

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Jan. 13, 2015
7:30 pm – 9:15 pm

All Board members present
Public: 20 Staff: 8 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 6:30 pm for the purpose of student residency, negotiations and employment of employee.

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

Staff Recognition: 5 staff members were recognized for making a positive impact on the students and staff of D205. Staff members Nancy Bensfield, Frank Dahlman, Sue Hand, Jen Leban and Susan O’Leary were presented with this honor.

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Enrollment Projections and Non-Discretionary Staffing: Superintendent Pruneau presented recommendations for staffing for the following school year. These numbers will be used for assumptions for the PMA projections for the budget to be presented to the Board at the next meeting. An additional 6.5 fte (full time equivalent) staff was recommended that would include:

- -5.0 fte Mainstream Elementary Teacher – A decrease of 10 general education teachers in the elementary schools is being predicted. Since several sections are close to Board target class sizes, 5 fte are being held in reserve.
- 5.5 fte Mainstream Middle School Teachers – An increase in overall middle school students is predicted.
- -3.0 fte Mainstream High School Teachers – A smaller incoming freshman class is projected as well as a smaller sophomore class is expected because last year’s freshman class was smaller than projected.
- 1.0 fte Elementary Resource Special Education Teachers – This could be enacted this year.
- 4.0 fte Psychologists – To decrease the current level of psychologists to 700 students, which is the upper limit recommended by the Illinois School Psychologists’ Association.
- 4.0 fte English Language Learners Teachers. (3.0 Elementary and 1.0 Middle School).

The above were considered non-discretionary staff needed. The administration has presented this to the Board so that the Board can give approval for hiring of the “best and brightest” new graduates earlier than has been possible in the past. The administration will give periodic updates to these numbers.

This is a maintenance staffing. It does not increase or decrease class size.

B. Review of Bond Refund: The Board started a program in May of 2012 to refund callable bonds. Since this has started, the taxpayers of D205 have realized over \$7.7 million in net savings, including \$5.5 million just this past week. This money does not go back to the District, but to the taxpayers.

Board Committee Reports:

The Committee discussed the RFQs (request for quote) received for Community Engagement. They ranked each consulting firm based on a rubric, which was developed. Based on the rankings, the Committee will recommend Unicom-ARC to the full Board. (See below.)

Superintendent's Agenda (Consent) The Board approved:

RFQ 15-03 – Public Engagement/Education and Community: Unicom-ARC for not to exceed \$50,000.

Action on Closed Session Item No action taken.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled School Board meetings are Jan. 27th and Feb. 10th at 7:30. All meetings are held at the District 205 Center in Room(s) 215, 216, and/or 217, unless otherwise noted.

- Tuesday, Jan. 20, 6:30 pm – Finance and Operations Committee Meeting
- Monday, Feb. 2, 7:00 pm – Learning and Teaching Committee Meeting

Board Communications: Mrs. Stuefen updated the Board on the legislative forum that PTA was planning for Feb. 23rd.

The Board voted to return to closed session for the purpose of employment of employee. President Collins stated that no further action would be taken after the closed session.