

Dist. 205 Board of Education
May 22, 2018
7:35 – 10:05 pm

All Board Members Present
Public: 80 Staff: 9 Press: 1
LWV Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for collective negotiations, possible litigation, purchase or lease of property, setting of price for sale or lease of property and discussion of closed session minutes.

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

Recognitions:

A. Code Rush National Finalists – Churchville Coderz Code Rush is a nationwide competition for teams of students hosted by CodeMonkey, that nurtures problem-solving skills. Seventeen Churchville Middle Schoolers played through 141 Coffeescript challenges without error to be awarded fourth and fifth place against other 6th through 8th graders. The students were: Paul Anwar, Jermyah Bolden, Dmitry Bolsoni, Salma Brobbey, Joseph Byrne, Diego Carrera, Alyssa Caruso, Kalina Ceglinski, Sophia Chan, Teresa Chirayil, Ellen Cockman, Nicholas Dobrowolski, Matthew Huffman, Benjamin Galarza, Jeffry Lu, Mackenzie Petersen and Kayla Tutunji.

B. Illinois Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA): 2 York Students competed at the State DECA Conference and qualified for the national conference. Matt Anderson and Jason Kentra competed as a team in the Financial Services Team Decision Making and finished 2nd in the state and advancing to the International Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

C. Music Educator Innovator Award Winner: York music teacher, Chris Gemkow, received one of five Music Educator Innovator Awards nationally, which includes a \$45,000 grant to create lasting change in D205.

D. Recognition of the retirement of Melea Smith – Executive Director of

Communications: Ms. Smith is leaving the District after 8 years of service. Board member Collins gave a recap of Ms. Smith's accomplishments.

President Caforio read a statement that the decision-making for boundary changes would not be taken at this meeting.

Public Comment: The first parent spoke of how his family lives across the street from Hawthorne School and if the boundary changes are made, his children will be 1.1 miles away from their school, Edison. The second parent spoke about "parity" (the new equity) and that today the Board would be accepting over \$35,000 in donations for specific schools. She does not think that parity is being practiced where these donations are concerned. The third parent spoke against option "C" in the boundary changes – with Jefferson student moved to Edison. Her children would be 1.2 miles away from Edison, but are only a block away from Jefferson.

Approximately 5 people remained after Public Comment.

Reports and Presentations:

A. Instructional Coaching Report: Dr. Mary Henderson gave the presentation. The purpose of instructional coaching is to improve student learning. Most teachers say that instructional coaching has had a positive impact on their teaching and on student learning.

Next steps include shifting from teacher-centered coaching to student-centered coaching. The coaches would concentrate on working with teachers who have only worked with a coach 1 or 2 times this year. Twelve groups of D205 Instructional Coaches will be presenting at national or statewide conferences.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

A. Minutes from 4/24/18 and 5/8/18 were approved.

B. Minutes of 2/27/18, 3/20/18/4/10/18,4/24/18 and 5/8/18 closed session were approved.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Bid #18-09 Xerographic Paper (From Veritiv Operating Co. for an estimated cost of \$105,556.25.)
- Revised Board of Education Meeting Dates

Mr. McDonough asked that the following be removed:

- Two Year extension of contract for regular transportation services with First Student (For the next two years with a 2.5% increase each year.)
- Extension of Special Education transportation with Cottage Hill (For the next year 2018-2019 with a 2.5% increase.)

Mr. McDonough asked for more information concerning these two pieces. Since Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Chris Welton, was not present at the meeting, it was determined that these two pieces could be voted on at the next meeting. Both pieces were tabled until June 19th.

Superintendent's Action Item Agenda: The Board approved:

- Resolution approving surety bond for Treasurer
- Staff salaries for 2018-19 (non-union) 2.1% increase (standard cost of living) with 4 individuals receiving less and 4 receiving more based on specific exceptions.
- Resolution Ascertaining Prevailing Wages (Mr. Collins voted "present" on this item.)
- Contract for Website Redesign – School Loop, D205's current vendor, will service the current website until Sept. 2018. Final site will be the new D205 website provider starting July 1, 2018. Cost is \$34,500 annually and a one-time set-up cost of \$35,000.
- Donations
 - Bryan – Aidan Shea foundation donated \$5,000 to the Bryan library for 6 mobile bookcases and a wall mounted countertop.
 - Jefferson – PTA donated up to \$18,000 to provide each classroom with leveled library. They also are donating \$9,500

to be used for STEM focused activities and to improve the school's makerspace environment.

- Sandburg – PTA donated \$3,000 to the library/makerspace for furniture.
- Donation for York High School – The Buckleys, parents of York student Madds Buckley, is donating \$1,000 annually for the next 5 years (total \$5,000) to be used for the Fine Arts Week and York Album Project.

Mrs. Caforio asked Dr. Henderson to explain the donations. Dr. Henderson answered that she was keeping track of the donations of books for literacy and making up differences from her Learning and Teaching budget for schools that do not receive donations. Dr. Cohen is keeping track of STEM items so equity among the schools can be tracked. Dr. Moyer said that makerspace donations are newer and Dave Beedy will be keeping track of these, making sure there “isn't a hodge podge out there.”

Superintendent's Communication:

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests – three requests were granted:

- Invoices
- Employee information
- A specific bid

B. Cabinet Retreat Recap – The goal is to end with a clear direction for next year's priorities.

Where do we want to go?

How are we going to get there?

What will get in our way?

What are our individual and team responsibilities in achieving these goals?

Dr. Moyer also stated there are two more community meetings – one at Bryan and one at Sandburg. He said there was the start of an FAQ sheet at each member's place. Melea said that at least a week is needed before this goes “live.”

Ms. Smith also spoke about the “ThoughtExchange” process. The contract expires the end of June, but they will be willing to extend it through

November to get as much information from the community as they can.

Board Communications: Mr. Collins asked about a Learning and Teaching committee meeting. Dr. Henderson replied that there would be a Learning and Teaching Committee meeting on June 6th at 6:00 pm to follow up on acceleration and math changes.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 19th. A special board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2018. All meetings are held at the D205 Center.