

Dist. 205 Board of Education
June 23, 2015
7:30 pm – 9:10 pm

All Present
Public: 30 Staff: 7 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

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

President Collins spoke about Board recorder, Ellen Walsh, who has been taking minutes for the Board for the last 22 years. She has been the administrative assistant for the Learning and Teaching Department for the last 23 years. Ellen is retiring next week.

Mr. Collins also presented retiring Superintendent Pruneau with a plaque in recognition of his service as leader of D205.

Staff Recognition: Shining Star Recognition - 4 staff members were recognized for making a positive impact on the students and staff of D205. Staff members Pam Berger, Marina Haugan, Mary Kragel and Tina Motto were presented with this honor.

Approximately 7 people remained after the recognition.

Public Comment: One parent complained about the cost of \$300 for a Chromebook for one year, since her youngest child is a senior. Two other citizen asked that the schools, city, and park “play nice” when discussing the flooding issues. Both encouraged the Board to attend the open meeting with the city on July 9th.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Requests: One request for custodial/maintenance contract was granted. A second request for specific test results was partially granted and partially denied.

B. York Chromebook Alternate Payment Plan for Juniors/Seniors: Mr. Pruneau presented a possible option for juniors and seniors to purchase the Chromebook for a discounted price with a return of the Chromebook at the end of the school term. The plan involves:

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Std Pay</u>	<u>Alternate senior</u>	<u>Alternate junior</u>
2015-16	\$300	\$109	\$109
damage deposit	--	\$60	\$60
2016-17	--	--	\$63
rtn deposit	--	- \$60	- \$60
Total	\$300	\$109	\$172

Keep chromebook. Must return chromebook in good condition.

The Board accepted this for York to notify parents of this option.

The Board accepted the minutes for the 4/28/15, 5/4/15, 5/14/15, 5/26/15 & 6/3/15 Board meetings as presented.

Board Committee Reports:

Mr. Blum reported on the **Finance and Operations Committee** meeting.

- May 2015 - The operations and maintenance fund and the transportation fund ended the month with a negative fund balance. The June tax distribution has been received.
- Chromebook purchase option. (See above).

Mrs. Ebner stated the following was discussed at the **Learning and Teaching** committee meeting.

- K-5 writing workshops were explained. The teacher presents a mini-lesson and students spend most of the time writing and collaborating with other students. 4 teachers piloted the program. Professional development is underway to expand the writing program to more classrooms.
- Dave Beedy, K-12 STEM Coordinator provided an update. The REACH Math Curriculum in grades 3-8 has been vertically articulated. The next ones to be articulated are:
 - K-12 Math
 - K-12 English Language
 - K-12 Science
- The importance of computer programming experience and connecting students w\to tech jobs in the Elmhurst area was discussed.
- York High School requested a change in the following textbooks:
 - Constitutional Law
 - College Physics
 - Speech 101 (new communications class through the advanced college project (ACP).

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Facility Rental Usage Agreement for 2015-2016 School Year (An increase of 1.5%, in line with the increase in the CPI.)
- Recycle and Remarket Surplus Technology Equipment (for surplus technology)
- Bid #15-15 - Xerographic Paper (for \$103,749.50 from Unisource)
- Authorize Destruction of Verbatim Recordings of Closed Session Minutes

Superintendent's Agenda – Action Items The Board approved:

- Resolution Approving Bank Depositories
- Amendments to the School Association for Special Education in DuPage (SASED) Articles of Agreement (language clarifies that SASED will return to a withdrawing member any unspent IDEA funds that were generated by students in their district.)
- Donation (Jackson) – From the PTA to purchase a new school sign not to exceed \$4,000.
- Donation (York High School) – Elmhurst Airborne has donated \$1,070 to York's boys basketball program. Combined with York funds, this will be used to buy new uniforms for the boys' basketball team. Elmhurst Airborne will also donate a new score table to the York Athletic Program. It is worth \$12,000.
- Donation (Field) – From the PTA. \$1,908 to purchase 2 water bottle refilling stations.
- Donation (Emerson) – From the PTA. \$954 for a water bottle refilling station.
- Donation (Hawthorne) – From the PTA. \$1,499.50 to purchase 50 atomic clocks.

Board Communications: Mrs. Bastedo asked for an update on stormwater. Mr. Collins stated that the Mayor had sent an email to him requesting the Board reps meet in open meetings every two

weeks, starting July 9th. Mr. McDonough said that he was under the impression that the next meeting was June 29th, but that may not be the case. The school board sent the City a draft of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) on May 22nd. Mr. McDonough said some of the issues the City has asked about are:

- The IGA said the project would start within a year, but the City is asking for it to change to 4 years. Board members are questioning why.
- The IGA says that the project may be terminated by a majority vote of the school board. The City is asking for a *reason* for termination be included.
- Other issues, apparently to be discussed at the open meeting on July 9th.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday July 21st at 7:00 p, which will be after a reception for new Superintendent Moyer from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm m at the York Commons.

Mr. Pruneau thanked the Board for their commitment to the students of Elmhurst and also thanked his cabinet for their support over the last 4 years.

The Board moved to go into Closed Session for employment of employee, negotiations and review/discussion on closed session minutes. Observer left. The next day, the following information was received.

Action on Closed Session:

Employment of Employee, salary recommendation: 1.5% raises (equivalent to the CPI) were approved for non-affiliate employees.

Closed Session Minutes Review: Many closed sessions minutes were released for public inspection and others were held from release.