

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**

**Apr. 12, 2016**  
**7:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

**Board members absent: Bastedo,  
Blum, Collins**

**Public: 35 Staff: 9 Press: 0**

**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment and employee and setting a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District.

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

**Public Comment:** Laura Youngren spoke saying she was disagreeing with some community members from the last meeting complaining that social media was misrepresenting. She said that she did not find anything to be disrespectful or “mudslinging” in what she had read. Resident Carol Landou mentioned several situations in which the Superintendent did not represent the school district well. She said she was proud of what our children are learning in the use of social media.

**Reports and Presentations:**

A. National Merit Finalists: York Principal presented a slide show of many York Seniors who have excelled in several different areas. She also introduced the National Merit Finalists. The Board acknowledged these three York students: Kathryn Dierksheide, Robert Tomaska and Natasha Yarlagadda.

B. Shining Star Recognition: Bill Edwards, technology assistant at Churchville and Caren Krolikewicz, instructional assistant at Conrad Fischer were recognized for making a positive impact on the students and staff of the District.

C. Update on Levy, EAV, Tax Extension and Rates: Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Chris Whelton, gave the update. The actual tax rate for the operating funds (education, operations & maintenance, transportation, working cash, IMRF, social security and special education is 4.51% (estimated at 4.77%). When bond and interest are added, the total rate is 5.35%, when the estimate was 5.06%. The 2015 EAV (equalized assessed valuation) is \$2,163,103,384, which is an 11.59% increase over the 2014 EAV. Actual 2015 new construction EAV is slightly less than \$35 million.

D. Student Achievement Objectives: Information was shared about the work that the Principals did in professional development in February and March and the proposed professional development for the following months.

E. Finance and Operations Committee Report: Student fees were discussed. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Chris Whelton, gave the presentation. The following is recommended:

- PreK to go from \$71 to \$74.
- K to go from \$121 to \$124.
- Grades 1- 5 to go from \$182 to \$180.
- Grades 6 – 8 to go from \$190 to \$179.
- Instrumental music, vocal music, grade 6-8 athletics, the 6-8 yearbook, tech fees, club fee credit card usage charge per transaction will all remain the same.
- All fees for the High School will remain the same except the addition of a \$35 fee for Algebra 2, which will be used to purchase a license for software that will give targeted instruction and assess/diagnose progress/weakness. No additional textbook will be used for this class.

F. Learning and Teaching Committee Report:

Cathy Baker, the Early Childhood – 12 Instructional Technology Coordinator, reported on the K-5

mobile learning implementation (MLI). During this presentation, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, as well as two Principals explained some of the experiences their students were having with this technology. For FY 2016, the following will be instituted at the middle schools and at the high school:

- Each middle school will have 1 and the high school will have 2 tech coaches.
- There will be 1:1 access to chromebooks within a google apps for education (GAFE) environment.
- Integration will be across all curriculum areas.
- A Technology Services Internship (TSI) Course will be available at York.

For grade 4 & 5:

- GAFE provided
- Each elementary school receives a cart of chromebooks to share.

For grade 2 & 3:

- Selected classrooms will pilot GAFE. The current chromebook cart used for the grade 4 & 5 pilot will be moved to these two grade levels. (One cart per building.)

There will be professional learning opportunities offered throughout the summer and school year.

Although the original plan was to have 1:1 in grades 4 -12, for the 2016-17 year, there will be 1:1 in grades 5 – 12 and 2:1 in grade 4. This will cost \$135,000 for the actual equipment and an additional \$35,000 will be expended for professional learning for K-12 teachers.

For the next three years, evaluations will be conducted of this program.

For all the technology and training for the FY16 school year (2016-17): \$3,131,112.

For all the technology and training for the FY17 school year (2017-18): \$2,739,605.

**Superintendent's Agenda – Consent Agenda:** The Board approved the Personnel Report

**Superintendent's Communication:** Dr. Moyer thanked tonight's presenters. He also mentioned that 2 D205 Nationally Board Certified Teachers have been recertified. Karla Talbot, Library Media, Early Childhood through Adulthood, and Rachel Washburn, Literacy: Reading-Language Arts Early and Middle Childhood were originally certified in 2006 and are among the 23 nationally certified teachers in D205. Dr. Moyer told of a York wrestler who had made 5<sup>th</sup> in state. The Middle School Task Force will be giving the Board a full report at the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and the middle school parent survey will be going out before the end of the week.

**Board Communications:** President Ebner asked the Board members to consider two different dates for possible board evaluation. At this time, a member of the IASB (IL Association of School Boards) will be present and the Board will be allowed to meet in closed session to evaluate themselves.

**Action on Closed Session Items:** The Board approved:

- A. The resolution authorizing the honorable dismissal of teachers. Those teachers that are currently not full time were dismissed. Many will be brought back once the District decides if the positions need to be filled.
- B. Resolution authorizing notice of dismissal to non-tenured teachers other than final-year probationary teachers. These teachers will NOT be eligible to be re-hired.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regularly scheduled meetings are Apr. 26 and May 10 at 7:30 p.m.  
All meetings are at the District 205 Center, second floor:

- Tuesday, Apr. 18, 2016 – Policy Committee Meeting– 6:00 p.m.