

Dist. 205 Board of Education
June 17, 2014
7:30 pm – 8:35 pm

All Present
Public: 30 Staff: 6 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee, contract negotiations, closed session minutes discussion/review and approval of closed session minutes of 5/27/14 & 6/10/14.

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

Student Recognition: The Board recognized the York Boys Track Team who won the State title. They also recognized the Illinois Distributive Education Clubs of America York students where 3 of the 8 students who participated in the State Conference placed 3rd and 4th in the National competition.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Requests: Both of the requests were granted: one for bid information and one regarding payments made to a past Board member.

B. Futures and Innovation Committee Final Report: Superintendent Pruneau reported that 17 members of this committee met most of the school year and discussed many of the ideas listed below.

- Project Based Learning that is technologically enabled.
 - o Curriculum and learning is based on real world themes
- Senior Year Project for Graduation/ Community Based
 - o Before graduation, seniors submit a project that address a need in the community
- Inclusion of Math and Learning Specialists
 - o Teachers as mentors and coaches in content areas
- Linking Class Size to Content Study
 - o Class size dependent on the content and requirement of the course
- Year Round School
 - o 45 day instruction/15 day noninstructional model
- Professional Learning Staff Development Model
- Curriculum Development that is Vertically Articulated and Mapped by Grade level and Department
- Half Day Four Year Old Preschool Program
 - o Developmentally appropriate preschool experience linked to the Kindergarten curriculum
- Full Day Kindergarten
 - o For all students and a specific program for at risk students
- Dual Language Program
 - o Language immersion program for two languages
- Increase Instructional and Professional Development Days
 - o Address continuing mandates and professional development needs
- Peer Coaching
 - o Teachers released part time to serve as coaches and mentors

- Data Warehouse
 - o Students' metrics assist in driving instruction
- Reconfigured Middle School
 - o Review current configuration and elective class models
- Restructured High School
 - o Career Pathway or Project Based Configuration
- Dual College Credit for High School Classes
 - o Create partnerships with higher education institutions to allow college classes to be offered at the high school level.

When ranking these ideas, the top three were:

1. Inclusion of math and learning specialist.
2. Full day kindergarten.
3. Curriculum development that is vertically articulated and mapped by grade level and department.

The Board accepted the minutes for the 5/27/14 & 6/10/14 Board meetings as presented.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Data Warehouse – Decision Ed Group, \$234,360 initial year with annual costs of \$46,872.
- Bid #14-22 – Painting – Districtwide - Nedrow decorating - \$30,974
- Bid #14-24 - Wheelchair Passenger Van – Mibility Works - \$36,216.
- Konica Minolta K-8 Lab/Library Printer Purchase and Maintenance Contract – 15 printers - \$23,000.
- Open Designated Closed Session Minutes and Keep All Other Closed Session Minutes Closed
- Authorize Destruction of Verbatim Recordings of Closed Session Minutes

Superintendent's Agenda – Action Items The Board approved:

- Resolution Approving Bank Depositories (Bank of America, Bank of New York Mellon, Community Bank of Elmhurst, Fifth Third Bank, Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund, and PMA Financial Network, Inc.) Suburban Bank and Trust Company, US Bank (The Illinois Funds).
- York Student Enrichment Team Grants - \$25,000
- Donation – Emerson School – from the PTA for \$1707 for a color printer
- Donation – Emerson School – from Sally Cioni, retiring music teacher – a $\frac{3}{4}$ Bass, a bass bow and a cello bow - \$1400.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday July 15th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Tues., July 24, Finance and Operations Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm.

Action on Closed Session: The Board voted unanimously for the non-union salary recommendations and the memo of agreement between the District and the Paraprofessional (PSRP) Union.

Board Communications: Board President Jim Collins stated that the City has come up with a new impact fee that could be characterized as a “land/cash fee” when a developer who builds more than two houses on a site, gives the school district property on which to build a school. In this instance, money would be given in lieu of land. The city determined that the developer would be required to give the district \$8400 per house. This money could be used in the district’s capital budget, but not in the operating budget.

Mr. McDonough stated that while he is grateful to the City, the process has shown that an increase in communications is needed and he volunteers to participate in the School, City, Park Committee.

Superintendent Pruneau thanked Assistant Superintendents Charles Johns and Brad Hillman (their last Board meetings before moving on to other districts) and Meg Schnoor (who has already moved onto her new district) for their support of his position over the last 3 years.