

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Aug. 12, 2014**  
**7:35 pm – 9:10 pm**

**All Board members present**  
**Public: 15 Staff: 9 Press: 0**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board was in closed session from 6:30 p.m. for employment of employee, negotiations and approval of closed session minutes of 7/15/14 and 7/22/14.

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

**Public Comment:** Five residents spoke about the possible pilot program that the City recently discussed for storm water intervention. These 5 residents had been affected by flooding previously and encouraged the school board to work with the City on a possible solution.

**Superintendent's Communications:**

A. Freedom of Information Requests: Two FOIA requests were received regarding specific questions and denied.

B. Recap of Budget Year 2014: Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operation, Chris Whelton, gave this presentation. The '13-'14 revenue grew by 3.8%. This was due to the June '14 tax collection being at 48.98% rather than the average collection rate of 48.22%. There were other pieces that provided D205 with more revenue: timing of State of Illinois receipts, E-Rate collections and the Federal National School Lunch and Breakfast programs.

Operating expenditures grew by 4.2%. There were some positions that went unfilled during the year and helped to keep salary expenditures under budget. There was \$500,000 put in this budget for non-recurring expenditures, which was not used and will be moved into the upcoming budget. The severe winter resulted in increased expenditures in natural gas (over budget by \$283,777) and electricity (over budget by \$189,587).

The operating revenues exceeds operating expenses by over \$5 million for 2013-14 budget year. The ratio of operating fund balance to annual expenditure was 40.6%. Policy is greater than 26%.

Mr. Collins reported on a seminar he attended which updated attendees on SB16, which would re-distribute state aid. This uses a poverty formula and appears to be dramatic for collar county school districts. A Barrington school district was used as an example where a loss of 78% of its state aid would result if SB16 passes. The bill has passed the senate and is in the house.

C. Tentative FY15 Budget Presentation: This budget will be posted (at [www.elmhurst205.org](http://www.elmhurst205.org)) for at least 30 days for public input. The form used is standardized per the State of Illinois. Budget discussions started in January 2014. Enrollment projections showed increases at York High School and the varied needs of D205's diverse population are expanding. The Board decided to have a second year without any budget cuts and included discretionary staffing for instructional technology coaches and reduction in class sizes for York core subjects. Local sources make up 90% of the revenue side of the '14-'15 budget. Over 78% of expenditures are for salaries and benefits. Twenty-five certified staff and 5.5 special education aides were added to take care of increasing enrollment/needs.

D. Summer Projects Update: A recap of the summer 2014 projects:

**Sandburg Building Envelope** – Restoration and weatherproofing is complete.

**Sandburg Gymnasium Roof** – Replacement of the entire roof covering the gym and locker rooms is completed.

**Bryan Building Envelope (East Elevation)** – Restoration and weatherproofing is complete.

**District Wide Door Work** - Door work has been substantially completed. Some exterior doors at York will not be completed until early next week. August 12th is the target date for distribution of keys.

**Madison Plumbing and Sanitary Project** – All abatement was completed early in the summer. All plumbing work has been completed as well as the associated flooring repairs. New tile is down and the carpet has been installed. The Maintenance Department is finishing the installation of a new door to the main office.

**York Secure Entrance** – A second store front with locking doors and card controlled access matching the exterior of the main entrance has been installed. A change in the glazing has been requested for aesthetic reasons and will be changed in 6 to 8 weeks

**Churchville Gyms** – The lighting in the Gold Gym has been updated to LED fixtures. The Blue Gym lighting is being updated. (Grant funded.)

**Parking Lots** – The outdoor and parking lot upgrade to LED will take place during August, September and October and will not interfere with school activities. (Grant funded.)

**York Lockers** – One hundred and thirty-eight new lockers have been installed.

**Jefferson Paving** – The City of Elmhurst laid blacktop and the project is being completed.

**District Wide** - The various small plumbing, exhaust, and fire protection projects have all been completed.

**Emerson LRC** – The carpet has been replaced in the LRC and all adjoining offices. All areas received new ceiling tile and were painted.

**Lincoln ADA Accessibility** – A September install is expected. The current unit is working and the installation will be done on second shift or a Saturday to avoid any interruption to the students.

**District Wide Network** – Installation will continue into the school year on second shift.

**York Learning Commons** - Two new MediaScape lab stations donated by the Foundation were installed over the summer.

**York Solar Power** – The installation of the solar panels on the Aquatic Center Roof was completed.

**York Storage Building** – Erection of the storage building donated by the Band Boosters will be complete by the end of next week.

The Board accepted the minutes for the 7/15/14 and 7/22/14 Board meetings as corrected.

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

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Posting of FY14 Tentative Budget
- Bid #15-01 School Activity Bus - \$45,545

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

- Study Skills Instructional Program Stipends – up to \$23,000 for staff stipends

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday Sept. 9th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Wed., Aug. 20, Finance and Operation Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm.

- Wed., Aug. 27, Committee of the Whole Board Improvement Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Wed., Sept. 3, Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm.

**Action on Closed Session:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the memo of agreement between D205 and the PSRP staff. This will compensate PSRP members beyond their normal rate outside of their regular working hours.

**Board Communications:** Mrs. Bastedo spoke of the technology conference she attended at Leyden. Mrs. Stuefen announced the upcoming LEND legislator breakfast.