

Dist. 205 Board of Education
May 12, 2015
7:40 pm – 9:40 pm

No Bastedo or Collins
Public: 80 Staff: 6 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for negotiations, employment of employee and two student residency issues.

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

Reorganization of the Board of Education: The oath of office was administered to newly re-elected Board member Chris Blum, who was absent at the previous meeting.

Student Recognition:

- The Board acknowledged the accomplishments of 24 York students who participated in the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Competition. The interior design team of Deisy Cano and Caily Schwartz have qualified to compete at the national competition in Washington, D.C. in July.
- The Board acknowledged the accomplishments of the Junior Achievement Titan Competition in business education. A team of three York students earned first place and a team of 4 York students earned second place.
- Six additional York students were recognized as winners of SkillsUSA State Competition. First place winners Stephanie Cui and Leah Young will be competing at the national competition this June in Louisville, Kentucky.

After the presentations, about 10 people remained in the audience.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Summary from the National School Foundation Association National Conference: D205 Foundation Executive Director, Lisa Fanelli, reported on the recent conference, which was held in Chicago. Hundreds of Foundation board members, executive directors and school board members attended. There were 3 themes: fundraising, college and career readiness and innovation and technology. Key is to be collaborative with administration, school board and staff.

B. Corporate Benefit Consultants, Inc. Insurance Renewal Presentation: Rhonda Sanders, Senior Consultant for Corporate Benefit Consultants, who gave a presentation on the proposed 2015-'16 school year fees.

- The Blue Cross Blue Shield IL self funded PPO plan renewal will increase by 18.84%.
- The Blue Cross Blue Shield self funded HSA plan renewal will see no increase.
 - Deductibles will be increases to \$2,600 (single); \$5,200 (family) due to IRS changes.
- The Blue Cross Blue Shield IL self funded HMO plan renewal will increase by 0.78%.
- The Blue Cross Blue Shield IL self funded Dental plan renewal will see no increase.

Looking ahead, CBC will continue to educate the membership about moving to a high deductible health plan or to the health savings account. They will keep all aware of the Cadillac Tax of 2018 and any ongoing changes and modifications of the affordable care act. Currently, the employees have voted to keep the PPO with a \$400 deductible and support an 18.84% (see above) increase.

This level of deduction will have D205 hitting the Cadillac tax threshold in 2017. No tax will be charged until 2018, but at that time, the tax required would be \$596,000. This can be charged back to the employees. A higher deductible would result in a smaller amount of taxes.

C. Chromebook Acquisition at York High School:

The cost for families will be \$300 for Chromebook for the 1st year. Families with 3 or more students at York will pay \$250/student (in year 1). This included the Chromebook, management license, protective case, sales tax, processing, administration and support.

Financial assistance will be available to those families who qualify. (Historically, this is 6% of students.) A monthly payment plan of 5 payments due September through January will be available. Junior and Senior students will have a buy-back option, which would apply to the Chromebook and case only (\$255). For the Chromebook, case, and cord in good condition, students will receive 75% (or \$191) in year one and 50% (or \$128) in year two. Amount would be decreased if it was less than good condition. Damaged, defaced, or not operational would receive nothing.

Loss, theft and other damage to Chromebooks are the responsibility of parents and students. D205 will repair for the cost of parts only, plus tax (no labor, no markup). Loaners will be provided to students whose Chromebooks are in repair. Loaners are not provided to students who neglect to bring a fully-charged Chromebook to school. D205 will not offer insurance against damage, theft, flood, etc. Third party insurance is available, but may require an approved repair facility.

Parent information sessions have started and will continue. An FAQ page is being developed for the D205 website.

D. 2015-16 High School Student Fees: The AP Biology Class Fee will increase by \$15, the cap and gown fee will increase by \$1, and, as noted above, the cost for a Chromebook will add \$300. The increase in the AP Biology is due to an online supplement “AP Insight.”

Superintendent’s Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- FY16 Lunch and Breakfast Fees – Lunch fees: Grades 1-8 will increase from \$2.90 to \$2.95, High School from \$3.35 to \$3.40. Breakfast fees: Grades 1-8 from \$1.80 to \$1.85, High School from \$2.55 to \$2.60.
- 2015-2016 High School Fees – see above
- Health and Dental Insurance Renewal – see above
- High School Chromebook, Case and Professional Services Purchase – see above
- Middle School Chromebook Cart and Case Purchase – Second vote for this expenditure
- Cisco Network Equipment Purchase - \$64,000 to CDW-G for a second firewall, a high-availability wireless controller, 43 additional WI-FI access points

Mr. McDonough removed:

- School Nurse Contract 2015-2016 – Staffing levels remain the same. Contract with Elmhurst Memorial Hospital has a salary incentive of 3% increase.

Mr. McDonough asked if this required a bid or should it be bid. Since neither Superintendent Pruneau nor Assistant Superintendent Whelton were available to answer the question, Mr. McDonough will follow up with one of them. The motion carried.

Action on Closed Session: The Board voted unanimously to:

- Dis-enroll Student C on 5/19 and Student D on 5/28 and charge the family \$24,270, since the family has not resided in D205 for at least this entire school year.
- To adopt the resolution on the homeless children. D205 was not an appropriate District for the homeless children but the Board agreed to allow dis-enrollment the last day of this school year.

Board Communications: Mr. McDonough received the rewritten intergovernmental agreement about stormwater from the D205 attorneys. He has not reviewed it yet, but if it includes all the changes that were requested, it will be sent to the City next week.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday May 26th at 7:30 pm, held on the second floor of the D205 Administration Center as well as committee meetings:

- Tuesday, May 19, 2015, Finance & Operations Committee meeting, 6:30 pm,
- Wednesday, June 3, 2015 – Learning & Teaching Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m (This meeting will have to be rescheduled because it is the same night as Bryan's graduation.)

Observer Comment:

The ongoing search for Superintendent continues. Although this observer was invited to interview possible candidates, after 4 scheduled days/times, with 3 being cancelled, I am unable to attend the final (apparently) date/time chosen.