

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Mar. 25, 2014
7:30 pm – 8:15 pm

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Public: 12 Staff: 8 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee, approval of closed session minutes of 2/25/14 and 3/11/14 and student discipline.

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

Student Recognition:

A. United States Senate Youth Program Delegate – York’s Student Body President, Senior Mary Margaret Koch, was one of two students chosen from the state of Illinois to as a delegate to the US Senate Youth Program. The program, funded by The Hearst Foundation “to increase young Americans’ understanding of the interrelationships of the three branches of government, the caliber and responsibilities of federally elected and appointed officials, and the vital importance of democratic decision making, not only for America but for people around the world;” brings 104 students together to study the federal government and its leaders for one week.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Act: Four FOIA requests were granted; two concerning specific bid results, one concerning emails containing a specific word and one regarding contract information.

B. Student Fees: Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Chris Whelton, presented the administrations recommendations for fees for the 2014-2015 school year:

- PreK \$70 from \$83 this year,
- K \$120 from \$118,
- Grades 1-5 remain the same at \$182,
- Grades 6-8 \$166 from \$172, Athletic fees will be tiered, with track being \$40 and volleyball and basketball increased to \$70, which actually costs about \$125/student.
- High School – decrease of yearbook cost from \$50 to \$35.

All grades except PreK will have a \$50 technology fee, increased from \$35.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the Feb. 25, 2014 and March 11, 2014 meetings.

Board Committee Reports:

A. Mrs. Stuefen reported on the **Board Improvement Committee.**

- Harris Poll Survey Next Steps: The committee arranged the feedback received from staff luncheons into survey categories. This document will be shared with the employees.
- Community Engagement Next Steps: It was recommended that the committee and full Board look at external companies for expertise to assist in engaging the community to formally obtain constructive coordinated input into the planning process.
- Board Norms: The Committee reviewed the Board norms and noted than many staff did not know the norms had been updated. It was recommended that the full Board review the current norms and approve them at their June retreat.
- Unifying Mission and Vision Statements Review: This committee is trying to identify a short phrase that summarizes D205. Four phrases that may meet this are:
 - Community of Quality Education

- Engaging Every Student
- Committed to Engaging Every Student
- Committed to Quality Education

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

- February's financial reports – everything is on budget.
- The updated employee total compensation letters were reviewed.
- The information about the increase in the student insurance fee (above).
- Technology plan budget overview for '14-'15 and '15-'16.
- Summer facilities projects.
- The committee had requested a sketch from the District's architects of Madison if the enrollment there doubled. The resulting sketch showed some use of the field currently suggested by the City as a storm water detention area. Additional work will be done.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

The Consent Agenda:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- Cisco VoIP Phone System Software Upgrade – by CDW-G Direct LLC. Not to exceed \$18,200.
- RFP #14-07 - Compensation Study – Educational Management Solutions \$41,850 to include job description review, legal compliance and strategic compensation design.
- Thiems Instructional Grants - \$38,698. 50% technology, 22% english/literacy, 18% math, 6% science, and 4% multi-disciplinary.
- Donation (Bryan Middle School) – Parents who wish to remain anonymous donated \$1,000 to the Bryan Beat – choir performance club.
- The following policies were on the agenda for 2nd reading and adoption:
 - Section 2: Board of Education– includes required Training of Board Members.
 - Section 3: General School Administration– updated building Principal's Responsibilities.
 - Section 4: Operational Services – updated Insurance Requirements.
 - Section 5: Personnel – updated Drug- and Alcohol-free Work Place, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting and Ethics and Conduct policies.
 - Section 6: Instruction – updated Curriculum Content, Community Resource Persons and Volunteers, and Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs and Course Substitutions policies.
 - Section 8: Community Relations – 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 (Second Reading and Adoption)

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 8th and April 22nd at 7:30 pm. All meetings are held at the D205 Center.

- Wednesday, 4/16/14 Finance and Operations Committee meeting, 6:30 pm

Board Communications: None.