

Dist. 205 Board of Education

April 28, 2015

7:35 pm – 8:40* pm

*** The Board moved to closed session. The Observer did not wait for the Board to adjourn after closed session.**

No Blum

Public: 6 Staff: 8 Press: 0

Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 5:00 pm for the purpose of employment of employee (interviewing Superintendent candidates).

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

Public Comment: Two individuals spoke complaining about the scheduled start of school – 8/19 for elementary and middle school and 8/14 for York.

Reorganization of the Board of Education: The Board acknowledged the receipt of the certified election results and then Mr. Collins administered the oath of office to Mrs. Ebner, Mr. McDonough and Mrs. Stuefen. Although Mr. Blum was reelected, he was not present at this meeting. The Board elected Jim Collins as President, Shannon Ebner as Vice President, and Karen Stuefen as Secretary.

All existing contracts and policies were reaffirmed and the Board meetings dates from July 2015 through June 2016 were accepted.

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Requests: Three requests were received; One regarding a specific period of purchase orders (denied), one regarding specific communication and documentation and one regarding specific financial records – both granted.

B. 2015-16 EC-8 Student Fees: Both Pre-K and K fees increase by \$1.00 and the 6-8 fees increase by \$24.

C. Update on Levy, EAV (equalized assessed valuation), tax extension and rates:

EAV decreased by 0.03% compared to the estimated 2% decrease. New construction was slightly over \$33 million compared to the \$28 million estimate. Overall tax extension increase was estimated at 3.59% and is actually 3.83%. Most taxpayers (those who are not in new construction) will see an increase of 2.24%.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: The Board approved the 3/24/15, 4/8/15 and 4/14/15 minutes.

Board Committee Reports:

Mrs. Ebner stated the following was discussed at the **Learning and Teaching** committee meeting.

- The World Language study team will work to develop units and secure resources that allow students and teachers to focus on proficiency, strengthen vertical articulation, integrate Indiana University ACP standards into existing AP and 4H classes and facilitate the opportunity to achieve the Seal of Biliteracy for D205 students.
- The enhanced curriculum development process.
- Charles Sprandel, Director of Research, gave an overview of assessments.
 - The first round of PARCC tests in March were administered and went reasonably

- well.
- PERA (performance evaluation reform act) is a new way of evaluating teachers, which includes a student growth component to be implemented in the 2016-17 school year.
- The Data Warehouse project is expected to be ready for staff in the 2015-16 school year.
- A new technology called “Overdrive,” is being explored. It allows the e-book access to library-type books.

Mrs. Stuefen reviewed the **Performance Management** committee meeting. The committee discussed

- The steering committee continues to finalize job descriptions.
- Once the job descriptions are completed, a compensation study should be obtained.
- Superintendent Pruneau shared his status of the organizational framework, strategic planning and DPI (District Performance Indicators) with his cabinet. Student services and professional development will be added to the strategic plan. This update will be shared with the Board.
- A streamlining of the Superintendent evaluation form is in process.
- A superintendent transition plan and priority items were discussed based on critical timing, such as hiring a new high school principal based on the previously announced retirement.

Superintendent’s Agenda: The Board approved:

The Consent Agenda:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- 2015-2016 EC-8 School Fees
- New Instructional Materials for the High School and Middle School
- Insurance Broker/Consultant – 3 year contract with Corporate Benefits Consultants at \$47,000/year.
- Appointment of School Treasurer – Adrian Gaerlan for the 2015-16 school year
- Add OverDrive Subscription Grades 6-12 - \$14,365 to purchase digital texts.
- Thiems Instructional Grants – Total \$64,194. \$29,194 to fund software subscriptions, science, English/literacy, math, multi-disciplinary, and student services innovative educational programs and \$35,000 for three chromebook carts, one for each middle school.

Mr. McDonough pulled the following from the consent agenda: JP Morgan Chase Equipment Lease for Desktop, Laptop and Chromebook Computer – lease-purchase agreement not to exceed \$635,000 in purchase price with a \$1,999 documentation fee. Mr. McDonough asked why the Board needed to vote on this twice. Technology Director David Smith said that he will follow up with the attorneys to find out why they want this voted on twice. This motion carried.

Mr. Collins removed the following from the consent agenda: 2015-2016 School Calendar. Mr. Collins asked Superintendent Pruneau to explain the calendar start dates. The early date is to insure that High School students can finish their final tests before the winter Holiday break. The motion carried.

Action Items: The Board approved:

- Resolution of Appointment to DuPage Area Occupational Education System (DAOES) Board of Directors – Dr. Michelle Fitzgerald D205 Asst. Superintendent of Learning and Teaching.
- Donation (Edison) - \$1,817.65 for a new laminator supplied by an Edison family.
- Donation (Jefferson) - \$3,535 for a new sound system in the gym and \$2,685 for 3 water bottle refilling stations from the Jefferson PTA.
- Donation (Bryan Middle School) - \$2,000 from the World's Largest Laundromat (owner is a Bryan Parent) to the Bryan Band.

Board Communications: Superintendent Pruneau announced that the Elmhurst PTA Council received the Illinois Legislative Action Award from the Illinois PTA for their Legislative Forum held in January. He also announced that the D205 Finance Department received a Certificate of Excellence in financial reporting and accountability for the 6th year in a row. The Department also was recognized for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Mr. Collins read a letter from Barbara Rosenberg commending York Athletic Director Rob Wagner for honoring York graduate Sam Williams on the York Wall of Excellence.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings for the Board of Education are May 12th and May 26th each at 7:30pm at the District 205 Center. The following meetings are also scheduled for the D205 Center.

- Mon. 5/4/15 – Finance and Operations Committee meeting – 5:00 pm
- Mon. 5/4/15 – Special Board of Education meeting 6:00 pm (closed session at 100 S. Chop House)
- Wed. 5/6/15 – Learning and Teaching Committee meeting 7:00 pm
- Tues. 5/19/15 - Finance and Operations Committee meeting 6:30 pm

The Board voted to go into closed session for student discipline, actual/potential litigation and approval of 3/24/15, 4/8/15 and 4/14/15 minutes. Action was expected to be taken after closed session, but this Observer did not wait.

The Observer was notified the next day that under **Action on Closed Session** York student “E” was expelled for the remainder of 2014-15 and the entire 2015-16 school year.