

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Nov. 10, 2015
7:35 pm – 9:35 pm

All Board members present
Public: about 100 Staff: 8 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session since 6:30 for negotiations, setting of price for sale or lease of property owned by the district and student residency.

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

Public Comment: None

Reports and Presentations:

A. American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-American Academic Team: The York Boys Volleyball Team was honored for maintaining a 3.43 cumulative GPA during the 2014-15 school year. York was one of 29 schools in Illinois with the 3.30 minimum gpa.

B. Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) District 1 Participants: 15 Bryan, 3 Churchville, and 7 Sandburg students participated in the Junior Festival at Lockport Township High School and 1 Bryan and 2 Churchville students will participate in the Jazz Festival at Downers Grove North High School.

C. Illinois State Board of Education Those Who Excel Award: Sandra Laszkiewicz, Jackson 5th grade teacher, received an award of Special Recognition in the Classroom Teacher category from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

D. Board Appreciation Day Recognition: Dr. Moyer stated Nov. 15th will be School Board Members Day in Illinois. "Our school board members serve without monetary compensation to make public education and District 205 the best it can be for every child. They bear responsibility and oversight for an overall annual budget of \$150 million; 8,350 students from Early Childhood through 12th grade; nearly 1,000 employees; and 15 buildings that sit on 125 acres."

A short break was taken while most of the public departed. Three people (all of whom were District employees) remained for the rest of the meeting.

E. Student Achievement Objectives: Dr. Moyer reported that the Principal meeting discussed pieces of Professional Learning Communities (PLC). At another meeting discussion of strategies of assessment for learning was held.

Charles Sprandel, Director of Research, Assessment and Quality Analysis, reported that on Monday (11/9), leadership was trained in the use of the data warehouse. These will use the system for a couple of months and make recommendations for changes and custom reports.

Additionally, Dr. Woell, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, is working on mini workshops on teacher evaluation. He is also working on inter-rater reliability.

F. School Report Card Overview: Charles Sprandel, Director of Research, Assessment and Quality Analysis, stated the school report card is required to be posted online on October 30 (by the state) and by the District 30 days later. The results of the PARCC (partnership for assessment of readiness for college and career) taken last spring are not yet available. PARCC data is expected in December and could be able to be reported in January. Some new measures for reporting are being

required, like the percent passing 8th grade algebra. D205 results are 52.3%. This piece is mostly self-reported. Other related information has been released and links to this info will be created. See <http://www.elmhurst205.org>.

G. Preliminary Tax Levy Presentation: Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Chris Whelton, gave the presentation on the levy. The “tax cap” or the PTELL – Property Tax Extension Limitation Law is designed to limit the increases in property taxes. The increase in property tax is limited to the lesser of 5% or the consumer price index (cpi) for the year before the levy year. Debt service is outside the tax cap and the limitation does not apply to new construction. 0.8% is the CPI for 2014. The EAV (equalized assessed valuation) is estimated to be a 5.76% INCREASE. The current estimate for new construction is \$35 million, but the district will levy an additional \$25 million in new construction to make sure that new construction is not under-estimated. The County will only extend the increase allowable under the tax cap, so any over estimate by the District will not be used. The total levy for 2015 that the administration is expecting for the District is 4.21%, but is probably closer to 3.20% if new construction comes in as estimated, and for most taxpayers, with only exiting property will see an increase closer to 1.63%. This will translate to a \$90 increase on a \$300,000 home.

Although this increase is less than the 105% required for a “truth in taxation” hearing, the District has still held this hearing for many years in the spirit of transparency. Mrs. Ebner asked the Board if they would be interested in discontinuing this practice. Although Mrs. Ebner seemed interested, no one else did. Dr. Moyer suggested that the Board have bullet points available when residents call with questions on this.

H. Finance and Operations Committee report: Mr. Blum reported on the 10/20/15. Frank Schuh, Director of Building and Grounds, reviewed:

- Proposed work for Summer 2016 include

	WORK CATEGORY / DISCIPLINE	BUDGET ESTIMATE
1.	Jefferson - Tuck Pointing	180,000
2.	Bryan - Replace auditorium roof and roof 17	300,000
3.	Jefferson - Replace kindergarten roof	80,000
4.	York Stadium - Replace blacktop	75,000
5.	District Office - Replace blacktop	50,000
6.	Sandburg - Replace black top west and north of the building	150,000
7.	Jefferson & York - Code required plumbing upgrades	38,300
8.	Fischer & Jackson - Required drainage for water heaters	13,000
9.	York - Replace balcony bleachers	125,000
10.	York - Resurface indoor track	240,000
	Pink - High need and involves an external agreement	
	Yellow - Deferment would compromise programs	
	Green - Previously deferred	
	TOTAL - should remain unchanged	1,251,300

- The ten-year facilities life safety/capital projects study was presented. Over \$24 million were predicted as needed for these projects. 2018 requires \$3 million for Lincoln and 2019

requires \$6.5 million. The Board mentioned that Lincoln will need to be discussed soon. They are waiting for the Focus 205 results before moving forward.

- Capacity and enrollment projections were deliberated, including student-service rooms. It appears that 2 special needs room could be moved to Emerson to free up more needed space at Field. This move could take place next year.

Superintendent's Agenda – Action Item: The Board approved

- The Resolution regarding the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for 2015.

Superintendent's Communications: none.

Board Communications: Mr. Collins, Mr. McDonough, Mrs. Ebner and Mr. Whelton attended the City's TIF Review Board. It was noted that TIF 2 ends at the end of 2016. The City Council did approve distribution of excess funds of about \$100,000 to D205. There was no discussion of any further TIF distributions. This concerns the board because the \$1.25 million of summer 2016 projects are not currently funded within D205's budget. It was assumed that a TIF distribution would cover those costs. If this distribution happens, the timing is concerning as well. The Board discussed using fund balances as working capital to fund the work and once a TIF distribution is received, that money would be put into fund balances to replace that which was used.

Action on Closed Session Items: The Board approved the dis-enrollment of nonresident student "A."

Upcoming Meetings: The next regular meetings scheduled are Nov. 24 and Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm. These and the following committee meetings will be held at the D205 Center, 2nd floor:

- Mon., Nov. 16 – Learning and Teaching Committee mtg - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 8 – Finance and Operations Committee mtg – 7:00 p.m.