

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Aug. 28, 2018
7:35 pm – 8:10 pm

All Board members present
Public: 6 Staff: 9 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:30 pm concerning collective negotiations, purchase of property, setting a price for sale of property, possible litigation, and discussion of closed session minutes.

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

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

- The Board approved the open session minutes of 5/21/18, 7/17/18, 7/25/18, 8/8/18, 8/14/18 and 8/20/18 Minutes.
- The Board approved the closed session minutes of 7/17/18, 7/25/18, 8/8/18, 8/14/18 and 8/20/18 Minutes.

Public Comment: Peter Giraldi questioned the Board about the Master Facility Plan. He complained about the tax increase and finished by saying, “When are you going to stop treating us as a source of unlimited funds?”

Superintendent’s Agenda – Consent Agenda – The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- Extend the Contract with EZ Tech Connect for Services of Interim Technology Manager – to extend through the end of September for a possible additional \$6,000.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 4: Operational Services (First Reading)
 - #4-40 Incurring Debt – updated legal obligations
 - #4-80 Account and Audits – updated to best practices
 - #4-140 Waiver of Student Fees – minor style changes
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 5: Personnel (First Reading)

- #5-20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited – reorganized
- #5- 185 Family and Medical Leave - clarified
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 7: Students (First Reading)
 - #7-50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools – cross references updated
- New Policy #6:135 - Accelerated Placement Program (First Reading)
 - Added components set forth in the Accelerated Placement Act (APA)

Mr. McDonough removed the following and moved to approve all policies EXCEPT #6:310:

- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 6: Instruction (First Reading)
 - #6-60 Curriculum Content – added cursive instruction
 - #6-80 Teaching about Controversial Issues- continuous improvement
 - #6-120 Education of Children with Disabilities – minor style change
 - #6-210 Instructional Materials – clarify grade levels
 - #6-240 Field Trips – cross references updated
 - #6-250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers – use of resource persons and volunteers for crisis intervention.

Motion carried.

Several Board members were concerned as to why the following was removed. Dr. Moyer stated that the High School needed to make sure that they could accommodate all students with this request. The PE waiver for 9th and 10th graders could result in many more students in study hall. York wants to make sure they are set for this. Board members were interested in having this policy become official in time for next semester. Dr. Moyer thought it would happen for next year, but was uncertain if it could happen for second semester.

#6-310 Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions – included grade 9 & 10 for PE waiver

Superintendent's Agenda – Action Items – The Board approved:

- Settlement of Agreement with the Elmhurst Teacher's Council – concerning clerical duties
- Display resources to be used in conjunction with implementation of Erin's Law Instruction in Grades 3-4 for the 2018-19 school year – the book *My Body! What I Say Goes!*
- Donations
 - York – 1,000 inflatable noisemakers and 200 mini footballs from Guaranteed Rate to be handed out to students for home football games. \$1,494.31
 - Field – From the PTA for a \$7,000 projector for the Field Auditorium and an additional \$4,000 for digital magazine subscriptions, replenishment of sensory kits, a walkie-talkie, additional resources for the classroom.
 - Edison – PTA would like to renovate the teachers' lounge \$2,050.

Mr. McDonough wanted to make sure that the projector for Field was equivalent to other equipment in other grade schools. The administration assured him that was the case.

Superintendent's Communications:

- Freedom of Information Act Request – 7 granted; 2 for open meetings act, 1 for a specific employee's information, employment information, specific student data, email correspondence, purchasing record.
- The District has a twitter account and can be followed as #Ignite205. There will be a tweet of the week at every Board meeting.

Board Communications: Dr. Harrell spoke about the school liaison program. Each Board member is assigned to two schools. The Board member should make at least one visit to the school/PTA/community.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, September 11th, September 25th and October 9th and

- Oct. 1st at 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- These Board meetings are held at the D205 Center.