

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Sept. 10, 2013**  
**7:30 pm – 9:50 pm**

**No McDonough**  
**Public: 2 Staff: 8 Press: 1**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for student discipline, employment of employee, negotiations, pending litigation and property acquisition/lease/purchase.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Action on Closed Session:** The Board voted unanimously to:

- uphold the administrative recommendation of a 2-day suspension of Student “A.”
- approve the 2013-2017 PRSP (Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel) contract.
- accept a memo of understanding for the 2013-14 school year that modified the above contract concerning extra duty pay. This memo represents a trial period.
- Support a retirement/resignation agreement with Alice Belden. This will be effective Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and Ms Belden will receive \$17,000.

**Superintendent’s Communications:**

A. Special Education Presentation: Assistant Superintendent for student service, Med Schnoor, gave a presentation on “Special Education 101.” She discussed the various laws that are specific to special education:

- The right of every child with a disability to be Educated is grounded in the equal protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. (US Dept. of Ed.)
- Public Law 94-142, Education for Handicapped Children Act 1975 (IDEA) – the four purposes of PL 94-142
  - "to assure that all children ages 3-22 years of age with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education which emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs"
  - "to assure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected"
  - "To assist States and localities to provide for the education of all children with disabilities"
  - "To assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to educate all children with disabilities"
- Children with disabilities should be educated in the least restrictive environment.

District 205 accepts the following “disabling conditions” as recognized by the *Diagnostic Statisticians Manual* (DSM V):

Autism

Developmental Delay (only for ages 3-9)

Other Health Impairments (e.g. Add, ADHD, fragile health)

Emotional Disability

Speech/Language Impairment

Orthopedic Impairment

Cognitive Disability

Hearing Impairment

Learning Disability

In school year 2012-13, over 1000 students who did not have IEPs (Individual Education Plan) received some intervention(s).

B. Sixth Day Enrollment: Superintendent Pruneau reviewed the six-day enrollment figures with the Board. There was an increase of 61 students District wide with a final enrollment of 8349.

### **Board Committee Reports:**

Mr. Blum reviewed the **Finance and Operations** committee meeting. The committee discussed

- The end of the year numbers and the differences between accrual basis and cash basis accounting. Mr. Blum said he would like to be able to estimate annual revenues and expenditures without the timing issues.
- The intergovernmental agreement between the City and the District concerning the School Resource Officers (police officers assigned to the School District). This agreement uses the same ratio of School District/City for these officers' salaries.
- D205 scored 3.80 on the District's Financial Profile. A score over 3.53 is identified for recognition.
- Director of Buildings and Ground Frank Schuh gave an update to his Ten-Year Facility Plan notes. Funding requirements for summer 2014 are \$750,000, with Mr. Schuh recommending a total of \$2,000,000 worth of work be completed in 2014.
- They also discussed the current fund balances and wondered if a portion of the surplus could be used. Both Superintendent Pruneau and Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Chris Whelton cautioned against using these surpluses on anything other than non-recurring expenses.

The entire Board discussed the use of surplus fund balances. Some ideas were to buy textbooks, technology, or work on the delayed curriculum adoptions of REACH grade 3-8 of K-12 music. Other ideas included a data warehouse, introduction of chromebooks or instructional technology support. The Board would like to include a \$500,000 line item for this in the budget that will be adopted at the next Board meeting.

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

- Personnel Report
- School Nurse Agreement with Elmhurst Memorial Hospital (Increase of 1 Certified School Nurse to 5 certified and 14 non-certified registered nurses, totaling slightly over \$1,000,000.)

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 pm, as well as committee meetings:

- Mon., Sept. 16 – Curriculum & Instructions mtg - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Sept. 17 - Finance and Operations Committee mtg - 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. Sept. 18 – Joint School Board/D205 Foundation Board mtg – 7:00 p.m.
- Mon. Sept. 23 – Policy Committee mtg – 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 26 – Performance Management Committee mtg - 7:00 p.m.

**Board Communications:** Mrs. Bastedo asked the Board to consider a different format for the annual D205 School Board and PTA Council joint meeting, which is scheduled for Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. The PTA would like a conversation with the Board without the administration being present and perhaps about possible future innovations. Each Board Committee will come up with 1 or 2 issues for

discussion.