

Dist. 205 Board of Education
July 16, 2013
7:35 pm – 9:55 pm

All Present
Public: 40 Staff: 7 Press: 3
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 5:30 p.m. for employment of employee, negotiations, property acquisition/lease/purchase and approval of closed session minutes of 6/11/13.

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

Student Recognition: York Graduate, Emma Fisher, was recognized for her achievement of being third place winner in the state for the 3200 m run.

Public Comment: Three individuals expressed concern with the bilingual classes at Conrad Fischer. The last speaker, who spoke for the “bilingual community” stated that all parents are passionate about their children’s education and emphasized that communication, quality teachers and transparency would be appreciated.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Requests: Two FOIA requests were received and both were granted. One requested the name and dates of the Spring Musical at York and the other requested a copy of a District audit.

B. English Language Learner (ELL) Discussion: Superintendent Pruneau said that the District had contacted the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to make sure that the District’s interpretation of the requirements was correct. He also said that ACCESS scores were being reviewed. Parents of students that have left the bilingual program due to receiving a high enough ACCESS score can still have their students remain in the program if the parents want this.

C.: School Choice Discussion: Jefferson is the only D205 school that has made AYP (adequate yearly progress) according to NCLB (No Child Left Behind) regulations. D205 could offer the choice of Jefferson to Conrad Fischer students, but first needs approval from the ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education). Once the ISBE approves this request, D205 can send letters to Conrad Fischer parents. There would be a 30 day reply timeline, so decisions of moving schools could happen AFTER school starts for the 2013-2014 year.

Also, the State has requested a waiver from the Department of Education as far as NCLB regulations go. Illinois is 1 of 7 states that has NOT received a waiver; the other 43 states have received waivers. Illinois resubmitted their waiver request.

D. District Goal Setting: The Board reviewed the key District Performance Indicators (DPIs) to determine if they would like to keep the same *key* scores by 2016-17. The Board decided on the following:

Learning and Achievement:

- 80% of all ACT scores to 25 (currently at 23.9).
- EPAs (Educational Planning & Assessment System) score of 7 (currently at 7).
- Achievement gaps – reduce differences between subgroups and full district by ½.

Operations & Organization Effectiveness:

- Increase student and parent satisfaction with transportation service.
- Increase % of evaluations for employees and Teacher performance growth.

Technology:

- Decrease variance between schools of interactive technology access.

Communications and Community Relations:

- Increase teacher and staff overall satisfaction to 90% (currently at 67% & 73%)

Financial Planning:

- Operating fund balances to operating expenditures ratio – 26 – 30%
- ISBE financial Profile Score – 3.54 – 4.00.

The Board accepted the minutes for the 6/11/13, 6/13/13, 6/19/13, 6/25/13, and 6/26/13 Board meetings as presented.

Board Committee Reports:

A. Mrs. Ebner reported on the **Board Improvement Committee meeting**. The committee is continuing to work on the community presentation, with the hope of bringing this to the full Board for the August meeting.

B. Finance and Operations Committee: Mr. Blum reviewed the committee meeting:

- The District is financial on plan and on budget. The current property tax distribution to the hospital did not occur during the 2013-2014 fiscal year.
- Procurement policies and procedures – Mr. Blum suggested the Board approve a parameters resolution that the District could solicit quotes from multiple vendors and then provide authorization for the District to enter into the lease agreement. Technology Director David Smith, will discuss this with current vendors. David Smith also reviewed different purchasing guidelines regarding bidding of hardware and software.
- A revised facility usage agreement with a 3% increase (based on CPI) was prepared and will be brought to the Board for approval.
- A summary of residency procedures was given to the committee. The committee asked the Administration to survey comparable Districts.
- The District staff will add safety vestibules to enhance security at the main entrances of Jackson, Madison, Churchville, Lincoln and Edison. The administration is looking into video surveillance for other buildings where safety vestibules are not possible.

C. Policy Committee: Mr. McDonough reported the committee:

- Looked at a security surveillance policy, which will come to the Board at the next meeting for 1st reading.
- Worked on a procurement policy.
- Considered residency policy requests for interpretation.
- Discussed different ways of memorializing stadium usage.
- Updated several policies that were in the PRESS (policy reference educational subscription service) document that changed references and other non-content pieces.

D. Performance management Committee: Mrs. Stuefen summarized the meeting. The broad themes of focus for the committee are: Superintendent goals and evaluation, District Performance Indicators (DPIs), and attract, hire, develop and retain D205's employees. The committee discussed the reporting and tracking of data for the Superintendent's review, the goal alignment from the Board, Superintendent, buildings, departments, etc.

All Board committees will be asked to review their respective DPIs and strategic plans for validity.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Facility Usage Fees – see above under finance committee report.
- Bid #13-19 - Grouting for the York High School Aquatic Center (\$47,040)

- Change Order #1 - Aquatic Center Project at York High School (\$33,836 more for thicker plywood and longer fasteners)
- Change Order #3 - Aquatic Center Project at York High School (an increase of \$26,369 to fix failures in the structural steel.)
- Donation (to Lincoln from the PTA for \$5,084 for a SMART Board, projector and floor stand.)
- Donation (to Edison from a family to purchase 7 wireless access points at the school for \$3,694.19.)

Superintendent's Agenda – Action Items The Board approved:

- JPMorgan Chase Bank Master Lease-Purchase Agreement, Lease Schedule, and Declaration of Official Intent for Finance Payments Totaling \$1,464,704.64 for the Lease of Technology Equipment.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday Aug. 13th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Wed., Aug. 7, Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm.

Action on Closed Session: The Board voted unanimously to approve the non-union, non-administrative salaries. They also voted to RIF (reduction in force) of York hall monitors. (York would like to restructure the supervision of the High School Campus.)