

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Aug. 13, 2013**  
**7:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

**No Bastedo or Harrell**  
**Public: 25 Staff: 8 Press: 3**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee, negotiations, property acquisition/lease/purchase, pending litigation and approval of closed session minutes of 7/16/13.

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

**Student Recognition:**

A. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America National Contest Winners – At the National Competition of FCCLA’s (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) conference, York student Kacia Cortopassi won a gold medal in Interior Design Occupational and Caily Schwartz & Deisy Cano received silver medals in the team Interior Design.

B. Kendall College of Culinary Arts Competition Grand Prize Winner – York High School Senior Matthew Arneri won the Grand prize of the national online 2013 Kendall Cooks Challenge Competition.

Superintendent Pruneau announced and introduced Melissa Couch as the Interim Principal and Thomas Herion as Interim Assistant Principal at Bryan Middle School.

**Public Comment:** A women spoke about the lack of bus service for her Bryan Middle School students. She said they live 1.55 miles away from the school and the requirement is at least 1.5 miles.

**Superintendent’s Communications:**

A. Freedom of Information Requests: Three FOIA requests were received. One requested contact information for specific individuals, which was denied, and records regarding the bilingual program, which was granted. Two other requests were granted; one for transportation bid and one for the District’s health insurance plan.

B. Recap of Budget Year 2013: Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operation, Chris Whelton, who gave this presentation, started out by saying that the books are on the cash basis and the audit is modified accrual, which could result in different results between the two. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, the District has finished the fiscal year with an annual surplus. The ’12-’13 budget included a reduction in the property tax revenue by \$3 million for a refund to Elmhurst Memorial Hospital for tax years 2009, 2010, and 2011. This refund has not yet occurred due to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The State of Illinois caught up on missed payments by paying 5 quarterly payments rather than 4 for categorical funds. Federal IDEA grant funding also caught up by sending an extra payment to D205. Both of these extra payments resulted in an additional \$1.5 million over budgeted amounts.

C. Tentative FY14 Budget Presentation: This budget will be posted (at [www.elmhurst205.org](http://www.elmhurst205.org)) for at least 30 days for public input. This budget is considered a “maintenance budget,” not requiring any budget cuts. A TIF surplus from the City of over \$1 million helped to balance this budget. Twenty-two certified staff and 14 special education aides were added to take care of increasing enrollment.

D. Summer Projects Update: A recap of the summer 2013 projects:

- York's Aquatic Center's 25-year-old roof was repaired and replaced. New LED lighting was installed and leaks in the pool gutter system are being repaired. The facility has been painted. The pool is in the process of being grouted.
- The gym lockers at all 3 Middle Schools were replaced on time and under budget.
- Bryan and Churchville's bleachers will be replaced with new automatic bleachers.
- Secure entrances are being added at Churchville, Edison, Jackson, Lincoln and Madison.
- Field, Bryan, Sandburg and Jefferson are receiving additional security cameras to help monitor entrances that cannot be secured.
- New landscaping is happening at the Madison courtyard.
- The storm drainage system at Emerson has been updated.
- Doors at the Transitional Life Skills facility have been widened to easier wheelchair access.
- An unexpected project that had the staff working to complete before school starts – a water main at Field broke and 3 inches of water filled the lower level of the school. This cost, of over \$100,000, will be submitted to insurance. The water must be tested as safe before the school is allowed to open, leaving the possibility of Field not being allowed to open on the 19<sup>th</sup> with the other schools in the District. (Note: The repairs and testing are complete and approved and Field School will open on the 19<sup>th</sup>.)

English Language Learner (ELL) Program at Conrad Fischer/School Choice at Jefferson – Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Charles Johns, contacted the State Board of Education to confirm that the District was interpreting the requirements appropriately.

Confirmation was received. D205 has received less than 25 requests for transfer to Jefferson from Conrad Fischer, with the deadline being Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. An additional 5<sup>th</sup> grade and a morning kindergarten class were added at Jefferson.

On Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, the District was notified that additional schools (other than Jefferson) in D205 may have met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The State Board of Education changed two areas in determining AYP – the confidence level went from 95% to 75% and they redefined “Safe Harbor.”

President Collins told the Administration that D205 has spent lot of time and money to comply with NCLB and ELL requirements. “I would like to know if doing so has given Elmhurst students a better education or a more expensive one?”

The Board accepted the minutes for the 7/16/13 Board meetings as presented.

**Board Committee Reports:**

A. Mrs. Ebner reported on the **Curriculum & Instruction Committee meeting**. The committee is coming up with an annual work plan. The committee asked the administration to come up with some ideas for the D205 Foundation to fund.

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

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Posting of FY14 Tentative Budget
- Telephone and Email Notification System Contract (School Messenger, \$12,483 annually)

for 3 years)

- Breakfast and Lunch Fee Increase (By \$0.05 for each meal at each level)
- Purchase Google Chromebooks, Chrome Management Licenses, and Cases/Carts (For use in the Middle and High School for up to \$100,000)
- Re-Market Surplus Technology Equipment (surplus computers through HOBI)
- Revision to Policy #4:15 - Identity Protection (First Reading) – Personal Information Protection Act.
- Revision to Policy #4:170 - Safety (First Reading) – Background checks.
- Revision to Policy #5:50 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace (First Reading) – added the prohibition of tobacco.
- Revision to Policy #5:260 - Student Teachers (First Reading) – list exact components of criminal history checks and added qualifications for supervising teachers.
- Revision to Policy #6:240 - Field Trips (First Reading) – Added privately arranged vs. D205 sponsored.
- Revision to Policy #8:20 - Community Use of School Facilities (First Reading) – gives D205 the right to cancel previously scheduled events.

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

New Policy #4:171 - School Safety and Security - Video Surveillance (First Reading)

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday Sept. 10th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Tues., Aug. 20, Finance and Operation Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm.
- Wed., Aug. 28, Special Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Wed., Sept. 4, Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm.
- Mon., Sept. 9, Board Improvement Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm

**Action on Closed Session:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the 2013-2016 agreement of the maintenance and custodial contract.