

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Apr. 14, 2015
7:38 pm – 10:50 pm

All Board members present
Public: 60 Staff: 10 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:

A. National Board certified Teacher: Field Elementary School English Language Learner Specialist Dina Marazzo-Capua was honored for attaining the national board certification.

B. Shining Star Award: 10 staff members were recognized for making a positive impact on the students and staff of D205. Staff members Lynda Fuller, Nora Graff, Denise Hamilton, Patti Jirout, Kat Kuziel, Jessica Larson, Effey Nassis, Kim Nissen, Ashley Skinner and Howard Studenny were presented with this honor.

After the recognitions, the public present was reduced to about 20, most of whom were presenting the Mobile Learning Implementation.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Communications:

District Improvement Plan: A Districtwide improvement plan is needed for ELL (English Language Learners) because the District has only met 3 of 4 categories required by the state. The changes in program include co-teaching among the teacher and ELL staff as well as using the ELL staff as coaches. A new curriculum development process is in place as are the new common core curriculum standards. An ESL endorsement course of study has been set up through Elmhurst College.

Mobile Learning Implementation:

New "transformational" technology:

- York – Each student will purchase a Chromebook for school use with access 24/7
 - Chromebook, case and management license – about \$300/student.
 - Chromebooks will be managed through a central management system while enrolled in D205.
 - Chromebook cost will be offset by reduction in textbook costs beginning in FY17.
- Middle Schools – Chromebooks will be available in school, but cannot be taken home.
- Elementary Schools – Devices will be piloted in K-5 classrooms.

- 0.6 FTE (full time equivalent) teacher for Technology Services Internship (TSI) class.
- Additional 0.6 FTE Instructional Technology Coach (ITC) at York to reach 2.0 ITCs total.
- Provide future-ready classroom (the new term for 1:1 computing) professional learning to grade 3-12 teachers and the English Language Arts Curriculum Development Team.

Budget:

- Technology budget for 2015-16 is \$2.75 million, PMA use \$2.8 million

- For 2016–17, the budget would be about \$900,000 over the \$2.8 million used by PMA as an estimate
- For 2017-18, the budget would be about \$700,000 over the \$2.8 million estimated by PMA.

The school board decided by consensus to move ahead with the plan as is for the upcoming year. Any expansion (seen in the next two year’s budgets) will need to be considered due to the higher amount of money needed.

Superintendent’s Agenda: The Board approved:

The Consent Agenda:

- Personnel Report
- District Improvement Plan
- Foreign Exchange Student “A” (from Denmark)
- Foreign Exchange Student “B” (from Germany)
- 2014-15 Amended Calendar – eliminating June 4 & 5 as emergency days for middle and elementary school and eliminate May 29 & June 1 from the high school as emergency days.
- IHSA (Illinois High School Association) membership renewal

Action Items:

- Donation to York High School – Elmhurst Eagles will donate \$3,000 to York football program for York coaches and players to work with Eagles football camp.

Board Communications:

A fundraiser for a child with muscular dystrophy was announced.

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

- Thursday, 4/16/15 Performance Management Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Monday, 4/20/15 Learning and Teaching Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 4/25/15 Special Closed Session Meeting – 11:00 a.m., location TBD
- Monday, 4/27/15 Special Closed Session Meeting – 5:30 p.m., location TBD