

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Nov. 11, 2014**  
**7:35 pm – 9:05 pm**

**All Board members present**  
**Public: 6 Staff: 8 Press: 0**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board was in closed session since 6:00 for negotiations and approval of the 10/28/14 and 11/5/14 closed session minutes.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Superintendent's Communications:**

Since it will be Board of Education Appreciation Day on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Pruneau acknowledged the Board of Education. He stated it is a time consuming job and this Board always has the best interest of students as their primary concern.

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests: One request for a specific bid was received and granted.

B. 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. 1.5% is the CPI for 2013. The EAV (equalized assessed valuation) is estimated to be a 2% DECREASE (1.4% for York and 3% for Addison townships). The current estimate for new construction is \$28 million, but the district will levy an additional \$20 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 2014 that the administration is expecting for the District is 3.59%, which translates to a \$118 increase on a \$300,000 home.

C. School Report Card Overview: Superintendent Pruneau reviewed the new school report card format. The At-a-Glance Report Card summarizes the data in a two-page snapshot. The Board will be voting on this later in the evening. See <http://www.elmhurst205.org>.

D. Review of Board Norms: The Board wanted the community and staff to be aware of these norms for the Board. They consist of statements such as, “Be prepared for meetings by reading Board materials and addressing questions in advance so all Board members may benefit from the information.” All of the norms will be posted on the D205 website and sent to the staff.

The minutes for the 10/28/14 and 11/5/14 meeting were approved.

**Board Committee Reports:**

Mr. Blum reported on the 10/27/14 **Finance and Operations Committee** meeting. This meeting was a Committee of the Whole. They reviewed:

- The October monthly financial report – on plan and on budget.
- Term sheet for Stormwater Project
  - Categories for consideration were – improvements, easements, operations and maintenance and miscellaneous provisions.
  - The Board wanted the following in an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for Madison School:

- A “terminate at will” provision.
- A long-term comprehensive stormwater plan from the City.
- D205 should receive the “best deal possible.”
- The City should contribute to an ADA playground for Madison School.

Mrs. Stuefen reviewed the 10/30/14 **Performance Management Committee** meeting.

- Discussion of the District Performance Indicators (DPIs) from an organizational performance perspective.
- Updated Board Norms were talked through. (See above.)
- Attracting, hiring, retaining and developing employees was discussed. Job descriptions are being reviewed. A compensation study will follow.
- A new Superintendent evaluation tool had minor changes made to it and will be shared with the entire Board.

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

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- Acceptance of School Report Cards

Mr. Blum removed the following: New/Modified York High School Courses – Most of the courses were approved at the 10/28/14 meeting. This is to approve the Advanced Strength Training and Enriched Advanced Algebra with Trigonometry Honors courses about which some Board members were concerned. Mr. Blum’s concern was about the PE class titled Advanced Strength Training. He is worried that coaches may put pressure on some athletes to take this class. After an extended discussion, it was decided to approve this class for one year and approve the math class as is.

**Superintendent’s Agenda – Action Item:** The Board approved

- The Resolution regarding the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for 2014.
- Gifts designated for York Distinguished Alumni Program - \$1,785 from the D205 Foundation.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 pm, is CANCELLED. The Board will meet on Dec. 16, 2014 for the next meeting. All following committee meetings will be held at the D205 Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor:

- Tues., Nov. 18 – Finance and Operations Committee mtg - 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 3 – Learning and Teaching Committee mtg – 7:00 pm
- Tues., Dec. 9 – Finance and Operations Committee mtg – 6:30 p.m.

**Board Communications:** Mrs. Stuefen reported that the PTA Council wants to do a legislative forum for the Community in January. Those included in this forum would be LEND, LWV, legislators and the PTA Council legislative chair. Mrs. Stuefen also reported that there will be a public hearing in the Illinois State House on SB16 on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. She would be willing to attend, if no one else wanted to go.

Dr. Harrell reported that she attended both the Red Ribbon Week breakfast and the Elmhurst Youth Commission forum on heroin. She and Mr. Collins also attended York High School today for the Veteran’s Day forum and spent time with students and staff. It was a great day.