

Dist. 205 Board of Education
May 13, 2014
7:40 pm – 10:00 pm

All Board members present
Public: 80 Staff: 8 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:30 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.

Student Recognition:

- The Board acknowledged the accomplishments of York Industrial Arts students at the SkillsUSA Competition. Jake Pulver, League member Maria Hirsch's son, was one of these honorees. Jake placed 3rd in state for technical drafting.
- The Board acknowledged the accomplishments of over 20 Family and Consumer Sciences students in the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Students that participated in the State Competition in many different categories. Three students will be competing at the National level in July.

After the presentations, about 20 people remained in the audience.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Corporate Benefit Consultants, Inc. Insurance Renewal Presentation: Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Chris Whelton, introduced Rhonda Sanders, Senior Consultant for Corporate Benefit Consultants, who gave a presentation on the proposed 2014-'15 school year fees.

- For the first time since 2009, the PPO plan cost will increase by 7.95%. The plan will remain grandfathered in 2014.
- The High Deductible Health Plan with the Health Savings Account plan will not experience a rate change in 2014. There are very few enrollees in the plan.
- Both HMOI (HMO Illinois) and BAHMO (Blue Advantage HMO) plan cost will increase by 4.41%.
- There will be no rate change to the dental plan for 2014.

For the year 2014-2015, the District will pay slightly more that \$100,000 in taxes to go toward the affordable care act.

Looking ahead, CBC will continue to educate the membership about the High Deductible Health Plan with the health savings account. They will keep all aware of the Cadillac Tax of 2018, the Employer Play or Pay, and any ongoing changes and modifications of the affordable care act.

B. Discretionary Capital Projects:

The School Board had asked the administration to come up with a list of one-time expenses that would enhance the District that would not exceed \$500,000. The following list was presented to the Board.

- Video Surveillance \$60,000
- York Safety Vestibule \$30,000
- Card access readers at Emerson and Field \$5,000
- Window Air Conditioners for Madison, Jackson, Jefferson and Lincoln - \$25,000
- Madison Early Childhood Playground – to make it ISBE (IL State Board of Ed) and ADA

(Americans w/Disabilities Act) compliant - \$140,000

- Library Media Services – reinstate purchasing of non-fiction literature in the D205 libraries - \$60,000.

The Board discusses the list for quite some time, with Board member Blum suggesting that the first three be compared to the list of \$21 million worth of Capital needs to see if these three still rose to the top of the list. Board members Bastedo and Harrell said that since the Board had asked the administration for a list and this is what was delivered, it should be approved without reservations. President Collins suggested that PTAs should be approached to help pay for the window air conditioners – possible a 50/50 ratio with the District. He also thought that the PTA be approached about the Madison Early Childhood playground. This PTA has already donated \$25,000 toward this endeavor.

After lots of discussion, the Board chose to approve all except the Madison playground. The location of the playground may need to be moved in the not too distance future, so this project will be researched further.

C. PARCC Symposium Recap: (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career)

Last week, there was an all-day symposium on the assessment used for the core curriculum standards. There were many different individuals present including school counselors and university/college representatives. The major concerns expressed were:

- Over-testing – more assessments, less teaching
- University/College officials stated that using the PARCC for admissions was years away.
- Motivating students to do their best on this test was difficult.

There is a possibility that the state standardized testing will be PARCC from grade 3 through grade 9 and the ACT in grade 11. This change will need to be approved by the US Department of Education in relationship to the No Child Left Behind Act waiver. Besides this possibility, since the state had received the NCLB waiver, there will no longer be :

- School of choice - although those who chose a different school than their neighborhood one can remain but they will not receive free transportation.
- 20% of D205's Title 1 funds will not be used for transportation to the school of choice.
- 20% of Title 1 funds will not be used for educational assistance.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- FY15 Lunch Fees
 - **Lunch Fees**
 - Elementary increase from \$2.85 to \$2.90
 - Middle School increase from \$2.85 to \$2.90
 - High School increase from \$3.30 to \$3.35
 - **Milk Fee**
 - All school levels from \$.40 to \$.45 per carton
- Health and Dental Insurance Renewal – per the earlier discussion.
- Parameters for Accepting Request for Proposal #14-23 Supply of Electricity for Elmhurst CUSD 205, Elmhurst IL - for D205 to be able to enter into a contract for electric at the appropriate time.
- Bid #14-18 – Flooring - \$22,815 for Johnson Floor Company for flooring at Madison.
- Bid #14-19 – Electrical - \$80,645 to J. Hamilton Electric for work throughout the District.

Superintendent's Agenda – Action Items

- Donation (York) – To offset the fundraising needed from the J. Kyle Braid scholars (\$6,000) to travel to the leadership program in Colorado, Thing 1-2-3 Foundation donated \$1500 and Elmhurst Eagles donated \$750 to the program.
- Donation (Jackson) – Jackson PTA will donate \$850 to install hand dryers in the rest rooms.
- Donation (Jefferson) - \$1630 rec'd from the Jefferson Dad's club will be combined with \$1220 of D205 funds to install a sign identifying the school.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday May 27th at 7:30 pm, held on the second floor of the D205 Administration Center as well as committee meetings:

- Wednesday, May 14, 2014, Special Board of Education meeting, 6:30 pm, CLOSED SESSION, room 112.
- Tuesday, May 20, 2014 - Finance and Operations Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 4, 2014 – Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m
- Tuesday, June 10, 2014 – Special Board of Education Meeting - CLOSED SESSION
- Thursday, June 12, 2014 – Special Board of Education Meeting - CLOSED SESSION

Action on Closed Session: The Board voted unanimously to suspend Student “H” for five days.

Board Communications: None.