

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Sept. 13, 2016
7:40 pm – 9:00 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 30 Staff: 9 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee and individual student matter.

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

Public Comment: none

Reports and Presentation:

A. American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American Team – The 2015-16 York varsity team maintained a 3.81 cumulative GPA and is one of 23 boys team in the nation and 7 in Illinois to receive the American Volleyball Coaches Association team academic award. This is the sixth year in a row that the York team has won this award.

About 8 people remained after the above presentation.

B. Student Achievement – York High School:

- The 2016 graduating class achieved a 24.7 ACT score.
- York is #186 on the Top High Schools for Newsweek's top 500 public high schools.
- York is #188 on the Beating the Odds list for Newsweek. (This incorporated low income into the above list.)

C. Student Achievement Objectives: Dr. Moyer spoke about rigor and relevance and the framework of these two. The 4 quadrants of this are:

- A - Acquisition – Students store bits of information and knowledge.
- B - Application – Students use acquired knowledge to solve problems.
- C - Assimilation – Students extend and refine their knowledge.
- D - Adaptation – Students have the competence to think in complex ways to apply their skills.

Mary Baum, Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching, discussed the work during the August institute days. The new ELA (English/Language Arts) curriculum was the focus at the elementary level and the middle school level emphasized student engagement and the rigor and relevance framework. Early Childhood and York worked on developing their professional learning communities (PLCs) and working collaboratively. The Instructional Coaches (IC) training was a two-day academy. Definition of the role, understanding their role and establishing a relationship with their Principal was the theme. A template was given to the ICs and principals to introduce themselves to their schools and ensure consistency across the district. Two Principal/Coach teams (one from Madison Early Childhood Center and the other from Hawthorne) presented the start of this program in their schools.

Instructional rounds conducted by principals and coordinators will focus on the student achievement objective. The rounds will allow principals to gather observations on teachers and then plan for growth. Apparently, groups of Principals will tour individual schools, drop in on classrooms and discuss what appears to be going well and what needs improvement in the classrooms.

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Enrollment Update: There were 8,396 students enrolled as of August 31st

- Early Childhood: 237
- Elementary: 3,437 (Class Sizes range from 11 – 26)
- Middle School: 1,971
- High School: 2,751, including 29 at the transition center

Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Chris Whelton, will give a fall housing presentation in October.

B. Middle School Task Force (MSTF) Update:

The task force met in August to review the pilots related to interventions that will be presented in regularly scheduled PTA meetings in September. School teams will analyze potential schedule revisions for the 2017-18 school year. Diane Ullman of District Management Council will be in the District in November to work with the MSTF. A presentation to the Board about possible draft schedules/interventions may be given before the winter holidays.

Board Communications: Mr. Blum stated that the refinancing of bonds was priced today, which saved the taxpayers about 10% of the cost of the original bonds. Mr. Collins reported that this was the 6th re-financing, which the Board has done, and the total saved by the D205 taxpayers in \$14,971,000.

Mrs. Ebner said that Dr. Harrell will represent D205 at the IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards) meeting. There are proposed IASB bylaw changes on which Dr. Harrell would like input from the Board before voting.

Mrs. Ebner continued by saying that the Board development work with IASB is still ongoing and can be tailored to whatever the Board should decide. She will forward proposed dates for this meeting.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Sept. 27th and Oct. 11th at 7:30 pm. These Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, Performance Management Committee, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, Special Board of Education meeting, 6:00 pm (Board and Cabinet)