

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Feb. 26, 2013
7:30 pm – 9:25 pm

All Board members present
Public: 4 Staff: 8 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for student residency, pending litigation, contract negotiations and approval of closed session minutes of 1/22/13 and 2/12/13.

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

Public Hearing of Drivers Education Waiver of Rules: The District is seeking a waiver of rules (section 252.30 (a)(3)) from the State Board of Education to allow for consideration of personnel costs in setting the District's Driver Education fee and to assess a fee not to exceed \$250. The Board discussed briefly that the cost would not increase greater than \$250, but that some of the staff salary could be paid out of the individual student fee.

Student Recognition:

Postponed due to bad weather. It will be rescheduled.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests: One FOIA request regarding custodial/janitorial services was received and granted.

B. FY 14 Budget: Mr. Blum suggested how the Board would divide the work of initiating conversations with the community on the budget issues. The Board Improvement/Policy Committee will work on an explanation of the current situation, which will include explaining the drivers of the structural deficit. Identification of sustainable options with everything on the table and nothing currently decided will be the next part of the discussion. This will include comparisons of D205 with other comparable Districts. The Finance and Operations Committee will work on identification of long-term facilities plan. Everything will be driven by the values and desired outcomes of the community.

C. TIF4 Intergovernmental Agreement: Mr. Blum updated the Board on the latest negotiations with the City concerning the intergovernmental agreement on TIF4. The City and D205 have been in agreement on the following two items:

- The City will release \$1.5 million to all other taxing bodies from TIF2 within 60 to 120 days of signing of the agreement. This will mean a \$1million for D205.
- Starting the 11th year of TIF4, the City will revenue share with all other taxing bodies 10% of the increment.

The last piece that was a concern for D205 was that up to \$6 million for use at Conrad Fischer and Churchville (which are part of the TIF 4 area) will be given to D205, but at the City's timeline. The two entities came up with a dedicated cash flow stream of the Hahn Street increment – at 35% once the City recovers its initial input for that area. Most Board members felt this compromise was something that they could approve. Both Mr. McDonough and Mrs. DeRonne said they would like to see the final wording before agreeing to this. It was decided that the Board would have 48 hours to review the final language, and if acceptable, the agreement would be posted to the D205 website for public comment. It is hoped that the Board would be ready to vote on the whole agreement at its next regular meeting (March 19th).

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the Dec. 18, 2012 and Jan. 8, 2013 meetings.

Board Committee Reports:

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

- Student Fees - Textbooks are currently amortized over a five-year basis. In the future, this may change to a 6-year cycle. After a text has been used for five years, the charge for the text is removed from the fees list.
- Budget - Chris Blum presented information and points relating to the 2013/2014 budget and beyond. The Board will begin organizing elements for discussions with the stakeholders of the district and the District will begin to gather data regarding the budget process/education for future years.
- Activities-based costing was prepared last year for the York athletic program. The committee would like to see this process completed, if possible, for additional programs.
- Annual benefits summary-Skyward will not have this report ready until June 2013.
- Student activities fees – a study was completed last year stating the number of participants by activity and the fees collected. The results did not indicate that participation was effected by the participation fee.
- Facilities usage-a meeting of all users may be beneficial in providing an update of issues the district is facing in regard to group supervision.

B. Ms. Hirsch reported on the **Performance Management Committee**. The committee continued discussion on compensation. They delved into the Harris Poll results more deeply. The Board “owns” the following pieces: how the staff feels about the Board, how parents feel about the Board and communications. These pieces will go to the Board Improvement Committee. The Performance Management Committee will “own” the DPIs (District Performance Indicators).

Superintendent’s Agenda: The Board approved:

The Consent Agenda:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- Waiver Application - the application for the waiver of the District's Driver Education fee. Donation (York) – a golf simulator - estimated amount between \$3,000 and \$4,000.
- Donation (Jefferson) - from the Jefferson PTA for two SMART Boards in an amount of \$4,400 plus shipping.
- Donation (District Elementary Schools) - from the Team Elmhurst Soccer Club for 2 soccer goals and 8 soccer balls in a bag for each Grade School. About \$2,500.
- AT&T Wide Area Network Switched Ethernet Service Agreement - five-year agreement with AT&T for wide area network Switched Ethernet Service of 10 Gbps at York High School and 1 Gbps at thirteen other District locations at a cost of \$12,129 per month, plus taxes and fees.
- Revisions to Policy #5:30 - Hiring Process and Criteria (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Revised Policy #5:185 - Family and Medical Leave (Second Reading and Adoption)

Mr. McDonough pulled:

- AT&T Managed Internet Service and Illinois Century Network Internet Service Agreements - a five-year agreement with AT&T for 500 Mbps Managed Internet Service at a cost of approximately \$3,485 per month, plus taxes and fees. Mr. McDonough wanted to point out

the public procurement process and applauded the District for its thoroughness. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ebner pulled:

- Display K-5 Social Studies Instructional Materials - public display of the proposed K-5 social studies instructional materials. She praised the District's new way of presenting proposal, of which this is an example. The motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Mar. 19th at 7:30 pm. All meetings are held at the D205 Center.

- Wednesday, 2/27/13 Board Improvement/Policy Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, 3/6/13 Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, 3/12/13 Finance and Operations Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, 2/21/13 Performance Management Committee meeting, 7:00 pm

Board Communications: Mr. McDonough praised the ELL (English Language Learner) presentation of Monday night.