

Dist. 205 Board of Education
May 29, 2013
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm

No Collins
Public: 100 Staff: 8 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee, contract negotiations and approval of closed session minutes of 4/23/13, 4/29/13, 5/14/13, and 5/21/13. Vice President Ebner called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Student Recognition:

The Board acknowledged the accomplishments of the York music department with the York High School Chair, Bill Riddle and 5 students from different areas of the department giving a brief explanation of what their involvement in the department has done for them.

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

Public Comment: Eight individuals spoke of their unhappiness with the newest moves of personnel at Conrad Fischer elementary school concerning the ELL (English Language Learners) program at the school. It was stated by several that they are unhappy with the state's requirement that students that speak Spanish at home must be taught by bilingual teachers, that teach the child in their native language. These regulations segregate the students, creating racial tensions and bullying. The Superintendent told the Board that these changes were needed to comply with state law.

Two men spoke of buying their dream homes on Washington. Both their homes have been severely flooded three times over the last 3 years. They encourage the Board to consider the City's flood plan.

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Requests: Two requests were received and granted: One for a list of current full time employees, another for information regarding scheduled work at schools during the summer.

B. City Flood Plan: The Superintendent reviewed the City's plan to use D205 property to store rainwater during extreme rainstorms at Bryan Middle School, Jackson Elementary School and Madison Early Childhood School. Ms. Ebner asked the Board to share all their questions about this concept. Superintendent Pruneau stated that the administration has many questions about this concept as well. All Board members had many question. Many concerned safety (Will the areas be fenced? Who will be in charge of locking the gate? Will D205 have to do enhanced mosquito abatement?). Questions were asked about what if D205 needed to expand (build) in these areas? What agency would be responsible to clean up after an event? Mr. Blum asked the question; By whom and how will this be paid? All these questions will be forwarded to the City, who will have representatives at the next School Board meeting (6/11).

C. FY'14 Budget: The Board improvement Committee has been working on a financial slide presentation for community presentations.

The Board accepted the minutes for the 4/29/13, 4/30/13, 5/14/13, and 5/21/13 Board meetings as presented.

Board Committee Reports:

A. A report on the **Board Improvement Committee** was given. The committee reviewed a draft of a budget presentation to be used for presentation to the public. Mr. Collins is taking the lead on this. The advertising policy was discussed again. The District Leadership Team gave input to the questions from the recent survey that was conducted. The Board improvement "Meet the Board" was delayed from June to August. Retreat planning was in process.

B. Mr. Blum reviewed the **Finance and Operations** committee meeting. The committee discussed an \$8 million unfunded mandate for IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund). The Superintendent updated the committee concerning an upcoming facility users meeting. He updated the committee on the City of Elmhurst's flood plan and the possible reorganization of the facilities department using a regionalizing approach.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Instructional Materials for New and Modified Courses at York – Instructional materials for 14 different York courses.
- Purchase, Installation and Disposal of Uninterruptible Power Supply Equipment – Tripplite uninterruptible power supply (not to exceed \$65,000)
- Purchase of Cisco Prime Network Management Software and Wireless Deployment Services - Cisco network management software and wireless deployment services (\$55,000).
- Purchase of Cisco SMARTnet Warranty Service (not to exceed \$216,000 for three years).
- Donation (Jefferson) – another SmartBoard (\$2200).
- Donation (Jackson) – 17 iPads, 17 Otterbox cases, 1 charging cart, iMacBook Pro (\$11,400).
- Donation (York) – Spencer Roofing to replace baseball field press box roof (\$1,700) and Chicago Record Mngmnt to supply a sliding window (\$330).
- Donation (Field) – Two basketball backboards (\$3500).
- Donation (Field) – Outdoor classroom \$3526).
- Revised Policy #5:120 - Ethics (First Reading) – To allow D205 employees to tutor students for compensation as long as there is no direct conflict.

Superintendent's Agenda – Action Items The Board approved:

- Resolution Ascertainning Prevailing Wages.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday June 11th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Tues., June 4 Performance Management Committee meeting at 7:00 pm
- Wed. June 5, Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Thurs., June 13, Special Board of Education meeting. Time TBD
- Tues., June 18, Finance and Operations Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Wed., June 19, Special Board of Education meeting. Time TBD.
- Tues., June 25, Policy Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm

Action on Closed Session: The Board voted unanimously to hire Gina Pogue Reeder as the new Principal at Churchville Middle School.