

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Sept. 24, 2013
7:35 pm – 10:15 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 100 Staff: 9 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:30 p.m. for negotiations, property acquisition/ lease/purchase and approval of closed session minutes from 8/13/13 and 9/10/13.

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

Budget Public Hearing - '13-'14 Annual Budget

Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Chris Whelton reviewed the final budget. Approximately \$117 million in revenue and \$119.6 million in expenditures were presented for approval. Over \$3.1 million was refunded to Elmhurst Memorial Hospital since it regained its not-for-profit status, which was included in this budget.

Public Comment: None

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

Student Recognition:

- A. American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academics Award - the York boys team, which maintained a 3.544 cumulative GPA during the 2012-13 school year, is one of only 23 boys' teams in the nation to receive the award and only one of five in Illinois.
- B. National Achievement Scholarship Program Semifinalist – Samantha Harrell (daughter of Board member Margaret Harrell) has earned a semifinals berth.
- C. National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists were announced - Matthew Bindeman, Gloria Frank, Joseph Kesslering, Andrew Miranti, Matthew Niewiara, Eric Patterson and Paul Salamanca.
- D. J. Kyle Braid Leadership Scholars – York Sophomores Annie Viola, Kathryn Riek, Frank Voris and Matthew Hogan were selected to participate in the J. Kyle Braid Leadership Camp.
- E. Superintendent Pruneau reported that Sandburg Middle School was named a National Blue Ribbon School.

Most of the public left after the recognitions. There were 6 left after the above presentations.

Public Comment: none

Superintendent Communications:

- A. Freedom of Information Act Requests: There were 3 requests, of which 2 were granted (one requesting the home addresses of the Board of Education was denied). The two that were granted concerned REACH data and the job description of nurses.
- B. Review of Ten-Year Life Safety Surveys: Wight and Co., the architects of most of the new construction in the District performed the survey. Priorities were set for each need; "a" meaning within one year, "b" meaning within 3 years and "c" meaning recommended but no timing associated. The list of "a" and "b" items add up to over \$5.2 million.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Minutes for 8/13/13 and 9/10/13 approved.

Board and Committee Meetings:

- A. Mrs. Ebner reported on the **Curriculum and Instruction Committee** Meeting.
 - Long-term resource planning was started as a draft document.
 - A snapshot of the Curriculum Department was put into document form and is called the

Unifying Department document.

- Middle School STEM was discussed. Current needs for this (by priority) are: training staff for use of NOVA devices, Mediascape labs and chromebooks.
- B. Mr. Collins reviewed meeting of the **Board Improvement Committee**.
- Board member Emily Bastedo, attended this portion of the meeting to report that PTA Council would like the joint PTA/School Board meeting to have Board members only attend (as opposed to having D205 administration attend with the Board members). The PTA Council would like to interact directly with the Board. The committee suggested that the Board of Education give the PTA Council their community presentation followed by Q & A. The entire Board discussed what other issues could be discussed with PTA Council. The Board chose to have the issues of advertising and facilities planning for discussion.
 - The next steps in increasing staff satisfaction with the District per the Harris poll were discussed. There will be “brown bag lunches” that 2 members of the Board will have with employees to receive feedback.
 - The Board has met with all but 3 legislators and has received positive input with whom they met.
 - Superintendent Pruneau asked the Committee if Labor Management Council, which works through contract issues, should contain two Board members.
- C. Mr. Blum reported on the **Finance and Operations Committee** meeting.
- PMA projections and the assumptions they use were discussed. The preliminary PMA 5-year projections will be presented to the 10/22 School Board meeting.
 - The D205 Transition Center lease expires 6/30/2014.
 - The Elmhurst Hospital refund was made and D205 will NOT have to pay the interest charge.
 - Bell schedule and buss pick-up times were discussed.
 - The process for reserving facilities was discussed.
 - Discussion about requiring current leases from D205 families was held with the entire Board. There was concern expressed about sending a letter requiring the lease before the students are no longer allowed to attend. The Board final reached a consensus on this if Superintendent Pruneau check with the District’s attorneys.

Superintendent’s Consent Agenda: The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- Posting the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report
- Donation (Churchville) – 13 wireless access points from the PTA (\$6,882).
- Donation (Lincoln) – 5 wireless access points and 4 iPads from the PTA. (\$5,400).
- Donation (Jefferson) – 3 SMART boards from the PTA (\$6,600)
- Revision to Policy #4:15 - Identity Protection (2nd Reading and Adoption)
- Revision to Policy #4:170 - Safety (2nd Reading and Adoption)
- Revision to Policy #5:50 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace (2nd Reading and Adoption)
- Revision to Policy #5:260 - Student Teachers (2nd Reading and Adoption)
- Revision to Policy #6:240 - Field Trips (2nd Reading and Adoption)
- Revision to Policy #8:20 - Community Use of School Facilities (2nd Reading and Adoption)
- New Policy #4:171 - School Safety and Security - Video Surveillance (2nd Reading and

Adoption)

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

- Resolution Adopting the Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013.
- Resolution Naming Board Secretary Designee to Accept Nomination Papers for School Board Elections.
- Finding of Achievement of Superintendent Goals and Authorization to Prepare for Consideration a New Performance Based Contract – Mr. Collins stated that the Board has reviewed Mr. Pruneau and are very pleased with his performance. Negotiations with the President and Vice President to extend the Superintendent's contract to 2015. Mr. Pruneau said he appreciates the Board and thanked his staff for all they do.

Upcoming Meetings: All meeting take place at the D205 Center. The next regularly scheduled meetings are Oct. 8th and 22nd at 7:30 pm:

- Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013 - Board Improvement Committee Meeting - 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013 – Performance Management Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m
- Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013 – Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013 - Finance and Operations Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Board Communications: Mrs. Stuefen stated that the LEND kick-off meeting will be held Friday morning with many legislators attending. She invited all Board members to attend.