

Dist. 205 Board of Education
May 27, 2014
7:37 pm – 10:15 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 50 Staff: 6 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee and approval of closed session minutes of 3/25/14, 4/8/14, 4/22/14, 5/13/14, and 5/14/14.

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

Student Recognition:

The Board acknowledged the accomplishments of the Science Olympiad Team from Bryan Middle School and York High School. The Bryan team finished first in Division B at the State level and earned medals by finishing 3 teams in first place, 3 teams in second place, one team in third place, 2 teams in fourth place and 3 fifth place teams. The York team finished in 22nd place at the state level.

After the presentations, 3 people remained in the audience.

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Requests: Five requests were received and granted: One for payments made to a past Board member, one for minutes to a specific Board meeting, one for union dues information and two for specific bid information.

B. Demographer Report: Jerome McKibben of Cropper GIS reported on his demographic study. He stated that the changes in year-to-year total enrollment (particularly until 2021) will primarily be due to the size of the cohorts entering the school system (grades K and 1) in relation to the size of the cohorts leaving the system (grade 12). The District enrollment would decrease if not for "in migration." The District has seen 800 home sales and 100 new constructions within the past year. Most of those moving out were 70+ years old and younger, non-Elmhurst families have moved in. He is assuming this trend will continue.

Total enrollment is forecasted to increase by 255 students, or 3.0%, between 2013-14 and 2018-19. Total enrollment will grow by an additional 78 students, or 0.9%, from 2018-19 to 2023-24.

The Board asked several questions, one concerning the fact that the study used the current enrollment for Madison Early Childhood Center as the enrollment for each of the following 10 years. Dr. McKibben's answer was that this enrollment was NOT demographically controlled. Dr. McKibben also stated repeatedly that D205 needs "in migration" to stay consistent with enrollment.

C. Discretionary Staffing: Superintendent Pruneau asked the Board to approve use of some of the discretionary staffing amount:

- Technology coaches – part of this would be paid from the technology budget and part from this discretionary account.
- Reducing class size in core curriculum areas in the middle schools and at York. This would put a maximum of 35 students in these classes at the high school and 33 students at the

middle schools. The administration has said that it would take about 2 fte (full time equivalents) at the middle schools and 1-2 fte at York. The Board gave this expenditure “7 thumbs up.”

The Board accepted the minutes for the 4/22/14, 5/13/14, and 5/24/14 Board meetings as presented.

Board Committee Reports:

A. A report on the **Board Improvement Committee** was given. A committee of the whole met with Unicom ARC to learn about a process to engage the community. The hoped-for outcome would increase unity among the board and stakeholders, commit volunteers and move forward with public support.

B. Mrs. Ebner reported on the **Curriculum and Finance Committee**. Dr. Johns and technology Director David Smith discussed PARCC (Partnership for Assessing Readiness for College and Career) testing on computers, which would be required if D205 is not allowed to take the test using paper and pencil. Technologically, it would be challenging. A paper and pencil version of the test will cost about \$10/student more than taking the test by computer. Mr. Smith told the committee that there was a group ensuring that the transition to Google Apps for Education was smooth. Dr. Johns gave the committee a draft job description for the Instructional Technology Coach position. A data warehouse and reporting system RFP was posted on May 2nd. The recommendation for the data warehouse is expected to be brought to the Board at its June meeting. If approved, D205’s warehouse will be opened to all staff before the 2015-16 school year.

C. Mr. Blum reviewed the **Finance and Operations Committee** meeting. The April financials are on plan and on budget. The state is current on their payments to the district. The demographer gave a high level review to the committee. The full report was presented earlier in the evening.

Mr. Blum had prepared a few slides concerning “impact fees” with regard to the new subdivision to be built on the old Elmhurst Hospital campus. There are two different types of impact fees.

- The first is a transition/lag fee, for which the City of Elmhurst current has an ordinance for \$6,500/home. This fee should reimburse the district for the taxes that the district does not receive. Mr. Blum figures show that the school district does not receive taxes from new construction for a year. Since the cost to educate one student in D205 is \$12,500, the impact fee ordinance supplies about half of what the District should be getting.
- The second would be considered an impact/capital/facility fees, which is designed to compensate for the cost of the space new students would occupy. Using an average of One student/home and 56 homes and 120 ft²/student and estimated building costs of \$25/ft², the total cost would be \$1,680,000.

The Board had a discussion about this information. It was stated that the City is the taxing body that would be making any ordinances. The District is passing this information onto the City. It was also said the Nitti (the developers of the area) attorney had contacted the District attorney to negotiate the payment. Some Board members questioned this contact, but were told that the district attorney reported the call and did not participate in any negotiation.

Superintendent’s Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Purchase Dell Chromebooks, Chrome Management Licenses, and Carts (Approximately 600

additional chromebooks will be available in the high school and middle schools. \$25,500 will be expended to facilitate this.)

- Konica Minolta K-8 Lab/Library Printer Purchase and Maintenance Contract (13 printers, not to exceed \$20,000 including maintenance contract.)
- Illinois High School Association Membership Renewal

The following policies were approved at the 4/22/14 meeting as a first reading:

- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 2: Board of Education (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 4: Operational Services (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 5: Personnel (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Update - Section 7: Students (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Revised Policy #8:25 - Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities (Second Reading and Adoption)

Superintendent's Agenda – Action Items The Board approved:

- Resolution Ascertainning Prevailing Wages
- Donation - Bryan Middle School (\$20,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Phupinder Gill, appreciative parents of an outgoing 8th grader. Once approved, the Principal will convene a committee to decide its use based on the Gill recommendation of “materials and student assistance.”)
- Donation – Jackson (\$2500 from the PTA to buy materials to display student writings.)

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday June 17th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Tues., June 10, Special Board of Education meeting. Closed Session
- Wed. June 11, Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting at 7:00 pm
- Thurs., June 12, Special Board of Education meeting. Closed Session
- Thurs., June 24, Finance and Operations Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

Board Communications: None