

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Mar. 10, 2015
7:35 pm – 9:35 pm

No Bastedo, Ebner arr. 7:50
Public: 35 Staff: 8 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for negotiations and employment of employee.

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

Staff Recognition: 14 staff members were recognized for making a positive impact on the students and staff of D205. Staff members Brian Berg, Heather Bolur, Eileen Carroll, Karen Clark, Ellen Dunn, Regina Hughes, Heather Knight, Katie Magierski, Rebecca Marianetti, Dawn Morris, Bill Riddle, Stacie Savittieri, Brittany Stearns, and Ricardo Vazquez were presented with this honor.

After the recognitions, the public present was reduced to about 7.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Communications:

REACH Program Update: Deborah Lee, REACH and Professional Development Coordinator, gave the presentation. The Illinois School Code definition of 'Gifted and Talented' children means a child that performs or shows potential for performing remarkable high levels of accomplishment. A child is considered gifted and talented in language arts or math, by performing in the top 5% locally. Ability is a measure of thinking and reasoning skills and is correlated to processing speed. Achievement is a measure of what content students have learned, mostly in specific areas.

D205 participants generally break out to: 15% for elementary, 25% for middle school and over 35% for high school. D205 currently uses achievement scores, since the district does no ability testing. There are some discrepancies at the elementary levels. In the 4th and 5th grade, there are twice as many boys as girls and in the 3rd grade; there are 82% boys and 18% girls in the gifted math program. Ms Lee attributes this to the identification matrix.

Program overview:

- English/Language Arts – grades 3-5 is an enrichment (pull-out) program, grades 6-8 is a REACH program and in high school it is honors or AP (advanced placement) programs.
- Math – Grades 3-8 is a REACH (accelerated) program and at the high school it is advanced, honors, enriched or AP programs.

Preliminary Recommendations:

- Engage stakeholders
- Consider programming updates
- Define continuum of services
- Refine assessment & identification
- Systemize data collection
- Update communication pieces
- Organize professional learning for staff.

Discretionary Staffing: The high school staff is requesting a 0.6 FTE (full time equivalent) for a classroom teacher for the new technology repair class and an additional 0.6 FTE for instructional coach and tech support. The Board discussed this request, with many concerned about this increase. Consensus was reached for the classroom teacher for the technology repair class, with the understanding that the cost for this position could be found in the technology budget. The

additional 0.6 FTE instructional coach decision was put off until later in the fiscal year.

Board Committee Reports:

Mr. Blum reviewed the **Finance and Operations Committee** meeting.

- January monthly financial reports – everything is on plan and on budget for the year.
- Technology budget planning for the next three years was discussed. The plan includes 1:1 device to student ratio, retiring labs, and moving to digital educational materials.
 - The first year includes a 1:1 program for grades 9-12 and expansion of middle school carts.
 - This would involve high school parents required to pay for or a rent to own program that would cover the cost of a chromebook and case over 4 years. The Learning and Teaching Committee will review this plan before presenting to the whole board.
- Student fees were discussed. It will be discussed again at the March committee meeting and brought to the full board at their March 24th meeting, with action scheduled for the April 21st board meeting.
- Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Chris Whelton, recommended that the current insurance broker, Corporate Benefit Consultants, Inc. receive the renewal for the next 3-year contract. This will be brought to the full board.
- Frank Schuh submitted a draft Building Capacity Study which will be sent to the demographers to generate different scenarios for possible boundary changes or changes from neighborhood schools to grade level centers and can be reviewed during the community engagement process.

Mrs. Ebner discussed the **Learning and Teaching Committee** meeting. The committee covered:

- The advanced college project (ACP) courses instructional materials offering dual credit through Indiana University of Composition 101, Literature 101, Speech 101 and Personal Finance Honors were brought to be put on display with other materials.
- Cathy Baker presented an update on the Mobile Learning Initiative, including the 3-year tech plan (discussed above).
- The REACH program update. (See above).

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

The Consent Agenda:

- Personnel Report
- Display New Instructional Materials for the High School and Middle School – 16 different instructional materials will be displayed for public viewing and comment.

Action Items:

- New Instructional Materials to Support Erin's Law – This book for kindergarteners has been on display for the required 30 days.

Dr. Harrell pulled the following from the consent agenda:

- RFP 15-02; Purchase of Video Surveillance Server and Camera Equipment – Dell server and surveillance cameras, software licenses and professional services from Xtivity Solutions. Not to exceed \$60,000. Dr. Harrell asked for further detail as to how the decision was made to accept the Xtivity Solutions quote. Technology Director, David Smith, reviewed the process that was used. Since there were 15 who responded to the RFP, it took about 2 months to make sure that all proposals were on the same level. This RFP was accepted as

presented with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Action on Closed Session Item: The Board approved a memo of agreement for a modification for a teacher that was going to retire in the upcoming year, but her husband had died and she requested an additional year on staff.

Board Communications:

Superintendent Pruneau stated that the PARCC testing started and will continue. He thanked the tech staff for all the work they did in order to prepare for this.

Superintendent Pruneau also reported that Elmhurst Memorial Hospital was having a “Young Heart for Life” event on March 19th and 20th at which time free EKG screening of all students whose parents have approved it.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are March 24th and April 14th at 7:30 pm. All meetings are held at the D205 Center.

- Tuesday, 3/17/15 Finance and Operations Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, 4/8/15 Special Closed Session meeting, 6:00 pm
- Monday, 4/13/15 Special Closed Session meeting, 6:00 pm
- Thursday, 4/16/15 Performance Management Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 4/18/15 Special Closed Session Meeting – 8:00 a.m.