

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Oct. 28, 2013
7:30 pm – 9:17 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 70 Staff: 9 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:30 p.m. for student discipline, negotiations and approval of closed session minutes from 9/23/14 and 10/14/14.

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

Student/Staff Recognition:

A. National Merit Scholarship Semi Finalist: York student, Hannah Widmaier, qualified representing less than 1% of US high school seniors.

B. National Merit Scholarship Commended Students: York seniors Valerie Alvarado, Brooke Bandy, Laurel Chamberlin, Nathan Dale, Madeline Fabry, Catherine Grasse, Ethan Holman, Spencer Kost, Martin McDonough, Allison Meyer, Haley Nicholson, Kanchi Shah and Alexander Teague represent the top 5% of US high school seniors.

C. American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator of the Year: Tammy Henderson, Emerson Physical Education teacher, will be recognized by the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance as the 2014 Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator of the Year.

D. Illinois Board of Education Those Who Excel Award: was presented to Nicolette Vaillancourt, LRC Director at Jefferson School.

E. T.E. Rine Secondary Mathematics Teaching Award: Sue Brown received this award from the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

F. Shining Star Staff Recognition: Ramon Alcantar, Cathy Clarke, Joe Dovido, Jen Leban, Julie Nowak, Cass Rufus and Jessica Walker were honored for making a positive impact on the students and staff of D205.

The audience left after all the recognitions.

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests: Three FOIA requests were received and granted for:

- Employee job titles and hours worked
- A District's employee's contract
- Payroll records for a summer project.

B. Senate Bill 16 Resolution: A resolution opposing SB16 was presented for discussion. The Board changed several pieces to come to the one below.

Whereas Senate Bill 16 seeks to overhaul the current State school funding system and create a "single funding formula that provides an equitable means to distribute education funds to Illinois School Districts";

Whereas the Illinois State Senate passed Senate Bill 16 – The School Funding Reform Act of 2014 on May 27, 2014;

Whereas the Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 Board of Education believes that the present bill fails to address the issue of adequacy of school funding in Illinois;

Whereas the Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 Board of Education believes the bill will have a significant negative impact on the education program of Elmhurst Public Schools;
Whereas the Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 Board of Education believes the bill will increase the reliance of local school property taxes;

Whereas the Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 Board of Education stands ready to support a multi-stakeholder effort by the Illinois General Assembly to develop a school funding system that effectively addresses adequacy and equity for all students in the State of Illinois;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 Board of Education opposes the passage of Senate Bill 16 in its current form on 10/28/14, addressing the restructuring of school funding in the State of Illinois and, as a result, is recommending its rejection by the Illinois House of Representatives.

C. Community Engagement Possible Discussion Topics: The D205 Cabinet brainstormed some topics:

- Facility Needs
 - Lincoln
 - Security and Safety Issues
 - Maintenance and upgrades to present facilities.
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Elementary School Restructuring to Grade Level Centers
- Dual Language Program
- Technology (one to one) Initiatives
- Restructuring Middle School and High School
- Structure of the REACH Program
- Three Tier Transportation
- Structure of the School Year and School Calendar

The Board discussed several other topics including the social adjustment of middle schoolers, activity and athletic fees, importance of professional development and how to fund it, and a comprehensive look at the day of a high school student including pressure and the sleep deprivation.

The Board reached consensus on sending out an RFP for a consultant to help with this.

D. School District Library Grant Program FY15: D205 will receive \$6,000, which will be used for books, audio-visual materials and/or electronic resources.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: The minutes for 9/23/14 and 10/14/14 approved as amended.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda: The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- Recycle and Re-market Surplus Technology Equipment – remarketing of surplus technology.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 2: Board of Education (2:20, 2:110) – Second reading and adoption.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 4: Operational Services (4:60, 4:90, and 4:170) - Second reading and adoption.

Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 5: Personnel (5:10, 5:30, 5:260, 5:280, 5:330 - Second reading and adoption.

- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 6: Instruction (6:150) - Second reading and adoption.
- Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) Policy Manual Updates - Section 7: Students (7:20, 7:180, 7:190, 7:200, 7:240, 7:250) - Second reading and adoption.
- Revised Policy #5:35 - Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act - Second reading and adoption.
- New Policy #4:175 - Convicted Child Sex Offender - Second reading and adoption.

Mr. Collins removed:

- New/Modified York High School Courses – 11 new and 6 modified York courses discussed at the 10/14/14 meeting. This was approved after removing the math course and the two PE courses. These could be added to the course offering after some questions have been answered and it is put up before the Board at a later date.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- Senate Bill 16 Resolution – see earlier discussion, above

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Nov. 11th & 25th at 7:30 pm. All meetings are at the District 205 Center, second floor.:

- Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014 – Performance Management Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014 – Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014 - Finance and Operations Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Closed Session Action: The Board voted for the expulsion of York Student “B” for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.

Board Communications: Mr. Blum announced that based on a previously passed parameter resolution, the District refunded bonds which resulted in a savings to taxpayers of \$812,000.

Mr. Pruneau asked the Board to be aware that they will be needed next week to meet for a residency hearing.