

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**June 19, 2018**  
**7:40 pm – 10:30 pm**

**All Bd members present**  
**Public: 50 Staff: 10 Press: 2**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

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

President Caforio called the meeting to order and the Immaculate Conception Boy Scout Troop led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

**Recognition:**

- A. Euro Challenge Midwest Regional Competition: The team of 7 York sophomores received first place in the Midwest Regional by presenting a 15 minute presentation on Italy's high unemployment rate using monetary policy.
- B. Illinois Economics Challenge: Two teams of 4 York students competed. One of these teams came in second place in the state.
- C. Science Olympiad State Competition – York High School – A team of two won first place in Dynamic Planet and the same team won second place in Fermi Questions. Another two-member team won 3<sup>rd</sup> place with Write it Do it. This team came in eighth in the state.

**Reports and Presentations:**

A. Future Focused Community Engagement Report – Lesley Rogers and Marcia Sutter presented this qualitative research and information.

Opinions and concerns of people who attended meetings were offered.

At the Community Meetings 3 questions were asked:

- Are you in favor of doing only maintenance and repairs, doing maintenance and repairs and enhancing security, or do you prefer one of the future ready options?
- What do you think of facility parity? Is it an important or necessary component of the District's plans?
- Discuss the pros and cons of boundary adjustments in general and

provide feedback on the options.

The administration learned a few things, but heard more concerns about timelines, site- specific details, boundaries, parity, program/school specific comments and concerns about a potential referendum.

To build new at both Lincoln and Field schools was supported much more than repairing and maintaining.

The statement “The District should make long-term improvements with a Future Ready Focus. I am aware that the most comprehensive option presented would mean a tax increase of approximately \$150 on a home valued at \$500,000” received an 81 out of 100 rating.

### **Public Comment:**

Two parents from the Lincoln area asked to take option “A” for boundary changes off the table. Moving all the Lincoln students north of the Prairie Path to Hawthorne creates safety concerns, busing costs and perhaps a loss in property values. A parent from the Conrad Fischer area thanked the Board for their work and asked for more classrooms at Conrad Fischer. A parent from the Jefferson area questioned capacity; felt that a demographic study from 2014 was too old and said that Option “C” for boundary changes was an issue.

One of the students who was honored earlier said we shouldn’t have boundaries – parents should just decide what school is the most convenient for their families, security concerns shouldn’t be a burden on students and destruction of verbatim records (to be voted on later in the agenda) would add to the chaos in the universe.

### **Approval of Board Minutes:**

A. May 21, 2018 and May 22, 2018

B. Closed session – May 21, 2018 and May 22, 2018

### **Superintendent’s Consent Agenda** The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Open Designated Closed Session Minutes and Keep all Other Closed Session Minutes Closed – Closed session minutes were reviewed

between Feb 1996 and June 2018. All were determined to remain confidential, so none were released.

- Resolution Approving Bank Depositories
- Contract for Leadership Team Strengths and Opportunities Analysis - \$3270 for a contract with Dr. Joe Porto to conduct leadership strengths & opportunities analysis.
- Continuation of Student Records Document Scanning Service with Konica Minolta Business Systems - \$25,000 for scanning old paper documents. It is expected to take an additional 5 years to finish scanning.
- Dispose of Surplus Computer Carts – About \$175 will be received from recycling ~100 carts.
- Purchase of 12 Months of Enterprise Management Service and 10 Hours of Keys to Ownership Services from PowerSchool – not to exceed \$18,500.

Dr. Harrell removed the following from the consent agenda and later moved to table it. Motion carried.

- Authorize Destruction of Verbatim Recordings of Closed Session Minutes

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

- Resolution Directing the School Treasurer to Transfer Funds from the Education Fund to the Debt Service Fund in an Amount of \$1,200,000 for Summer 2018 Maintenance Projects – to pay technology leases and debt certificates.
- Athletic Trainer - Nova Care – Currently, 2 trainers are assigned full time to York, 40 hours/week, 52 weeks at \$10.33/hour. New contract would be a 2.0% increase for 2018-19 and each year thereafter, through 2022-2023.
- Pay for Executive Director of Communications for Additional Days Worked – up to 10 extra days for Bev Redmond, at a cost of \$441.21/day. She has been working although her contract does not start until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Two Year Extension of Contract for Regular Transportation Services with First Student - A two-year contract extension for an increase of 2.5% for the 2018-19 and 2019-2020 school years.
- Extension of Special Education Transportation with Cottage Hill – A one-year contract extension for an increase of 2.5% for the 2018-19 school year.
- Donations
  - Jackson School – PTA donated
    - \$10,000 to help support classroom libraries for each teacher.
      - An additional \$3,000 for a Gaga Ball Pit and
      - art supplies
  - Lincoln – PTA donated \$1,011.75 for the purchase of a subscription to Pebblego Next.
  - York – A group of York football parents are donating \$1500 to be used for the cost of summer camp T-shirts.

**Action on Closed Session Item:** The Board approved the administrative Reorganization Proposal:

- Add a Director of Human Resources – the department will go from 3.5 positions to 4.0.
- Change Dr. Mary Henderson’s title from Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Leadership Development to Associate Superintendent for Learning and Leadership Development. She will oversee both Dr. Cohen (Asst. Supt. of Innovation and Growth) and Dr. Kosteck (Asst. Supt. of Student Services).
- Change Ariana Leonard’s title from World Language and EL Coordinator to Director of Language Acquisition
- Change Deb Lee’s title from Curriculum Coordinator to Director of Curriculum
- Move Physical Education and Health responsibilities from Dave Beedy to Deb Lee.
- Move existing 0.5 administrative assistant FTE from Human Resources to Research and Program Analysis – this will give

Mariann Lemke a 0.5 administrative assistant to deal with clerical work in her department.

This is for the 2018-19 school year and is year one of a two-year reorganization.

**Superintendent's Communications:**

A. Refunding of Debt Certificates: Having the debt certificate bonds re-funded would save \$268,245. A resolution will be presented for a vote at the July Board meeting.

B. Freedom of Information Act Requests: One FOIA request was received and partially granted for information on certain employees.

**Board Communications:**

A. Learning and Teaching Committee – There was a math presentation, information on enhancements to the Middle School acceleration period and information on how elementary “specials” are scheduled.

B. Mr. Blum asked if there was a way to fix interest rates on the bonds for refunding. Elizabeth Hennessey (financial advisor) replied No

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, July 17th and Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. All meetings are held at the D205 Center.

- Tuesday, June 28, Special Board of Education meeting, 6:00 pm.