

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Aug. 9, 2016
7:35 pm – 9:13 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 15 Staff: 9 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

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

Public Comment:

Jan Dorner stated that she wanted to hear the Board discuss the possible sale of the southwest corner of the Bryan Middle School property. If D205 no longer owns this land, and a future Board should want to add onto Bryan, they will have to also add water detention.

Reports and Presentation:

A. Capital Hill Challenge – Stock Market Game – A student team from York, with Rachel Doyle and Gina Santucci managed a hypothetical \$100,000 online portfolio and invested in real stocks, bonds and mutual funds, finished ninth in the country out of 4,288 teams. Their final total equity was \$147,502.77 or a 41.5% return.

B. Student Achievement Objectives – Administrator Academy and Retreat:

Dr. Moyer started with – Raising the Bar and Closing the Achievement Gap for ALL Students:

- ALL students must learn and grow.
- We accept shared responsibility for the growth of ALL of our students.
- ALL decisions are made based on what is best for students.
- We are a future-focused community of learners.

The rubric by which teachers are evaluated on whether their students are actively engaged was shared.

Dr. Moyer shared what the Aug. 2nd administrator's workshop involved. He stated that there have been cultural shifts in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). The focus is on what is learned, not what is taught.

C. Kagan Cooperative Structures: A power point presentation and a demonstration of engaging all students was given by the Principals from Jefferson, Lincoln, Churchville and the Assistant Principal from Churchville. PIES; **P**ositive Interdependence, **I**ndividual accountability, **E**qual participation and **S**imultaneous interaction.

D. Finance Committee Meeting Report: Mr. Blum reviewed the 7/18 Finance committee meeting.

- June collections were up to 50.5%. Fund balances are now at 45.8% of expenditures (last year's was 41.2%).
- Elizabeth Hennessy from William Blair & Co. presented the possibilities of refunding 2007B series bonds. D205 has been refunding bonds since May 2012 for savings over \$12.6 million to the D205 taxpayers. The 2007B series bonds can be refunded on Oct 1st at the earliest. The finance and operations committee recommended that the Board use an accelerated repayment schedule, since this is the option that has been used previously. D205 has been refunding bonds since May 2012 for savings over \$12.6 million to the D205 taxpayers. This refunding will save D205 taxpayers over \$2.3 million. A template parameter resolution was presented to the Board for approval at the Aug. 23 Board meeting.
- Facilities rentals were also discussed. There seems to be a concern among all users that they are not being treated fairly. Some groups that have given donations to the school district or the York athletic program have threatened to stop donating.

Dr. Harrell said that as we move forward, she would like the Board to discuss the list of needs the teachers' union had given to the Board last month.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Development of Future Facilities' Concepts and Options: Wight & Co. architects gave a proposal for facility master planning based on the Focus 205 initiative.

- Step 1 is District-Wide Planning, which is in process and will be charged at an hourly rate not to exceed \$20,000 for support and planning.
- Step 2 is Facility Master Planning. This will take place at a later date, once Step 1 is concluded. It is anticipated that it will cost \$50,000 - \$100,000.

Initially, Dr. Moyer stated that both Steps 1 & 2 would be voted on at the next meeting, (8/23), but then said, no, just step 1.

Step 2 will have Wight coming up with some conceptual projects with price tags to determine what the community will support.

B. Madison Early Childhood Center Stormwater Project:

V3 Companies, D205's engineering firm has reviewed the City plans for the dual use field south of Madison School. The City projects that the construction will start in early September. It appears that V3 is recommending telling the City to revise the construction schedule to a time when the construction would not interfere with school operations.

Dr. Moyer stated that the City has committed to doing street work after school and on weekends. He thinks the City is sensitive to D205's concerns as far as traffic is concerned.

Mr. Collins is very concerned about the noise that the project will generate and wants the lawyers involved to have the City not do any of the work while school is in session.

Mrs. Bastedo suggested that no decision is made tonight, but that Dr. Moyer have further discussions with the City.

Mrs. Stuefen asked if the City could define how exactly this construction will impact D205 and to find the least disruptive way of doing this.

Mr. Collins and Mr. McDonough thought that the Board should rely on what the professionals (V3 engineers) are saying and ask that the construction calendar be changed to when D205 is not in session. "If the Principal says this is too disruptive, what can we do at that time??"

Board Communications:

Dr. Harrell received an email from the Foundation asking for more involvement by the Board.

Could they attend the Foundation's monthly meetings? Mr. Collins suggested a rotation of Board members similar to what the Board does for PTA Council. The rest of the Board agreed that would be acceptable.

Mrs. Ebner said that during a recent special closed session meeting the Board norms were discussed and will be revised.

Mr. McDonough said that the SASSED's (School Association of Special Education in DuPage County) governing body meeting will meet tomorrow. They will be voting on the two Board structure and on the budget.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Aug. 23rd and

September 13th at 7:30 pm. These Board meetings are held at the D205 Center.

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