

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**July 15, 2014**  
**7:35 pm – 8:20 pm**

**No Blum, Harrell, Stuefen**  
**Public: 20 Staff: 9 Press: 0**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee, negotiations and approval of closed session minutes of 6/17/14

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

**President's Message:** President Collins stated that several members of the community have signed up to speak during public comment on the issue of flooding. Since Board policy states that they do not respond to public comment, Collins made comments before they spoke. President Collins asked Vice President Ebner to speak as a representative to the Park/City/School committee. Mrs. Ebner said that the City is the lead on this issue and they have met 3 times in the last 14 months, the last meeting on 4/25. There has never been more than theoretical plans presented. Per the City, using Madison as a detention pond would prevent 12 homes from flooding 52 homes still would flood. The cost would be \$2.5 million. D205 is currently conducting a demographic study and there is a question as to whether Madison School would have to be expanded and may have to use this field for a possible addition to the building.

Mr. Collins spoke of an exchange of property between the City and the Park with possible School involvement in the exchange that was denied by the City. He continued by saying that if there were an intergovernmental agreement between the City and the Schools, the following three parameters would have to be part of it.

- D205 would remain owner of any land used for water detention.
- D205 would remain whole of any damages.
- There would be a liquidated damages of greater than 3 days/year.

Mr. Collins stated "We stand ready and willing to help" and await to hear further from the City.

**Public Comment:** Two representatives of the York PTSA Academic Boosters spoke of this organization and all the support they have given York and York parents while encouraging academics in the school.

Four members of the public who spoke about the flooding that has devastated their homes thanked Mr. Collins for his comments and encouraged the School Board to continue to support this issue.

#### **Superintendent's Communications:**

A. Freedom of Information Requests: Two FOIA requests were received and both were denied. One requested payments made to a vendor and the other regarding a specific question.

The Board accepted the minutes for the 6/12/14 and 6/17/14 Board meetings as corrected.

#### **Board Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Ebner reported on the **Curriculum and Instruction Committee** meeting.

- The ELL (English Language Learners) study team presented their recommendations to reduce the achievement gap. Financial considerations were not discussed.
- The curriculum department recommended DecisionEd, Inc. as the provider for the data warehouse, including implementation support and training.

- Possible updates of KPI (Key Performance Indicators) were discussed. A review will take place in Fall 2014.
- The writing curriculum implementation will take place in 2015-16.
- A dual credit opportunity with the Advanced College Project, which offers a partnership between York and Indiana University, may offer 4 courses in 2015-16.

B. Mr. Collins reviewed **the Finance and Operations Committee** meeting.

- The May 2014 financial reports were presented and included the June property tax distribution.
- Elizabeth Hennessy from William Blair presented information regarding the District's current bond position. Interest rates are favorable to refinance some debt and there is a possibility to pay off some debt early. At the August 19<sup>th</sup> and September 16<sup>th</sup> finance meetings, the bond options will be reviewed with a possible parameter resolution being presented at the Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.
- The 2014-'15 facility rental agreement was presented, recommending a CPI increase of 1.7%. The York Field house will be divided into 4 areas for rental purposes.

**Superintendent's Consent Agenda** The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Facility Usage Fees – a CPI (Consumer Price Index) increase of 1.7%. The Field House will be divided into 4 regions for rental purposes.
- Disposal of District Equipment – a Ford Taurus which is a retired driver's car. It is believed that it could be sold on e-bay for a higher amount than the trade-in value.

**Superintendent's Agenda – Action Items** The Board approved:

- Donation - to Lincoln from the PTA and the Enviro-Nuts Club for \$1,007 to purchase hand dryers for the school's bathrooms to reduce waste and promote a greener environment.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday Aug. 12th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Tues., Aug. 19, Finance and Operations Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm.
- Wed., Aug. 27, Committee of the Whole Board Improvement meeting, 7:00 pm.

**Board Communications:** None.