

Dist. 205 Board of Education
April 22, 2014
7:35 pm – 10:15 pm

All Board members present
Public: 3 Staff: 8 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for student discipline and employment of employee.

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

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Communications:

Superintendent Pruneau made the following announcements:

- *America's Most Challenging High Schools* list from the Washington Post placed York 22nd in the state (from 31st) and 832nd (from 1099th).
- All seven York Seniors who were named National Merit Semifinalist were confirmed as finalists. Elmhurst League member, Cheri Niewiara's son, Matthew is one of these deserving students.
- Samantha Harrell and Matthew Niewiara were both named National Motorola Solutions Scholarship winners. Both Matthew and Samantha are children of League members – Margaret Harrell and Cheri Niewiara.

A. Freedom of Information Requests: Three requests were received and granted.

B. Technology Funding FY'15: Technology Director, David Smith, gave the Board an update of the Technology Roadmap. In the District, there are 4600 computers in service, 126 interactive whiteboards and 530 iPads/iPods. There have been 6.5 tech support staff for the last 4 years. Infrastructure has been upgraded and is not expected to need additional upgrades for several years. A proposed plan to add instructional technology coaches at each middle school and the high school as well as an additional technology support staff was proposed. About \$300,000 from the technology budget and the rest from the proposed discretionary staffing funds could fund the cost of \$434,000 for 4.4 instructional coaches and 1 support technician. Some Board members stated that if discretionary funds were not put toward this, the hardware section of the technology budget should fund these additional staff.

C. Discretionary Staffing: The Board received a summary of results from about 10 different committees within the District concerning where they would rank several possible discretionary funding possibilities. This summary was not supplied to the public side of BoardDocs, so the Observer was unable to read and record all that was on this summary. Some of the committees were PTA Council, PSRP leadership, District Leadership. The top 5 possibilities were:

- Math Interventionists
- Instructional Coaches
- Reduce class size at Middle and High School
- More Psychologists
- 504 Coordinator

Most Board members agreed with this list, although Superintendent Pruneau did not think the \$400,000 set aside for this discretionary funding would support 20 math interventionist that would be needed to staff the District. There was also some question about how this amount of money

could reduce class sizes. Some on the Board said that the #7 on the list – administrative interns or TOSA (teacher on special assignment) to help Principals with all the new staff review requirements – was more of a necessity rather than discretionary. Superintendent Pruneau will investigate these 6 and come back to the Board with a recommendation of where to best use this expenditure.

D. Update on Levy, EAV, Tax Extension and Rates: EAV (equalized assessed valuation) decreased over 6% compared to the estimated 5% decrease. New construction was almost \$21 million compared to the \$22 million estimate. Overall tax extension increase was estimated at 3.24% and is actually 3.21%.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: The Board approved the 3/25/14 and 4/8/14 minutes.

Reorganization of the Board of Education: The Board elected Jim Collins as President, Shannon Ebner as Vice President, and Karen Stuefen as Secretary. The schedule of regular meetings was established.

Board Committee Appointments: The following appointments were made:

Board Improvement Committee (3) – Collins, Ebner, Stuefen

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Members (3) – Ebner, Harrell, McDonough

Finance and Operations Committee Members (3) – Blum, Bastedo, Stuefen

Performance Management Committee Members (3) – Stuefen, Blum, Ebner

Policy Committee Members (3) – McDonough, Bastedo, Harrell

LEND Representative – Stuefen

SASED Board of Directors Representative – Bastedo

IASB Delegate - Harrell

Lizzadro Museum Representative – McDonough

City/Park/School Representatives (2) – Blum, McDonough

Board Committee Reports:

Mrs. Ebner stated the following was discussed at the Curriculum and Instruction committee meeting.

- The common core standards correlated with the District's Reading Street and Everyday Math curriculums for grades 3 and 5.
- The PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers – the assessment that IL has established to be used with the Common Core Standards) assessments require 4-week testing windows. Due to lack of technology resources for administration of these tests, they will be given by paper/pencil for the 2014-15 school year in March and May.
- MAP (Northwest Evaluation Association's Measures of Academic Progress) testing is proposed for September and January to separate these tests from the PARCC.
- Both the PARCC and MP testing require computers to take these tests.
- The ELL (English Language Learners) audit was reviewed. 40 of the 51 areas are fully implemented, with 11 of the remaining areas partially implemented.
- A data warehouse would save time for the staff.
- There will be an event to update the community on PARCC & PERA on 5/19.

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

- March monthly financial reports – everything is on plan and on budget for the year. Electricity could end the fiscal year over budget due to the weather and price spike.
- This committee also discussed the additional technology staff discussed in the curriculum and instruction committee.
- EAV, tax extension and rates (see above).
- IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) contribution rates for 2015 is 11.09%, which is down from this year – 11.82%.
- Architectural drawings of potential footprint for Madison if enrollment doubled were reviewed with consideration to City of Elmhurst storm water plan. It would appear that at least part of the field that the City proposes to use for flooding would be needed for a possible addition. The City will be notified of this.
- A possible Capital or Impact fee for the new “subdivision” proposed for the old Elmhurst Hospital site was discussed. This concern will be communicated to the City.

Mr. McDonough reviewed the **Policy** committee meeting. The following policy changes were reviewed based on the IASB PRESS (Illinois Association of School Board’s Policy Reference Education Subscription Service). The following policies will be brought to the whole Board for first reading

- Policy #2:30 – School District Elections – statutory change to County authority.
- Policy #2:110 – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers – same as above.
- Policy #4:30 – Revenue and Investments – accounting change
- Policy #5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria – facebook/privacy
- Policy #5:35 – Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act - Overtime
- Policy #5:190 – Teacher Qualifications – language change
- Policy #7:140 – Search and Seizure – facebook/privacy
- Policy #7:180 – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

Review of Policy #8:25 – Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non- School Related Entities - This policy was discussed at a number of previous Policy Committee meetings. It was decided that a policy based on Glenbard School District 87 would align with D205’s desire that all materials must be student-oriented and appropriate for display in a school context, considering students age and maturity level.

Superintendent’s Agenda: The Board approved:

The Consent Agenda:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- 2014-2015 School Fees
- Dell, Apple, and Lenovo Computer Procurement and Deployment – not to exceed \$810,000.
- Cisco Network Equipment Upgrade and Expansion – not to exceed \$520,000.
- Key Government Finance Lease for Dell, Lenovo and Apple Computer Equipment and for Cisco Network Equipment – not to exceed \$1,330,000.
- Appointment of School Treasurer - Adrian Gaerlan
- Foreign Exchange Student "B" – from Brazil
- First Reading of the following policies

- Policy Manual Updates - Section 4: Board of Education
- Policy Manual Updates - Section 5: Board of Education
- Policy Manual Updates - Section 7: Board of Education
- Revised Policy #8:25 - Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities (First Reading)

Mr. McDonough removed: Policy Manual Updates - Section 2: Board of Education (First Reading) to remove policy #2:110 – Qualifications, terms and duties of Board officers. He asked the Board if they would like to have officer terms to be one or two years. The Board wanted to address this at a later date. They did vote to approve the first reading of Policy 2:30, School District Elections.

Superintendent’s Agenda – Action Items: The Board approved:

- Resolution of the Board of Education Transferring Money From the Education and Operations and Maintenance Funds to the Debt Service Fund
- Resolution of Appointment to DuPage Area Occupational Education System (DAOES) Board of Directors – Dr. Michelle Fitzgerald D205 Asst Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.
- Instructional Materials for New and Modified Courses – One of the books on this list, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie, was controversial. After a discussion with the York English Department Chair and the Board, it was decided to approve this book with the caveat that an alternative text would be supplied to any student or parent who objects to this title.
- Donation (York High School) – an experimental alternative-powered golf cart with charging canopy is being donated by parent Bob Kopach. (about \$5,500)
- Donation (Jackson) – PTA donating 2 basketball poles and new water fountains and water bottle filling stations. (about \$10,000)
- Donation (Jefferson Elementary) – Parent Kimberly Carlton procured \$600 from her company’s matching trust to be used by the Principal at her discretion.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings for the Board of Education are May 13th and May 27th each at 7:30pm at the District 205 Center. The following meetings are also scheduled for the D205 Center.

- Tues. 4/29 – Special Board of Education meeting 7:00 pm (closed session)
- Mon. 5/5 Committee of the Whole – 4:30 pm
- Wed. 5/7 Curriculum and Instruction committee meeting 7:00 pm
- Wed. 5/14 – Special Board of Education meeting 7:00 pm
- Tues. 5/20 Finance and Operations Committee meeting 6:30 pm

Action on Closed Session Items: The Board approved:

- The expulsion of York Student “G” for the rest of this school year and all of next school year.
- To notify teachers of proper groupings based on a recent change in State law.

Board Communications: Mrs. Stuefen stated that LEND (Legislative Education Network of DuPage) will be having a dinner dialog about PARCC and ACT on April 30th at Lake Park High School.