

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Feb. 25, 2014**  
**7:30 pm – 10:20 pm**

**All Board members present**  
**Public: 45 Staff: 7 Press: 0**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for student residency, employment of employee and approval of closed session minutes of 1/28/14 and 2/11/14.

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

**Student Recognition:**

- A. Illinois Music Educators Association: Ten York High School musicians were awarded all-state recognition and performed in the All-State Band, Chorus and/or Orchestra festival in Peoria in January.
- B. Illinois Council on Economic Education Stock Market Game: Three York teams finished first, second and third out of 824 stock market teams from the Chicago area, earning over \$100,000 combined on their initial investment of \$100,000 per team.

After the recognition, the Public present was about 20 people. (By the end of the meeting, the Observer was the only one present watching the meeting.)

**Public Comment:** None

**Superintendent's Communications:**

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests: Two FOIA requests (one regarding an Illinois State Board of Education report and one regarding an RFP) were granted. Two FOIA requests (one regarding disciplinary information and one regarding financial information) were denied.

B. Mobile Learning Initiative: Two presentations were part of this section.

The first presentation was made by Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Charles Johns. This school year, middle school and high school pilots were conducted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters using Google Apps and Chromebooks. The teachers who participated in these pilots said that the Google Apps and Chromebooks really helped the students' learning, had a positive affect on their quality and are excited/optimistic and/or curious about the concept of mobile learning and 1:1 student devices. The students were not as enthusiastic, but positive results were seen from the students. For 2014-15, the administration recommends:

- Grades 6-12 continued use of Google Apps for Education.
- Grades 9-12: double chromebooks to 10-12 classroom carts shared by students in select courses all day.
- Grades 6-8: triple chromebooks to 20-24 classroom carts across the 3 buildings.
- Grades K-5: possible pilot of Google Apps for Education and chromebooks in grade 5.

For the following year, a recommendation of curricular technology coaches is being put forward.

Dr. Terri Bresnahan, Director of Technology from D64 Park Ridge-Niles, made the next presentation. She spoke on the importance of having instructional technology coaches. Her District had a one-year pilot program. The District is in the second year of a three-year plan to bring coaches to each of the District's elementary and middle schools. Their District feels that the coaching brought increased technology use of which the need is teacher-driven, full implementation of Google Apps for Education in grades 3-8 and a focus on high-impact instruction. Their metrics

supporting teacher growth came from the LoTi (Level of Technology Implementation) Survey.

There were two D205 teachers who participated in the middle school pilot program who spoke next. They both stressed the increase in student engagement and teacher feedback.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes of the Jan. 28, 2014 and Feb. 11, 2014 meetings.

### **Board Committee Reports:**

A. Mrs. Ebner reported on the **Curriculum and Instruction** Committee meeting.

- The administration presented a recommendation for an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade REACH math book to offer Geometry to 8<sup>th</sup> grade REACH students in Fall of 2014. This would allow seniors to take higher-level math courses in the future. Some of the concerns with this are mastery of algebra by 8<sup>th</sup> grade, daily math instruction in 5 minutes less in MS as compared to HS and differentiation may be needed within the geometry class.
- Summer school dates were discussed. Conrad Fischer and Churchville will host Title I and III services, Hawthorne will offer extended year program for special education students, and Bryan will host instrumental music and Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder. York will provide its usual academic and athletic offerings.

B. Mr. Blum reviewed the **Finance and Operations** committee meeting. The committee discussed

- January 2014 monthly financial reports have revenues on track and expenditures tracking as expected except for some weather-related costs.
- At the end of the fiscal year, each District employee will receive a letter detailing the full value of his or her position. The list will include salary, health insurance, dental, life, retirement benefits and taxes. A footnote will also include what the Illinois taxpayer contributes toward each employee's TRS pension.
- Student fees were discussed. The recommendation appears to be to keep them about the same as last year. Some further investigation of the middle school athletic fees will precede the review of student fees at the March committee meeting.
- The committee came to an agreement for discretionary spending in the next budget to be 4-5 FTE (full time employee) for the approximate cost of \$400,000. This figure was discussed with the entire Board. The Board's consensus was to start next year's budget at this level.
- Two school board members met with 2 aldermen concerning the storm water issue. These 4 thought the "easiest" place to start was the Madison School property, but when possible enrollment figures were seen, there was concern about the need to expand Madison. The administration will discuss possible expansion areas with Wight Architects.

C. Mrs. Stuefen reported on the **Performance Management Committee**.

- The committee briefly reviewed the Superintendent's goals and evaluation timeline. They also discussed linking the goal setting to the DPIs (District Performance Indicators).
- Job descriptions and a compensation study of non-union employees were deliberated.
- The student growth component of PERA (Performance Evaluation Reform Act) was reviewed for the committee by Superintendent Pruneau.
- This committee discussed the project prioritization rubric. The student achievement and personal growth and development of students should be weighted the heaviest. The

committee thought that the rubric should be “tested” with projects and the weighting could be “tweaked” based on these results.

**Superintendent’s Agenda:** The Board approved:

The Consent Agenda:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- Agreements with Illinois Century Network (ICN) for Internet Service and AT&T for Switched Ethernet Service - \$1,016.67/month. D205 is eligible for a \$12,000 annual credit. An additional \$460/month for AT & T switched Ethernet is requested. E-rate discount of 43% may be possible.
- Agreement for Verizon Push-To-Talk, Cellular, and Data Services - \$11,500
- To Enter Into Service Agreements with Call One for Telecommunication Services - \$15,000 annually with possible 43% E-rate discount.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 2: Board of Education (First Reading) – includes required Training of Board Members.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 3: General School Administration (First Reading) – updated building Principal’s Responsibilities.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 4: Operational Services (First Reading) – updated Insurance Requirements.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 5: Personnel (First Reading) – updated Drug- and Alcohol-free Work Place, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting and Ethics and Conduct policies.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Update - Section 6: Instruction (First Reading) – updated Curriculum Content, Community Resource Persons and Volunteers, and Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs and Course Substitutions policies.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Update - Section 8: Community Relations (First Reading) – updated Visitors to and Conduct on School Property policy.

**Superintendent’s agenda – Action Items** The Board approved:

- New Policy #7:185 - Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- Foundation Donation for Media:Scape Furniture and Additional Funding to Provide Two Labs for York Learning Commons – Grant funding of \$27,774.22 for Media:scape furniture plus an additional \$1,483.29 from the Foundation to purchase monitors and speakers.
- Foundation Donation of Gifts Designated for Madison Early Childhood Center - \$1,000 from the Elmhurst Garden Club (for their Sensory Garden) and \$1,000 from PNC Bank (for books for their library).

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regularly scheduled meetings are Mar. 11th and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. All meetings are held at the D205 Center.

- Monday, 3/3/14 Board Improvement Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, 3/5/14 Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, 3/18/14 Finance and Operations Committee meeting, 6:30 pm

**Action on Closed Session Items:** The Board approved the dis-enrollment of “Student B” who is not a resident of D205 and has been attending a D205 school since at least the beginning of this school year. A tuition charge of \$7997.04 will also be charged to this student’s family.

**Board Communications:** Mrs. Stuefen said that the Executive Director of LEND had met with the IL State Superintendent and the ISBE concerning the Common Core standards and PARCC testing. LEND and others, have been lobbying to delay the adoption of Common Core and PARCC.