

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Aug. 14, 2018
7:45 pm – 8:40 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 25 Staff: 20 Press: 3
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee, collective negotiations, possible litigation, purchase or lease of property and setting of 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. National Winners of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA): Joseph Cornell earned a silver medal in Culinary Arts and Kevin Homan earned a gold medal in the Say Yes to FCS Education.

B. National Winner of SkillsUSA: Joey Gemini earned a national medal at the National SkillsUSA by placing 2nd in the Technical Drafting/CAD competition.

Public Comment: Michael Crumley expressed concern about the size of the survey that was presented at the last Board meeting. He stated bad data makes for bad decisions.

President Caforio read the following statement: Within the last 24 hours, the Board learned that Superintendent Dr. David Moyer recently applied for a superintendent's position in a large, out-of-state district. Dr. Moyer has since withdrawn from the preliminary search. However, the Board wants time to further discuss his commitment to D205.

As a result, the Board will postpone its vote on the referendum until Monday, Aug. 20. "While we, the Board, believe this is the community's referendum, we want to ensure its leader is committed to D205 at this time," School Board President Kara Caforio said.

Reports and Presentations:

A. Summer Professional Learning – Dr. Henderson, Associate

Superintendent for Learning and Leadership Development spoke about the following professional learning communities (PLCs).

- 2-day training for all EC-5 schools
- Teams from each school
- Action plans developed for each school
- 9 administrators, 80 teachers participated.

The District Administrative Team:

- 30 administrators
- blended learning opportunities
- online posts, with reflections and comments on the posts.

Jen Leban of Sandburg received the highest level of Google Training and Certification, with a highly selective application process.

International Society for Technology in Education

- 71 administrators, coaches and teachers
- 2 coaches presented on “difficult conversations”

Model Schools

- Superintendent
- 3 Principals
- 1 Director
- 1 Executive Director

Literacy

- Professional Learning
 - Lucy Calkins Writers Workshop – 1 Director
 - Words Their Way – 50 teachers
 - Fountas and Pinnell Phonics – 50 teachers
- Curriculum Development
 - K-5 assessment creation
 - K-5 standards alignment
 - D205 course creation
 - Grades 6-8 curriculum revisions and assessment creation
 - York freshman interdisciplinary course writing

STEM

- Professional Learning

- Project Lead the Way – 8 MS teachers
- K-5 REACH Math – 6 teachers
- Using defined STEM in Elementary Classrooms – 39 teachers
- Using defined STEM in MS Classrooms – 27 teachers
- 6th Grade Math – 13 teachers
- New to Eureka Math – 15 teachers
- Guided Math – 27 teachers
- Curriculum Development
 - Math Assessments – 27 teachers
 - Science – 30 teachers

Language Acquisition

- Professional Learning – Dual Language – Biliteracy Summer Institute - 5 teachers, 2 administrators
- Curriculum Development – Dual Language
 - Biliteracy Curriculum writing – 7 teachers, 2 administrators
 - Standards-based report card developed
- World Language – Curriculum Development
 - Aligning high school and middle schools – 11 teachers
- English Learners
 - Professional Development
 - Train the trainer model – 1 teacher
 - EL Co-teaching strategies – 25 teachers

Research and Program Analysis

- Program Development – 12 teachers and administrators

Social Studies Curriculum Development

- Curriculum writing launch – 50 participants

D205 University Courses

- 6 courses offered in collaboration with Elmhurst College – 79 teachers participated

B. Recap of Budget Year 2017-18 (Cash Basis) – Assistant

Superintendent Chris Whelton presented the following:

Revenues were ahead of the previous year (by 8.5%) due to tax laws changing and many tax payers paying their property taxes early. Revenues were budgeted to increase by 1.7%. Due to SB1947, the Illinois State

Board of Education has included the Base Fund Minimum, which includes General State Aid, Special Education personnel Reimbursements and Special Ed Funding for Children Requiring Special Education Services in the General State Aid line item.

In the Education and Transportation Funds, D205 received 5 payments of the State Categoricals payments – two quarters from FY 2017 and the first 3 quarters of 2018. Only 3 quarterly payments were budgeted.

Expenditures increased over the prior year by 2.0%.

- Salaries increased 4.4% and were budgeted to increase by 5.7%.
- Benefits decreased by 3.9%.

Fund balances for operating funds were 49.33% of expenditures on 6/30/18 compared to 43.72% at 6/30/17. The rationale for maintaining fund balances is:

- To avoid short-term borrowing in the district's low cash flow months of April and May.
- Fund balance reserves provide a margin of safety to absorb future negative financial changes.
- State finances are uncertain
 - Potential pension cost shift
 - With the new funding formula in SP1947, D205 is likely in Tier 4. Districts in Tier 4 are allocated only 0.1% of new dollars.
- The State Legislature would like to pass a bill to freeze property taxes for two years.

C. Tentative Budget FY19 Presentation – Assistant Superintendent Chris Whelton continued with the next year's budget.

Total budget is \$140,393,428, which will result in a net loss of \$1,804,785 for the 2018-2019 school year. The ending fund balance is budgeted at \$65,685,632 or 45.28% of expenditures on 6/30/19.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda: The Board approved the following

- Personnel Report
- Posting of FY19 Tentative Budget

- Proposed changes in the music department stipends in accordance with Article 8, Section 1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Superintendent's Action Item: *The following was pulled from the agenda.*

Approval of Resolution providing for, and requiring the submission of, the proposition of issuing \$168,500,000 School Building Bonds to the voters of the District at the general election to be held on November 6, 2018; said proposition being in substantially the following form: Shall the Board of Education of Elmhurst Community Unit School District Number 205, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, build and equip two school buildings to replace the Field and Lincoln Elementary School Buildings; build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip existing buildings, including but not limited to improving security, providing STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) facilities, improving energy-efficiency and technology infrastructure and adding classrooms for full-day kindergarten; improve sites; acquire, improve and equip a building for educational purposes and acquire the site thereof and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$168,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

Superintendent's Communications: Dr. Moyer stated that the beginning of school appears to be progressing well. There will be an opening day activities report given in September.

Board Communications – None

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Aug. 28th and Sept. 11th at 7:30 pm. All meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Friday, August 17, 2018, Special Board of Education Meeting at 8:00 am (closed session for personnel)
- Monday, August 20, 2018, closed session followed by open session. 7:30 pm.