

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Sept. 22, 2015**  
**7:35 pm – 8:35 pm**

**All Board members present**  
**Public: 8 Staff: 10 Press: 1**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee, negotiations, setting of price for sale or lease of property owned by the district and approval of closed session minutes from 8/11/15 and 9/8/15.

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

**Budget Public Hearing - 2015-'16 Annual Budget**

Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Chris Whelton reviewed the final budget. Approximately \$151.7 million in revenue and \$151.2 million in expenditures were presented for approval. There is \$1.4 million budgeted for Capital Projects which will be funded by surplus TIF funds the City has projected to the School District.

**Public Comment (for budget hearing):** None

The budget public hearing was adjourned and the regular school board meeting was continued.

**Public Comment (for regular Board meeting):** None

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for 8/11/15 and 9/8/15 approved.

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

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- Recognition of Public Schools for 2015-16
- Disposal of District Equipment – D205 would like to give a pole-vault pit set to West Chicago District 94. It is obsolete for D205 and has not been used for 2 years.
- Purchase of Chromebooks and Carts for Elementary Schools – one cart and 26 chromebooks for each elementary school – not to exceed \$63,000.

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

- Driveway use and license agreement – 5 year agreement to share an entrance/exit with Bethel United Church of Christ and Sandburg middle school.
- Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Elmhurst and the Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Stormwater and Other Improvements at Madison Early Childhood Center
- Resolution adopting the budget for FY 2015-16
- District Management Council proposal for Middle School Study - \$75,000 per year for a three – year study that will examine the following areas:
  - 1) Codify the school's priorities and theory of action for serving students;
  - 2) Review each school's program offering, use of time, and schedules;
  - 3) Review supports and services for struggling and gifted students;
  - 4) Review the cost-effectiveness of staffing patterns and practices; and
  - 5) Create and help implement a phased-over-plan for continuous improvement.
- BWP & Associates to conduct York High school Principal search - \$11,900

### **Superintendent Communications:**

Freedom of Information Act Requests: There were 5 requests,

- Emails and documents regarding a specific topic – denied
- Information regarding student discipline – partially granted
- Information regarding non-certified support staff – granted
- Information regarding staff – granted
- Information regarding adopted math and science textbooks – granted

**Board Communications:** Mr. Collins stated that tomorrow (Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>) the District would refinance more bonds. This will amount to the district saving local taxpayers almost \$15 million in interest payments.

Mr. Collins also stated that in April, the Board chose to re-elect him as President because the District was in the middle of hiring a new Superintendent. Mr. Collins plans to resign as Board President at the next meeting, allowing Mrs. Ebner to become President. An election will be held to fill the position of Vice President.

Dr. Harrell said that the D205 Foundation would like a representative from the Board to be at three meetings they have planned. She will be able to attend the meeting scheduled for Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, if no one else wanted to attend that meeting. If any Board member would like to take on this responsibility, they should talk with Dr. Harrell.

**Upcoming Meetings: All meeting take place at the D205 Center.** The next regularly scheduled school board meetings are Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Committee meetings are as follows:

- Monday, Oct. 19, 2015 – Learning and Teaching Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015 - Finance and Operations Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**The board returned to closed session for the purposes of negotiations and employment of employees. No action was expected.**