

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Oct. 11, 2016
7:35 pm – 9:15 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 6 Staff: 12 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 5:45 p.m. for employment of employee and individual student matter.

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

Public Comment: none

Reports and Presentation:

A. Focus 205 Update – Melea Smith, Director of Communications and Public Relations, said that 90 people attended the Oct. 3rd Focus 205 Update and participated in a lively discussion. 176 people (only 7 Community members) shared 826 thoughts in the thoughtexchange survey that will close on Thursday, Oct. 13. There will be focus groups at each of the 3 middle schools on Oct. 24 at 7:00 pm. These focus groups will be small group discussions with moderators at every table. At Bryan Middle School, there will be a tour of the model classroom the same day starting at 5:15 pm. There will be another large group meeting at York on Dec. 5th at 7:00 pm.

B. School Improvement Plans – Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching, Mary Baum, introduced the topic and then turned it over to representatives of the Field Elementary and the York High School Improvement Team. Field’s Principal and a teacher stated that district goals are aligned and embedded into the individual school improvement plans (SIPs). The SIPs is monitored and reviewed throughout the year and revised, if necessary.

York’s two goals, aligned with both of the District’s goals, are:

- All students will grow by at least 30% on state standardized assessment from 8th grade to the end of junior year.
- There will be an increase in students accessing college level experiences, career programs, internships, and/or courses at York that will prepare them for life beyond graduation.

C. Performance Management Committee Meeting: Karen Stuefen presented the D205 organizational goals that this committee formed with Dr. Moyer.

- Student Achievement – progress toward meeting District Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- District Culture – Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Model.
- Finance – Regularly analyze resource allocation priorities to make sure they are research-based and support the KPIs. Maintain the highest rating by the Illinois State Board of Education’s annual watch list.
- District Management – Financial sustainability and facility considerations support D205 student achievement priorities.

Several Board members discussed including a stakeholder/customer feedback component, perhaps in the “District Culture” section.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. State Conferences Recap:

- IL Association of School Administrators (IASA) – Dr. Moyer attended.
- Large Unit District Association (LUDA) – Dr. Moyer and Mary Baum attended.

- IL Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE) – Dr. Kosteck, York Asst. Principal Melissa DeLaRosa, York Special Ed Dept. Chair Jill Mueller and D205 Special Education Supervisors attended.

All had keynote addresses as well as many break out sessions.

B. National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students:

- 13 York Seniors were named Semifinalists: Elizabeth Brown, Amy Choi, Emily Landreth, Kevin Lipkin, Maria Muehleis, Noah Neidigh, Amelia O’Halloran, Mateo Sanchez, Colin Sandstrom, Amalia Siavelis, Sehe Tinfang, Gavin Vandenberg and Flanagan Waldherr
- 19 York Seniors were named Commended Scholars: Eileen Baird, Spencer Bunch-Hotaling, Camille Butler, Ryan Casey, John Chlystek, Hanna Czeladko, Dominic Gatti, Abigail Gundrum, Rebecca Hammond, Lauren Heslop, Frank Luse, Ashley Mastronuzzi, Elizabeth Mazzocco, Magdalene McDonough, Ailie Orzak, Brian Strauch, Erin Strauss, Lauren Sussman and Gabriela Uribe.

C. Communications Department Recognition:

- Melea Smith, Director of Communications and Public Relations, and Kathy Schroeder, Communications Coordinator and Deanne Fulner, freelance graphic designer, received 2 awards of excellence for 2015’s York Distinguished Alumni Program and for the Focus 205 mailer. Ms. Smith and Mrs. Schroeder received an award of merit for the Focus 205 website. Kathy Schroeder and Debbie Hollstein, Assistant to the Communications and Alumni Relations Office, won an award of merit for *York Alumni News*. All of these were statewide awards.
- The Communications Office won a national golden achievement award for the Focus 205 Community Engagement initiative and an award of merit in branding/Image package for the Focus 205 mailing from the National School Public Relations Association.

Board Communications:

Dr. Harrell spoke of the IASB (IL Assoc of School Boards) meeting at which

- Amended bylaws were approved and
- A great speaker via video spoke of the 5 great questions:
 - Wait, What?
 - I wonder if?
 - Couldn’t we at least?
 - How can I help?
 - What truly matters?
 - And a 6th bonus question: Di you get what you wanted even though?

President Ebner said that late on Friday the District received a new proposal from the City on the Bryan stormwater pond intergovernmental agreement (IGA). Today, they received an email from the district’s attorney with a sequence of events. Mrs. Ebner recommended this should to be on an upcoming agenda. Mr. Blum stated that the district has yet to receive the \$1.3 million in TIF surplus that was negotiated in a 2004 IGA. He asked, “Why should we continue to negotiate with the City when they haven’t lived up to a previous IGA?” Mrs. Bastedo answered, “Because it is in the best interest of the citizens of Elmhurst and D205.”

Mr. Blum advocates that the district not negotiate any further until the City pays the \$1.3 million.

Action on Closed Session Item:

Motion to disenroll Student A on Oct. 14 and charge tuition of \$3054. Five board members voted yes, 2 (McDonough and Harrell) voted no. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Oct. 25th and Nov. 15th at 7:30 pm. These Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016, Finance and Operations, 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016, Special Board of Education meeting, 7:00 pm (Closed Session)