

Dist. 205 Board of Education
May 26, 2015
7:35 pm – 9:15 pm

Collins arrived 8:20 pm
Public: 40 Staff: 9 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for student residency, employment of employee, negotiations and approval of closed session minutes of 4/25/15, 4/27/15, 4/28/15, 5/5/15, 5/12/15 and 5/20/15.

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

Student Recognition:

- A. York Girl's Badminton Team – York High School 2015 Graduates Emily and Hannah Spoolstra were named conference sectional champions and scored as runners-up in the State Badminton Doubles.
- B. York Stock Market Game Winners – York High School students, Timothy Delaney, David Knurek and Ervin Prophete finished in first place statewide, using a virtual cash account of \$100,000 and earning \$121,117, beating the S & P 500 by more than 20%.
- C. Bryan Science Olympiad Winners - The Bryan team, made up of 15 varsity and 4 junior varsity members competed in 23 various events. William Phillips and Justin Zellinger earned 2nd place overall in the bottle rocket competition.
- D. IHSA Senior Gymnast of the Year – York 2015 graduate Samuele Bode was selected by the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association to receive the outstanding Illinois Senior Gymnast at the IHSA meet awards ceremony.
- E. Shining Star Recognition - 8 staff members were recognized for making a positive impact on the students and staff of D205. Staff members Kelly Frederick, Kristen Gates, Kim Lambert-Haak, Liz Marcellus, Todd Mooney, Rocco Motto, Thimi Trebicka and Leah Werab were presented with this honor.

After the presentations, 4 people remained in the audience.

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Requests: One request regarding expenses was received and granted.

B. Two-Year Strategic Plan: Strategic Plan for 2015-16 & 2016-17:

- Communications for both years revolves around the Community Engagement Project.
- Finance and Operations:
 - Facilities needs will be based on demographic study and community engagement.
 - Transportation plans include a new transportation company and improvement for efficiency with transportation.
 - Budget strategies will be to monitor state funding and pension reform.
- Human Resources:
 - PERA (Performance Evaluation Reform Act) move to a pilot evaluation form in '15-'16 and implementation in 2016-17 after a joint agreement (between teachers and admin).
 - Collective Bargaining will focus on formal negotiations with custodial union in '15-'16 and PSRP (Paraprofessional & school related personnel) in '16-'17.
- Learning and Teaching

- Curriculum development – Elementary writing beginning and English Language Arts curriculum development in '15-'16 and math in '16-'17.
- ID student growth for PERA.
- Data upload and deployment in data warehouse.
- ID college readiness measures for HS and pilot new college readiness measures.
- 1:1 Chromebook deployment in grades 6-12. Pilot device in K-5. Professional development for teachers.
- Student Services
 - Work in collaboration with L&T for special ed resources in curriculum development and assessment.
 - ID Psychologists' role in supporting building deployment of data warehouse info.

A more detailed plan than my outline above, will be posted on the district's website.

C. Student Placement Process:

Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching, Michelle Fitzgerald, spoke about placement in the REACH program. Currently the REACH program starts in 3rd grade and students are identified through some achievement tests and teacher recommendation. About 20- 23% of the District's students are identified as "gifted." Starting next year, 2nd, 5th and 7th graders will start taking tests identifying cognitive ability. In the 2016-17 school year, the District will move toward a 5% "gifted" program, which reflects national numbers. Identification (using the results of the cognitive tests) will start in March, before Spring Break, to allow for parent appeal before May.

At the High School level, students are identified by:

- 8th grade grades
- learning approach/characteristics
- EXPLORE test
- District placement tests

The Board expressed concern about the lack of a parent impact factor in the rubric and also that the reduction of the population of the gifted program will remove the "rigor" in the curriculum which some good students (not necessarily gifted) are currently receiving from the REACH and the honors/AP programs. A committee will be talking with parents about what "gifted" means and the parent role. This committee will also take the Board's concerns in mind.

The Board accepted the minutes for the 4/25/15, 4/27/15, 4/28/15, 5/5/15, 5/12/15, and 5/20/15 Board meetings as presented.

Board Committee Appointments: The following appointments were made: (All remain the same as last year.)

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

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

Learning and Teaching Committee Members (3) – Ebner, Chair, Harrell, McDonough

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

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

LEND Representative – Stuefen **City/Park/School Representatives (2)** – Blum, McDonough

SASED Board of Directors Representative – Bastedo **IASB Delegate** - Harrell

Lizzadro Museum Representative – McDonough

Board Committee Reports:

A. Mr. Blum reviewed the **Finance and Operations Committee** meetings. The May 4th meeting

was specifically about the chromebooks for York. All these questions and answers were previously answered in the last school board meeting (5/12/15).

At the 5/18 meeting:

- The March and April financials are on plan and on budget. The state has made their 3 mandated quarterly payments that were budgeted.
- A meeting with the rental group users of York will be held probably on July 16th, with July 13th as an alternate date.
- The current fund balance policy (which is 26% of budgeted expenditures for the operating fund) may be too low per Assistant Superintendent for finance and operations, Chris Whelton. Sample policies from other districts were requested by the committee.
- Final transportation report from consultant – D 205 should use route software from the bus company and all buses should have GPS. Also discussed the “tier” system and how the bell times relate to the tiers.

Superintendent’s Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report (Including a new Assistant Principal for Bryan – Jason Crockett.)
- Financial Report

Superintendent’s Agenda – Action Items The Board approved:

- Resolution to Transfer Money from the Education and Operations and Maintenance Funds to the Debt Service Fund – per Illinois Program Accounting Manual.
- Resolution Directing the School Treasurer to Transfer Funds From the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund – per Illinois Program Accounting Manual – transfer \$1.4 million from the O & M fund to the capital projects fund for summer 2015 projects. (The projects include tuckpointing at Bryan, Jefferson, and Madison, a roof at Hawthorne, a building automation system at York, a chiller at Hawthorne, and several smaller projects at various school buildings.)
- Resolution Ascertaining Prevailing Wages
- Donation (Churchville Middle School) - \$1,908 from the PTA for 2 water bottle refilling stations.
- Donation (Edison Elementary School) – \$8300 from the PTA and \$2500 from Kick Off for Kids to renovate the Outdoor Garden.

Action on Closed Session Item: The Board approved the resolution regarding the homeless.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday June 23rd at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Thurs., May 28, Special Board of Education meeting, 6:00 pm. Closed Session
- Wed., June 10, Learning and Teaching Committee meeting, 7:00 pm.

Board Communications: Mrs. Ebner asked the Board to think about a date for a summer retreat. They are looking at a date in July.