

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Oct. 23, 2018
7:40 pm – 8:50 pm

No Harrell
Public: 15 Staff: 7 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee, placement of individual students in special education, possible litigation, purchase of property, setting a price for sale of property and discussion of minutes.

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

Public Comment: A woman representing Moms Demand Action asked that whatever Board member will be attending the upcoming Illinois School Board Association that the delegate opposes the Resolution on Arming Teachers.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

- The Board approved the minutes of 9/25/18 and 10/09/18.

- The Board approved the closed session minutes of 9/25/18 and 10/09/18.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Extension of the contract with EZ Tech Connect for services of Interim Technology Manager – up to an additional 100 hours at \$75/hour.
- New High School Courses –
 - Project Lead the Way - Introduction to Engineering Design
 - Manufacturing Technology ((Honors weighted)
 - Business Incubator
 - Human Geography and AP Human Geography – the freshmen social science course.

Superintendent's Action Item Agenda: The Board approved:

- Student Residency Determination
- Paid Access to Transportation (PAT) pilot program and student fee schedule
 - For Middle School students who live within 1.5 mile walk boundary for which:
 - A current route exists within safe walking distance.
 - Space available on the existing route

- Payment is received in advance
 - For November –End school yr will cost \$250.00 for a roundtrip student and \$125.00 for Music/Choir ride home only needed.
- Medical and Dental Insurance Contract Jan 1, 2019 – Dec. 31 2019
 - PPO1 & High Deductible Health Plan premiums decrease by 1.85%
 - HMO1 & BAHMO premiums decrease by 0.35%
 - Dental Plan renewal premium with decrease by 2.15%.
- Donations
 - Emerson - \$2,395 from the PTA to be used for online educational subscriptions
 - Sandburg - \$1,100 from the PTA to purchase a water bottle filling station.

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Fall Housing Report: Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Chris Whelton presented fall enrollment figures for each school. Dr. Moyer presented the following:

Elementary Students: 3,458; average class size of 22.5. Target is 25 for K-2 and 27 for 3-5. One K-2 class is over 26 students and four 3-5 classes are over 28 students.

B. Change Management Protocol: A set of forms was designed to track a proposed change and determine its benefits/adverse effects by all who may experience the change. This includes a form to describe communication of this change to its audiences.

Director for Research and Program Analysis Mariann Lemke and Executive Director for Communications and Public Relations Bev Redmond developed these forms with input from the rest of the administration and the District's leadership team.

C. York Final Exam Exemption: The York administration would like to offer senior students the opportunity to be exempt from final exams in the 8th semester prior to graduation, effective spring of 2019. This is contingent on the following:

- No Behavior Consequences issued by a Dean (e.g. Academic Dishonesty, Fighting, Illegal Substances, Gross Insubordination) during 2nd semester.
- No Parking Violations during 2nd semester.
- A grade of "C" or better for the semester 5 days prior to the beginning of semester exams.

- No more than 5 total absences in the course during 2nd semester.
- Seniors who are not exempt from last semester final examinations will take their examinations at the regularly scheduled times for semester examinations. Students who qualify for an exemption can take the final exam if they choose to do so. This final exam will then be counted towards the student's semester grade.

There was discussion about this exemption. Mr. Collins wanted the absence number to be higher. Dr. Moyer suggested a sliding scale between absences and grade, which Mr. Collins found to be acceptable. Mr. McDonough was concerned about the parking violation piece. Dr. Moyer said that there are lots of parking issues in the spring. It was determined that Dr. Moyer will email the Board the final proposal (with sliding scale and perhaps a change in parking violations). The students will be notified and this will be revisited over the summer.

D. Freedom of Information Act Requests: Two requests for documents related to the Master Facility Plan were received. One was granted, the other denied. One requesting specific employee information was granted. One requesting specific invoice information was granted.

E. Tweet of the week: Was shown of a 1st grade acceleration period at Jefferson.

Board Communications: President Caforio thanked all Principals, as October is Principal Appreciation month.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Nov. 13th, Nov. 27th and Dec. 18th at 7:30 pm. All meetings are held at the D205 Center.