

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Apr. 25, 2017
7:35 – 9:50 pm

All Board Members Present
Public: 25 Staff: 9 Press: 0
LWV Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:30 p.m. for employment of employee and approval of closed session minutes of 4/11/17.

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

Public Comment: A parent who was at the middle school task force (MSTF) meeting at Churchville said that although she submitted several questions, none were answered that evening. She proceeded to ask the questions here. (All concerned the change to World Language at the middle school.) Some of them were: Was a World Language teacher on the MSTF? Was there a York teacher involved in the final decision concerning the student choice of world language, unified arts, band/orchestra/choir or Project Lead the Way?

The second person to speak was the President of the PSRP (Para-professional and school-related personnel) Union. She read a statement concerning the following day, which was Secretary or Administrative Assistant Day. It praised the work of these people in the school. As she finished, all present applauded.

Approval of Closed Session Item: The Board approved the employment of Director of Literacy, Nikki Tammaru (current Hawthorne Principal), to start July 1, 2017 at a salary of \$129,522.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Minutes from 3/21/17, 4/3/17 and 4/11/17 were approved.

Recognition:

The Board recognized outgoing Board member Emily Bastedo.

Reorganization of the Board of Education:

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the certified election results and then Mrs. Ebner administered the oath of office to Mr. Collin, Dr. Harrell and Mrs. Caforio. The Board elected Shannon Ebner as President, Margaret Harrell as Vice President, and Karen Stuefen as Secretary.

The Board meetings dates from July 2017 through June 2018 were accepted.

Board Committee Appointments:

- Board Improvement Committee: Shannon Ebner, Karen Stuefen, Margaret Harrell
- Learning and Teaching Committee: Kara Caforio, Jim Collins, Margaret Harrell
- Finance and Operations Committee: Chris Blum, John McDonough, Karen Stuefen
- Performance Management Committee: Chris Blum, Jim Collins, Karen Stuefen
- Policy Committee: Kara Caforio, Margaret Harrell, John McDonough
- LEND Representative: Karen Stuefen
- IASB Delegate: Margaret Harrell
- Lizzadro Museum Representative: Karen Stuefen

- City/Park/School Representative: John McDonough (no other Board member volunteered)
- SASSED Governing Board: John McDonough

Reports and Presentations:

A. Bond Options Presentation: Elizabeth Hennessey presented the D205’s debt capacity information. D205’s net debt limit is \$229,000,000.

Currently, the entire D205 debt will be retired by 2025. There is significant bonding capability available with no change in taxes. The following information was presented about several different bond options.

	Current Levies	Option I \$100M Bonds issued 6/18	Option II \$100M w/2021 refunding	Option III \$128M Bonds '19, '21, '23 w/2021 refunding	Option IV \$151M Bonds '19, '21, '23 w/2021 refunding
2016	\$12,233,443	\$12,232,210	\$12,232,210	\$12,232,210	\$12,232,210
2017	\$12,609,543	\$12,606,380	\$12,606,380	\$12,606,380	\$12,606,380
2018	\$13,010,430	\$13,005,505	\$13,005,505	\$13,005,505	\$13,005,505
2019	\$13,470,893	\$13,468,518	\$13,468,518	\$13,468,518	\$13,468,518
2020	\$14,105,963	\$17,049,213	\$15,989,844	\$13,686,081	\$13,448,593
2021	\$15,036,563	\$20,331,313	\$15,992,713	\$13,767,563	\$15,944,213
2022	\$15,944,875	\$21,239,625	\$15,993,525	\$13,772,875	\$15,946,775
2023	\$10,073,550	\$15,368,300	\$15,981,200	\$13,775,800	\$15,940,200
2024	\$13,773,650	\$19,068,400	\$15,991,300	\$13,767,400	\$15,940,300
2025	\$1,238,000	\$12,082,750	\$13,823,250	\$13,777,000	\$15,946,250
2026-	-0-	\$12,082,250	\$13,793,750	\$13,772,250	\$15,944,250
	-0-	approx same	approx same	approx same	approx same
2036	-0-	\$12,080,250	\$13,791,750	\$13,770,750	\$15,944,250
Impact on					
\$387,300 house		add \$304/annually	add \$104/annually	add \$7/annually	add \$100/annually

B. Update on Levy, EAV, Tax Extension and Rates: Chris Whelton, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, reported the following:

- 2016 Tax Levy was determined based on an estimated 11% increase in EAV (equalized assessed valuation) and a more than expected estimate of \$65 million in new construction EAV.
- Actual EAV is \$2,350,326,828, which is an increase of 8.66%. Actual new construction EAV is \$38,436,046. Of this, \$34 million is residential and approximately \$400,000 is commercial.

C. Mobile Learning Initiative (MLI) 2017-18 Updates: Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching, Mary Henderson-Baum presented.

- 2016-17 Elementary
 - 5th Grade – one to one Chromebooks
 - 4th Grade – Two to one Chromebooks.
 - Increase in the number of devices in K-3.
- Impact of above:
 - Increased student engagement with writing

- Enhanced differentiation with the use of a specific website (Zearn) in the pilot section of Eureka Math.
- Students had an increased choice for research and project work.
- 4th Grade teachers were frustrated with the lack of one to one devices.
- 121 K-5 teachers participated in D205 courses – Google apps, using chromebooks and the use of dynamic resources.
- Instructional coaches provide ongoing support for integration of technology to accelerate the goal of learning.
- Proposed for 2017-18 Elementary MLI:
 - Grades 3 – 5: One to one Chromebooks
 - Decisions on primary grades will not be made until investigation and exploring of alternative devices.
 - Continue to offer D205 courses.
 - Modeling of effective technology integration
 - Exploration of learning management systems to compare to Google classroom with a potential small pilot.

D. York High School Curriculum Materials for Display:

- AP Biology – students will use an e-text to access their book
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing – *Sports and Entertainment Marketing* 4th Edition
- Personal Finance – Students can earn 3 semester hours from College of DuPage
- Business Law – Business and Personal Law, 2016
- Advertising – Text and Project Workbook
- Auto Collision Repair – chromebook/computer access
- Biology Honors – e-text and additional resources
- Business Management – Text that COD is using in order to maintain dual credit
- AP US Government and Politics – *American Democracy Now* – updated with 2012 & 2016 presidential elections and Supreme Court decisions in the past 6-7 years.
- AP Psychology – *Myer's Psychology for AP* 2nd Edition
- AP Sociology – *The Real World: An Introduction to Sociology* 5th Edition
- Pre-calculus Honors – *Precalculus Enhanced with Graphing Utilities*, 7th Edition
- Functions and Finite Math – *Finite Math*, 5th Edition
- Advanced Algebra with Trigonometry – *CME Project Algebra 2*.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- 2017-2018 High School Student Fees – Algebra 2 fee removed, ID fee increase from \$1 to \$3, insurance fee increased to \$6.40 and technology fee to increase from \$50 to \$65.
- 2017-2018 EC-8 Student Fees
 - Early childhood to go from \$74 to \$91
 - Kindergarten to go from \$124 to \$141
 - Grades 1-5 to go from \$180 to \$172
 - Grades 6-8 to go from \$179 to \$205.
- 2017-2018 Lunch and Breakfast Fees – no increase from the current year
- Amended (Final) 2016-2017 Calendar – eliminates June 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 for elementary and middle school levels and May 26, 30, 31, and June 1, 2 at the high school.

- Foreign Exchange Student "B" – Student from Spain
- Purchase, Installation, and Disposal of Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Equipment – not to exceed \$60,000 to Current Technologies Corp.
- 2 Gbps AT&T Internet Service Agreements – to AT&T for \$4,255.75/month and a one-time \$750 installation fee.
- Contract Renewal for Special Education Transportation – 1-year extension to Cottage Hill Operating Co for a 5% increase.
- Proposal #17-06 Restroom Partitions at Sandburg - \$43,254.85 to Shiffler Equipment Sales Inc.
- Appointment of School Treasurer – Adrian Gaerlan.

Dr. Harrell removed: Facility Rental Fees. She asked for highlights of some of the changes.

Chris Whelton replied that a consumer product index increase of 1% was added, as was a same day reservations fee of \$100 and an increase for rental of some equipment rentals for groups “E” and “F,” which represent groups that are not from Elmhurst. The motion for these new fees was approved unanimously.

Superintendent’s Action Item Agenda: The Board approved:

- Purchase of Chromebooks, iMacs, and Carts for Student Use
 - Acer C738T Chromebooks - 775 units for \$322.25/ea
 - Apple iMac - 7 units for \$2,059.00/ea
 - Acer Chromebook carts - 45 units at \$1,220/ea
 - Total not to exceed \$325,000
- U.S. Bancorp Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement for a three year lease and purchase of Acer Chromebooks, Dell laptops, and Konica Minolta MFP Machines in an amount not to exceed \$780,000
- Display York High School Curriculum Resources – as listed, above
- Donation (Hawthorne) – PTA to donate \$10,000 to complete classroom libraries (2000 books/classroom)
- Donation (Edison) – PTA to donate \$3,000 to purchase Guided Reading Leveled Readers, K – 5.

Superintendent’s Communication:

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests – four requests were approved regarding the following.

- Length of a specific class
- AP texts and classes
- Class exemption
- Specific staff practices

There was also one request about parent-teacher conferences, which was partially denied, partially granted.

B. Focus 205/Operational Plan – Next Steps – Timeline presented by Dr. Moyer

4/25/17 Hennessy bond presentation

4/26/17 Begin process to secure services of Construction Manager and Architect (to put prices with possible needs)

May/June 2017 Secure services of marketing consultant to develop formal communication strategy

July 2017 Operational Plan presented to Board

August 2017 Construction designs and cost estimates developed in relation to bond scenarios

August-November 2017 Community input on designs (Focus Groups, surveys, etc)
August-November 2017 All-Day Kindergarten Feasibility Study with facility implications
(consulting services likely required)
September-December 2017 Regular reports to the Board regarding findings of community input.

Dr. Moyer stated that of all on this list, the biggest is securing an architect and a construction management firm. The Board discussed whether to go with the existing relationships the district currently has or to go to an RFQ. Mr. Whelton answered a Board question that not much would be learned from an RFQ. Consensus of the Board was that the administration should move forward in getting a bid from D205's current vendors and then do a "benchmarking survey" to see if the amount is competitive. IF this is "off," an RFQ could be issued. Generally fees for construction managers range from 2.5 -4.0% and architects range from 6.5 – 6.8%.

Note: RFQ (request for qualifications) is a qualifications-based selection process, not a bid. For professional services, a district is not required to take competitive bids, but to select the most qualified for the project. An RFP (request for proposal) requests for a specific proposal to be submitted.

Mr. Collins asked about the "marketing" consultant in the list and mentioned that no taxpayer money could be used to support a referendum. Dr. Moyer replied he was aware of this and that the marketing consultant would be used for phase 2 of Focus 205.

Board Communications:

Mr. Blum stated that currently, the State is \$3.7 million behind in payments to D205. Mr. McDonough said he supported Dr. Moyer's efforts in joining the "Pass Illinois' Budget!" effort.

Mr. Collins agreed with the PSRP's President's public comment and also reported on *U.S. News and World Report's* ranking of York High School as 18th best in the state. He continued by saying that the first 10 were selective CPS High Schools, so York is really 8th in the state. Dr. Moyer replied that York's Principal, Erin DeLuga, is not content with that ranking.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, May 9th and May 24th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center.