

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Feb. 11, 2014
7:35 pm – 9:45 pm

All Board members present
Public: 70 Staff: 20 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 6:00 pm for the purpose of employment of employee, negotiations, and property acquisition/lease/purchase.

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

Recognition: The Board recognized those D205 middle school students that were selected to perform in the honor ensemble at the Illinois Music Educators Association. 15 students were from Bryan and Sandburg each and 3 were from Churchville. One Bryan and one Churchville student were selected to play in the Jazz festival a week later. Three York High School teachers were recognized for earning their certification as a 2013 National Board Certified Teacher.

About 50 members of the Public left after the recognitions.

Public Comment: Conrad Fischer teacher Pat Moll reviewed what the Conrad Fischer teachers have been doing recently and thanked the Board for their continued commitment to equity and to Conrad Fischer.

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC) Update: PARCC is the assessment for the Common Core State Standards to replace ISAT and PSAE next year. PARCC tests students from 3rd through 11th grade. These assessments require more time than the current ones, in some cases double the amount (5th grade from 270 minutes to 560 minutes). This timing DOES **NOT** include the speaking and listening assessment. It is designed to be delivered online and will use all D205's computer resources during the 4 week testing window. This is a series of assessment over the school year:

- Diagnostic Assessment – won't be ready until 2016-17.
- Mid-Year Assessment - won't be ready until 2016-17.
- Performance-Based Assessment - required. Will be used to determine AYP. Machine and hand scored and will focus on writing and problem solving. To be taken between Mar. 9 & Apr. 3.
- End of Year Assessment - required. Will be used to determine AYP. Machine scored and will focus on reading comprehension and content standards. To be taken between Apr. 27 – May 22.
- Speaking and Listening Assessment – required but not part of accountability measures. No further information concerning time allotments or what exactly this assessment will be used has been received.

PARCC will represent a challenge with loss of instructional time, changes in schedules, with overlaps with high school AP testing and elementary and middle school MAP testing. Also, although the State Board of Education has asked for the money to support state wide taking of the ACT for this upcoming year, it does not appear to be continuing after that. It is assumed that

Colleges & Universities would continue to require ACT and not switch to PARCC, is currently being adopted in 17 states nationally.

The Board was very concerned about many of these issues and are supporting Superintendent Pruneau and the group of 30 Superintendents that have written a position paper and submitted it to the State Board of Education asking for the process to be slowed so that further analysis can be done and perhaps better alternatives can be found. The Board will also contact LEND (Legislative Education Network of DuPage) and perhaps work with some of the other Boards of Education of the 30 Superintendents to which Superintendent Pruneau referred.

B. Discretionary Staffing:

Superintendent Pruneau stated that he produced a broad list of ideas that do not have a lot of detail, nor has the list been vetted with the rest of the administration or staff.

- Administrative interns/TOSA (teacher on special assignment) to help the Principals
- Instructional tech support
- Professional Development Coordinator
- 504 Coordinator
- Community Partnership Coordinator
- Math Interventionist
- Curriculum Department restructuring
- Class size reduction at the MS and HS
- Establish an enrollment office
- Additional summer guidance support
- Psychologists are doing double duty and also are split between buildings.

The Board asked to remain in the loop as further information is developed (costs, staff size, additions to the list, etc.).

Superintendent's Agenda – Consent Agenda The Board removed both items from the consent agenda.

- The Personnel Report, which recommended the hiring of both interim Principal and Assistant Principal for Bryan MS as the permanent Principal and Assistant Principal, was approved.
- RFP 14-06 for a Demographer was awarded to Crooper GIS Consulting to perform demographic study and utilization planning for \$15,000. Board member Chris Blum stated that the Finance Committee did not make the decision, but he sat in on the interviews. The motion was carried unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled School Board meeting is Feb. 25th at 7:30. The March meetings are March 11th and March 25th. All meetings are held at the District 205 Center in Room(s) 215, 216, and/or 217, unless otherwise noted.

- Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 pm – Finance and Operations Committee Meeting.
- Monday, Mar. 3, 7:00 pm – Board Improvement Committee Meeting.
- Wednesday, Mar. 5, 7:00 pm – Curriculum and Instruction Meeting.
- Tuesday, Mar. 18, 6:30 pm – Finance and Operations Committee Meeting.

Board Communications: None