

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Sept. 8, 2015
7:30 pm – 9:05 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 10 Staff: 12 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for negotiations, employment of employee, student discipline and setting price for sale or lease of property owned by D205.

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

Public Comment: None

Reports and Presentations:

A. Shining Star Recognition -: 2 staff members were recognized for making a positive impact on the students and staff of D205. Staff members Dorothy Hamby and Deb Schendel were presented with this honor.

B. Student Achievement Action Plan:

- MLI (Mobile Learning Implementation) was reviewed by the Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching, Dr. Michelle Fitzgerald for the Board. Instructional Tech Coaches, who were new this past school year, had two – two week time studies (one in the Spring, one in the Fall) shared. The largest part of their time was spent in meetings, which was expected. The second two were co-planning and individual coaching, which is what the administration would like to see increased. In July 2015, 220 staff participants in 10 courses (6 middle school and 4 high school) of 30 sessions, which involved 1706 contact hours. 27 staff attended conferences. Graphs of two days of internet service was shown.
- Teacher Institute Day – The 8/17 Institute Day for Early Childhood (EC) – 8 was spent learning about student growth assessments and working with grade level or content teams.
- The September 10th Principal Meeting agenda was discussed and will focus on Professional Learning Communities implementation and leadership.

C. York High School ACT Results: The 2015 ACT average composite score was 24.2, up from 24.0 in 2014 and 24.1 in 2013. The National score for 2015 was 21.0; for Illinois it was about 20.7.

D. Focus 205: Melea Smith, Director of Communications and Public Relations, introduced Kara Caforio, one of the co-chairs, reported on the community meeting held on Sept. 2nd.

E. Finance Committee Report: The 8/24 meeting was reviewed.

- July financial reports show the District to be in line with the budget.
- Bond Market and Options: 8/24 was the most volatile day in the stock and bond market of 2015. The Committee reviewed the potential savings on refunding the remaining 2006A bonds. This will save the D205 taxpayers over \$3 million. A parameters bond resolution will be presented for Board action later at this meeting.
- Dr. Moyer was asked to speak to the Elmhurst City Manager about the City's intentions to declare surplus for TIF 1 for the 2014 and 2015 calendar year. (Dr. Moyer had talked with City Manager Grabowski, who said it will be his recommendation to their finance committee to declare a surplus and release funds. \$1.5 million of these surplus TIF funds have been allocated to capital projects in the D205 2015-16 school year budget.) The Board also asked Dr. Moyer to ask Mr. Grabowski when the joint TIF review board will meet.
- The committee (although ALL Board members were present) received an update from D205's attorneys on the stormwater intergovernmental agreement for the Madison property.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$13,200,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with William Blair & Company in connection with the sale of said bonds
- EIS (Employment Information System) Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report - School Year 2015 - posting of the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits on D205 website.
- Donation from District 205 Foundation (York High School) – An additional \$21,000 to York to assist in the 1:1 roll-out of chromebooks for the 2015-16 school year. The Board previously approved receipt of \$9,000 from the Foundation for this initiative.

Superintendent’s Communication: None

Board Communications: Mrs. Stuefen stated that LEND (Legislative Education Network of DuPage) will host their first meeting on Monday, Sept. 28th with legislators present. All Board members are invited to attend. Mrs. Ebner said that the Board had reached consensus during closed session on the outstanding issues in the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City and had told their Counsel to make the appropriate changes.

Action on Closed Session Items: The Board approved the settlement agreement.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Sept. 22 and Oct. 13 at 7:30 pm, as well as committee meetings:

- Mon., Sept. 14 – Learning and Teaching Committee mtg - 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Sept. 16 – Performance Management Committee mtg - 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Sept. 21 – Policy Committee mtg – 7:00 p.m.

The Board moved to return to closed session for the purpose of negotiations and employment of employee. No action was planned.