

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Nov. 12, 2013
7:30 pm – 8:50 pm

No Collins present
Public: 2 Staff: 8 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session since 6:30 for employment of employee.

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

Public Comment: None

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. 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. 1.7% is the CPI for 2012. The EAV (equalized assessed valuation) is estimated to be a 5% DECREASE (4% for York and 6% for Addison townships). The current estimate for new construction is \$22 million, but the district will levy an additional \$23 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 2013 that the administration is expecting for the District is 3.24%, which translates to a \$107 increase on a \$300,000 home.

B. Overview of York High School Course Proposals: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Charles Johns, presented the summary of York’s modified and new courses.

Department	Course	Modification
Visual and Performing Arts	Music Production 2	Year long course to a semester course
Visual and Performing Arts	Music Production 3	Year long course to a semester course
English	Y Tales	Adding a practical arts credit option
English	Broadcast Production	Summer School option

New Courses:

English	Digital Composition
Research and Social Science	World Religions
Science/Special Ed	Applications in Chemistry
Student Services	Leadership and Mentoring

Mrs. Stuefen asked what financial impact this could have. Dr. Johns answered that it shouldn’t have any impact.

C. Overview of Graduation Requirement Change: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Charles Johns, explained the recommendation for change in York graduation requirements. The York Instructional Advisory Council asked the board of Education to support a recommendation to increase the science graduation requirements to 3 years (from 2) beginning with the incoming Class of 2018. There will also be no more need for the computer concepts class or the proficiency exam for it.

This will require a change in policy 6:300 Graduation Requirements and Policy 6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency.

D. School Report Card Overview: Most of the results were discussed at the Board meeting a

month ago 10/08/13. Dr. Johns stated that the Illinois State Board of Education is calling the change “new and improved.” Dr. Johns quipped that they are at least half right. The At-a-Glance Report Card summarizes the data in a two-page snapshot. See <http://www.illinoisreportcard.com>.

Superintendent’s Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Elmhurst Police Department Providing for School Resource Officers - The agreement has established guidelines on the purpose and parameters of the program. It also details the financial obligations of the school district in supporting the School Resource Officer Program. (37.5% of the salary of the assigned officers.)
- Submission of School Maintenance Project Grant for Roof Replacement at Sandburg Middle School – Reserving \$250,000 of health/safety funds to be used for the Sandburg Roofing Project that will fulfill the eligibility requirement to receive this grant.
- Donation (York) - \$1300 from law firm Storino, Romello and Durkin for charter bus travel by the boys cross country team to the IHSA State finals.
- Donation (York) - \$2,284.08 from Elmhurst ESIX for baseball field improvements

Superintendent’s Agenda – Action Item: The Board approved the Resolution regarding the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for 2013.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 pm, as well as committee meetings:

- Thurs., Nov. 14 – Performance Management Committee mtg – 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Nov. 19 – Finance and Operations Committee mtg - 6:30 p.m.

Board Communications: Mr. McDonough reviewed the most recent Park/City/School meeting. They discussed the possibility of the land that the old hospital occupies will be turned into several homes. The City’s ordinance on impact fees states that it should be reviewed every 3 years. Those elected officials in attendance did not think that it had been reviewed recently. Mr. McDonough said that he thought this might be an opportunity for District 205 to have an input on possible impact fees.