovo Chromebooks (not to exceed \$255,000), Chromebook chargers (not to exceed \$25,000) and ChromeCare warranty (\$17.25 per

Chromebook deployed in grades 6 – 10).

- Adoption of resolution of appointment to DuPage Area Occupational Education System Board of Directors (DAOES) – Scott Grens
- Adoption of School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) Board of Controls/Governing Board appointment resolution – David Myer as rep. and Courtenae Trautmann as alternative to Bd of Controls and Karen Stuefen as rep. and Beth Hosler as alternative to Governing Bd.
- Settlement agreement between D205 and the Elmhurst Teachers’ Council
- Thiems Instructional Grants- 41 grant requests were received, totaling \$158,600. 31 grants were funded, totaling \$95,519.

STEM	\$51,802	54%
Science	\$6,813	
Technology/Digital Resources	\$39,739	
Math/Critical Thinking	\$400	
Maker Space	\$3,650	
Project Lead the Way	\$1,200	
Physical Education	\$3,196	3%
Literacy	\$13,985	15%
Behavioral/Emotional Health	\$2,824	3%
Future Ready Classrooms/Building Enhancements	\$15,729	25%
Performing Arts	\$7,980	

Dr. Harrell stated that she will be voting present on these last three motions. All were carried with 6 yes, 0 no, 1 present.

- Funding Support for D205’s Participation in the Innovation and Transformational Leadership Network and the Harvard Scaling for Impact Program – accept a \$5,000 donation from the D205 Foundation to support initial costs.
- D205 Foundation Donation Funded by 100+ Women Who Care - \$14,600.
- Donations:
 - Emerson – An Emerson Parent is donating an industrial refrigerator worth \$3,400 and the PTA is donating \$2,200 toward new teachers lounge furniture.
 - Bryan – PTA is donating \$5,108.50 toward a Gaga Pit and a tree hugger bench for \$1,437.70.

Superintendent’s Communication:

A. Edison and Bryan Design Concepts: For the presentation about the Edison and Bryan design concepts see:

[https://www.boarddocs.com/il/elmhurst/Board.nsf/files/BBGR8A686087/\\$file/CSD205_DESIGN%20REVIEW%20BOARD%20PRESENTATION.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/il/elmhurst/Board.nsf/files/BBGR8A686087/$file/CSD205_DESIGN%20REVIEW%20BOARD%20PRESENTATION.pdf)

Highlights for Edison: Relocating the office to the front of the building. The Principal and Assistant Principal will have “eyes on the street.” There will be a

security vestibule when entering the building. Parking will be along the street, with water detention underneath. Green space is reduced, so parking will be pushed to the perimeter as closely as is allowed. The library/media center will be relocated to the center of the building.

Highlights for Bryan: The new main office and security vestibule will be in the front of the build, but will not take up the whole courtyard. Current locker room area will be used, with the locker rooms moved to the fitness area. Again, the Principal and Assistant Principal will have “eyes on the street.” Two additional classrooms will be added to the 6th grade hallway (making that wing the same length as both the 7th and 8th grade wings). The current main office will be used for Special Ed classrooms until Phase 3 (this is Phase 1), when additional remodeling will be done at Bryan.

B. District K-5 classroom Furniture Plan: It will cost \$15,600 per to bring all K-8 classrooms to a similar standard for furniture. D205 currently spends \$60,000/year for furniture. At this rate, it will take 30 years for parity among classrooms. Dr. Moyer stated that he has been “putting off PTAs” who want to donate furniture to their schools since late Fall. There was discussion about how to make donations of this type equitable. The PTA Council will be presenting a plan for this to all PTAs to pilot for a year. Board members prefer that PTAs come up with a plan rather than have the Board tell PTAs what they must do.

C. Freedom of Information Act Requests – six requests were approved regarding the following.

- 3 requesting specific employee information
- 1 requesting specific building information
- 1 requesting specific Board of Education minutes and audio
- 1 requesting specific contract

D. Tweet of the Week: From the D205 Transition program where they were comparing prices on laundry detergent and fabric softener. They determined that Costco had the best prices.

Board Communications: None

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, May 14th and May 28th at 7:30 pm. All Board meetings are held at the D205 Center.