

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Mar. 19, 2013
7:35 pm – 9:45 pm

All Board members present
Public: 20 Staff: 8 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:30 p.m. for employment of employee and approval of closed session minutes of 2/26/13.

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

Student/Staff Recognition:

A. Four York Community High School business students placed second out of 541 teams in the 2012-13 Econ Illinois Stock Market Game. The team finished with a \$22,104.25 growth in a three-month period that resulted in a return that was over 24% above the S & P 500 stock index over the same period.

B. The Illinois High School Team Coaches Association named York Community High School Girls Tennis Coach Tres Heimann Coach of the Year for 2012.

Most of the audience left after the recognition. Only 2 members of the public remained.

Workshop Topic – Tentative Intergovernmental Agreement

A fourth TIF District within the District 205 boundaries was planned by the City of Elmhurst, starting in Jan. 2012. This district is north on York Road, roughly between North Ave. and Grand Ave. District 205 began to discuss with the City a possible intergovernmental agreement to reduce the short-term impact of this TIF on the school district. The City included both Conrad Fischer Elementary and Churchville Middle Schools in the TIF area.

The details of the intergovernmental agreement include:

- \$1.5 million will be declared as surplus from TIF2 and distributed to the appropriate taxing bodies within 60 to 120 days from the date the agreement is signed. D205's portion should be about \$1 million.
- From year 11 through year 23, 10% of the increment will be distributed year to each appropriate taxing body;
- Churchville Middle School and Conrad Fischer Elementary School within the TIF4 District will be eligible for capital improvement expense reimbursement, which will have a maximum of \$6 million for these two properties;

No members of the public spoke concerning this agreement. The Board discussed the details and praised the City administration, City Council and School District administration for their tenacity and common goals to “do this for the kids.” The Superintendent also praised the School Board.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Communications:

A. FY'14 Staffing: Charles Johns, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Brad Hillman, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and Meg Schnoor, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services are reviewed the memo presented at the Jan. 8th meeting concerning staffing projections. This list was based on the following principles:

- Mandates – specifically for Special Education and English Language Learners.
- Best Practices
- Class Size Targets

- To reduce the amount of travel within the District during a school day

The numbers were all about the same as they were at the January meeting – about 30 full time equivalent (fte) staff.

B. Student Fees: Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Chris Whelton, presented the administrations recommendations for fees for the 2013-12014 school year:

- PreK \$83 from \$75 this year,
- K \$118 from \$110,
- Grades 1-5 \$182 from \$165,
- Grades 6-8 \$172 from \$170,
- High School – an increase of \$1 for the mandatory insurance.

C. FY 14 Budget: At the next meeting, Dave Smith, Director of Technology, will present the technology expenditures he expects in that budget year.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the Feb. 26, 2013 meeting with a correction.

Board Committee Reports:

A. Mrs. Stuefen reported on the **Board Improvement/Policy Committee**. The committee discussed the donation to the District resulting from the Hawthorne PTA wanting to replace a copier in that school that had been previously donated by the PTA. The second policy discussed by the committee was a possible policy that the York Community Advisory Committee asked be included in the Policy Manual concerning the use of the stadium.

The committee also discussed new Board member orientation, which would include Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Spring meeting, IASB new Board member orientation process, IASB “Boot Camp,” and a D205 team building retreat in June. The Board Harris Poll Survey results continue to be discussed as do legislative and community engagement.

B. Mrs. Ebner discussed the **Curriculum and Instruction Committee** meeting. They reviewed the English Language Learners forum held at the end of February. A study with stakeholders involved will be organized.

The Next Generation Science Standards (Grade 6 -12) will be adopted by the state and implementation plans will be shared with teachers in May. The D205 Foundation has given an additional cart of NOVA 5000 probe devices for each middle school. A STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) forum is being planned.

The National Student Clearinghouse Student Tracker data will be reviewed for York graduates. The committee feels it is an important tool for determining college and career readiness.

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

- A Lakeview Contract dispute – this is an ongoing negotiation with the District’s busing company.
- A public hearing of a Bensenville TIF Joint Review Board.
- The information about the increase in the student insurance fee.
- The staff additions discussed earlier.
- Student technology fee, which was implied in the earlier fee discussion.
- General State Aid pro-ration. Last year it was pro-rated at 87%. This year it appears to be 82%.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

The Consent Agenda:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- Begin FY14 Budget Process
- Intergovernmental Agreement
- Thiems Instructional Grants - \$27,279 with About \$12,000 in Technology, \$7,000 in English/literacy, \$3700 in Science, \$3,700 in multi-disciplinary and \$1,000 in Math.
- Donation (District Middle Schools) – For a NOVA5000 cart of probe devices for each middle school from the Foundation (\$22,489).
- Donation (Conrad Fischer) – For \$1,000 from Mrs. Maryann Wagner of Bend, Oregon, who read an article in the Chicago Trib about the improved test scores at Conrad Fischer.
- Donation (Jackson) – For a new landscape for Jackson's outside classroom from Erwin Steinhebel and Sons (\$16,000).
- Bid #13-04 - Nine-Passenger Van – from Mobility Works for \$32,078.50.
- Bid #13-05 - Wheelchair Mini-van - from Mobility Works for \$30,997.
- Illinois High School Association Membership Renewal

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is WEDNESDAY, April 10th at 7:30 pm. All meetings are held at the D205 Center.

- Wednesday, 3/20/13 Board Improvement/Policy Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, 4/3/13 Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Monday, 4/8/13 Performance Management Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, 4/16/13 Finance and Operations Committee meeting, 6:30 pm

Board Communications: Mrs. Stuefen told all Board members that LEND (Legislative Education Network of DuPage) will have two Lobby Days – April 10th and May 1st in Springfield.