

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Mar. 24, 2014
7:30 pm – 9:25 pm

All Board members present
Public: 80 Staff: 8 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for negotiations, employment of employee and approval of closed session minutes of 2/24/15 and 3/10/15.

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

Student/Staff Recognition:

- A. IL MEA Junior Festival – Ten Bryan, seven Churchville and eleven Sandburg middle school students were selected to play in an Honor Ensemble or the Jazz Festival.
- B. Econ Illinois awarded York Economics teacher Jessica Weldon one of two Outstanding Economic Educator Awards. Ms. Weldon told the group that one of the Teams from York in the Stock Market Game came in 2nd place and is going onto the state competition.

After the recognitions, about 15 members of the public remained.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Act: Two FOIA requests were granted; one for specific test results and one for collective bargaining information.

B. Superintendent Leadership Profile Report from BWP: The representatives from BWP gave a summary of the electronic survey results and the focus groups. There was lots of continuity among all and the Superintendent profile was very clear:

- Strong communication, listening and collaboration skills.
- Visible, approachable and hand-on.
- Articulates a clear vision and focus.
- High integrity and team building.
- Forward-thinking, creative, dynamic problem-solver.
- Strong, decisive, and able to say “no” when needed.
- Experienced leader from a district of similar size and structure.

The calendar is:

- 3/21/15 applications cut-off.
- 3/26/15 BWP interviewing 12 applicants to find 5 or 6.
- Week of 3/31 reference checking of the 5 or 6 above.
- 4/8 – mini workshop with the Board, giving them suggested questions, avoiding others.
- 4/13 and 4/18 – Board has 1st round of interviews. The evening after the 4/18 interview, the Board should choose 2 candidates.
- These 2 candidates will each spend a day in the District and have another interview with some of those involved in the focus group. The Board needs to determine these two days and those evening have dinner and the second interview with these two candidates. (Dates to be determined.)

C. Student Fees: Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Chris Whelton, presented the administrations recommendations for fees for the 2015-2016 school year:

- PreK \$71 from \$70 this year,
- K \$121 from \$120,

- Grades 1-5 remain the same at an average of \$182,
- Grades 6-8 \$190 from \$166, due to a workbook in social studies that will be used for next year only. The following year, the workbook will be available digitally. Athletic fees will remain the same and be tiered. This structure will be revisited next year.
- High School – increase of cap & gown cost from \$26 to \$27.

All grades except PreK will have a \$50 technology fee, the same as this year.

D. Regular Transportation Service Bid:

The cost of transportation for regular, kindergarten, Madison, Vocational Tech, and late activity routes and high school athletic, middle school athletic and field trips were compared between First Student and Lakeview for the next three years. First Student was lower by a total of \$105,600 when all were combined for 3 years versus Lakeview.

E. Miscellaneous Transportation Services: Contract bid by SASSED for miscellaneous services. Awarded to Septran, for 7 students, who take cabs on a regular basis. This will replace taking a taxi.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the Feb. 20, 2015, February 24, 2015 and March 10, 2015 (as amended) meetings.

Board Committee Reports:

- A. Mr. Blum reviewed the **Finance and Operations** committee meeting. The committee discussed
- February’s financial reports – state categorical payments are lagging behind. One payment has been received and an additional one should be received in the spring. The 3rd payment may come late in June or early July. The transportation fund is trending towards a negative cash balance beginning late April.
 - Fees will be presented at the 3/24 board meeting (see above).
 - The insurance committee will vote on which plan design options will be sent to the staff for a vote on benefit plan design changes. The final renewal will be presented to the Board on 5/12.
 - Recommended regular transportation RFP to First Student will be presented to the Board on 3/24 (see above).
 - Technology plan/budget – draft (long term) will be presented at the 4/14 Board meeting.
 - After receiving bids, summer project costs have come in \$300,000 higher than projected. The finance committee discussed adjusting the projects to stay within the original budget.

Superintendent’s Agenda: The Board approved:

The Consent Agenda:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- Bid # 15-05 - Regular Transportation Services – see above, First Student for the next 3 years, with an additional 2 year option
- Miscellaneous Transportation Services Contract – Septran, as needed
- Bid #15-06 - Roofing – Hawthorne - \$382,000, F& G Roofing
- Bid #15-07 - HVAC - Hawthorne and Churchville - \$124,409, Oak Brook Mechanical Services
- Bid #15-08 - Plumbing - District-Wide - \$49,880 – CW Burns Co., Inc

- Bid #15-09 - Building Automated Controls – York - \$355,000 – Trane U.S., Inc.
- Bid #15-10 - Musical Instruments – various musical instruments from the vendors listed:

Music & Arts Centers	\$2,015.00
Quinlan & Fabish	\$ 805.71
Sam Ash	\$7,666.90
Washington Music Center	\$7,883.85

- Bid #15-11 - Exterior Weatherproofing - Madison and Bryan - \$665,791.90, Berglund Construction Co.
- The following policies were on the agenda for 2nd reading and adoption:
 - Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 2: Board of Education
 - Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 5: Personnel
 - Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 6: Instruction
 - Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 7: Students

Action on Closed Session Items: The Board approved

- The honorable dismissal of teachers was given to part time teachers, which is a new state requirement.
- Authorizing notice of dismissal to non-tenured teachers other than final-year probationary teachers.

Board Communications: Mrs. Ebner and Mr. McDonough gave an overview of their latest meeting with the City about stormwater storage at Madison. They discussed termination if D205 needed the area for education purposes. There needs to be an alternate plan for the stormwater storage (which will be for any 5-year storms or more). Madison also needs an ADA accessible playground. The District still needs to meet with an engineer. All this as an intergovernmental agreement is still in draft form.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 14th and April 28th at 7:30 pm. All meetings are held at the D205 Center.

- 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 am
- Monday, 4/20/15 – Learning and Teaching Committee meeting – 7:00 pm