

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Jan. 24, 2017
7:35 – 8:25 pm

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Public: 8 Staff: 8 Press: 0
LWV Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee and approval of closed session minutes of 12/13/16 and 1/10/17.

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

Public Comment: Carol Landou expressed concerns about the proposed Board Norms document. She asked if the intention was to prevent students and/or staff from speaking at school board meetings.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Minutes from 12/13/16 and 01/10/17 were approved.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Bid #17-02 - Musical Instruments and Equipment
 - Nick Rail Music \$11,682.50
 - Taylor Music \$869
 - Washington Music Center \$696
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 2: Board of Education (First Reading)
 - 2:70 – Vacancies on the School Board – minor change to address requirements.
 - 2:120 - Board Member Development – changes detail specific topics.
 - 2:125 – Board Member Expenses – prohibits reimbursements for entertainment expenses, requires a resolution regulating Board travel, meal & lodging expenses
 - 2:200 – Types of School Board Meetings – removes disclosable payment to the IL Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF).
 - 2:220 – School Board Meeting Procedure – clarifies Board access to minutes and verbatim recordings of meetings.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 4: Operational Services (First Reading)
 - 4:60 - Purchase and Contracts – Incorporates regulations about contracting with food vendors that limit donations to food banks; limits contractor's employees' contact with students.
 - 4:110 – Transportation – includes foster care students regulations.
 - 4:175 – Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications – requires fingerprinting and screenings of employees.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 5: Personnel (First Reading)
 - 5:60 – Expenses – prohibits reimbursements for entertainment expenses, requires a Board resolution regulating travel, meal & lodging expenses.
 - 5:100 – Staff Development Program – added a cross-reference.
 - 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications – updates current teacher qualifications.
 - 5:250 – Leaves of Absences – adds child bereavement for unpaid leave.
 - 5:260 – Student Teachers – updates to align with 4:175, Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notification.

- 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, Leaves - adds child bereavement for unpaid leave.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 6: Instruction (First Reading)
 - 6:15 – School Accountability – deleted No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements.
 - 6:50 School Wellness – updated to Smart Snacks rules and ISBE (IL State Board of Education) goals.
 - 6:60 – Curriculum Content – Includes students entering 9th grade take one semester of civics, and starting 2017-18 drivers ed instruction include law enforcement procedures for traffic stops.
 - 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program – added two subheadings.
 - 6:140 – Education of Homeless Children – updated to align with federal law.
 - 6:145 – Migrant Students – updated to align with federal law.
 - 6:160 English Learners – updated to align with federal law.
 - 6:170 – Title 1 Programs – updated to align with federal law.
 - 6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment Programs – all reliable assessments scored by entities outside D205 must be reported to ISBE.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 7: Students (First Reading)
 - 7:15 – Student and Family Privacy Rights – added drug & alcohol testing administration.
 - 7:30 – Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer – removed Title 1 transfers.
 - 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools – added a subheading concerning foster care students.
 - 7:60 – Residence – updated residency challenge procedures.
 - 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy – clarified compulsory school attendance.
 - 7:190 – Student Behavior – nonsubstantive changes.
 - 7:250 – Student Support Services – added foster student updates.
 - 7:270 – Administering Medicines to Students – updated per state law.
 - 7:305 – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries – updated per state law.
 - 7:310 – restrictions on Publications: Elementary Schools – renamed for elementary schools only.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 8: School-Community Relations (First Reading)
 - 8:70 – Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities – updated Title II Coordinator responsibility.
 - 8:90 – Parent Organizations and Booster Club – revised recognitions of parent organizations from “are” to “may be.”
- New Policy #7:315- Restrictions on Publications: High School (First Reading) – new policy since the old one was made appropriate just for elementary schools.

Superintendent’s Action Item Agenda: The Board approved:

- Donation from the District 205 Foundation for Educational Excellence of Two Designated Donations for York High School
 - One \$5,000 anonymous donation for additional security cameras to increase coverage and provide a safe & secure learning environment.
 - Another \$10,000 was received from a CME Foundation grant to update and add

- equipment to the Family & Consumer Science Department’s kitchen/classroom.
 - Any remaining funds will be used to help create an ADA walkway in the senior courtyard.
- Donation from the District 205 Foundation for Educational Excellence to Support the English Language Arts Curriculum - \$23,000 to purchase supplemental reading materials for the new English language Arts curriculum.
- Board Operation and Communication Norms – These were composed at the Board’s closed session Board evaluation meeting held in November. These recommend how the Board will conduct business; how they will communicate (or not) with each other, staff, and the community.

Dr. Moyer stated that these norms were driven from the Board, not from the administration. Mrs. Stuefen said that it is not unusual for a Board to have these. Dr. Harrell said words on paper are different without being in the discussion. The intent is to adhere to values of the community and to assure that the Board always hears from people. She went on to state that the IASB (IL Association of School Boards) sees the role of the board to oversee administration, not to implement. This document gives a process to follow and doesn’t prohibit conversation. Community members could/should follow the same process. Any issue should be resolved at the lowest level possible. Mr. McDonough said that the IASB provides best practices for boards and things should “bubble up” to the board. Mr. Blum said that this adds to an effective management process.

Mr. Collins stated that the current board could be defined as a high performing board. He has no objection to what was put on paper, because the board knows what it meant, but others may misinterpret the meaning. He will be voting no. Motion carried by voice vote.

Superintendent’s Communication:

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests – two requests (one for staff information and another regarding bargaining agreements) were approved.

B. District Management Group Summit Recap – District Management Group was formerly known as District Management Council. The Summit was held Jan. 11-13 with workshop sessions focusing on Innovation.

C. January Principal Professional Development Update: Principals worked on what it means to be a professional, different types of “capital,” and the importance of reflective work. They also discussed goals, strategy and leadership.

D. Institute Day: Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching, Mary Baum, explained what sessions were available for the 1/17/17 Institute Day.

Action on Closed Session Item: The Board approved the hiring of Principals for:

- Emerson – Michelle Thompson to start July 1, 2017 for \$114,274;
- Jackson – Christine Trendel to start July 1, 2017 for \$111, 274;
- Lincoln – Jennifer Barnabee to start July 1, 2017 for \$117,819.

Board Communications: None

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Feb. 14th and 28th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, 6:15 pm – Learning and Teaching Committee Meeting