

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Nov. 26, 2013
7:30 pm – 9:50 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 30 Staff: 9 Press: 2
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for student discipline, employment of employee, property acquisition/lease/purchase, and approval of closed session minutes from 10/22/13 and 11/12/13.

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

Recognition:

A. College Board Advanced Placement national Scholars: York students Karen Altergott, Ellen Barry, Andrew Douglas, Evan Fabry, Maureen Feeney, Jenna Honeywell, Graham Johnson, Joseph Kleinhans, Laura Krance, Justin McDonough, David McKay, Thomas Rebers, Gabriella Riek, Kailey Slavik, Spencer Wegner, and Matthew Wilbur have been named as State AP scholars by receiving a top score of 5 on multiple AP exams. York 2013 graduate, Ushasi Naha, was also named an advanced placement scholar and a State AP scholar.

B. Board Appreciation Day Recognition: Superintendent Pruneau recognized the time and energy these community volunteers put into the District. In honor of the Board members, each elementary school received books for their library.

After the recognitions, the audience was reduced to 3.

Public Comment: Six individuals spoke against the calendar for next year, which has school starting mid August and finishing the end of May. Many spoke of the bad weather in early June and good weather in August and the little time that families have to spend together.

Superintendent Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests: One FOIA request for student records was denied and another for Elmhurst Teacher's Council contracts from 2000 to current was granted.

B. PMA Five Year Projections: The following revenue assumptions were made:

- 1.5% Consumer Product Index for 2014 & 2015 and 1.8% CPI for 2016-'19.
- New growth of \$30 million for 2014 and \$25 million for 2015-'19.
- A 1% decrease in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) for 2014, no change in EAV for 2015-'17 and a 1% increase in EAV for 2018 and '19.
- \$2.9 million in general state aid for 2014 & '15 and \$3 million for 2015-'19.

Enrollment assumptions are modest increases of 30-60 students annually through 2018 and a decrease of 65 in 2019.

Certified staff is assumed to increase less than 10 positions annually through 2018.

Expenditure assumptions:

- Current contract salaries through FY15. Future years subject to negotiations, but model used increases with CPI and health benefits to increase by 8% annually.
- Non-personnel expenditures assumed to increase 2% yearly.
- Expenditures for textbooks, technology and capital projects per the District's long-range plan.

Using FY14 budget as the basis for the 5-year projections, the projections for the next year is a deficit of \$421,776 and a surplus for the rest of 5 years (2016, '17, '18 and 2019). There was a

discussion among the Board about not having to cut any staff for 2015. No final decision was made on this.

C. Impact Fee: Board member Chris Blum, working with Assistant Superintendent for Finance Chris Whelton, presented a worksheet on possible impact of a housing development on the Berneau campus of Elmhurst Hospital. This worksheet used assumptions of 50-60 homes to be built, 3 different scenarios from 28% (census data) to 60% to 100% of the homes having students attending D205 schools, and using the current impact fee of \$6500/home. Each scenario did not produce enough capital to add the appropriate square footage onto a school, with deficits of \$414,939 to over \$5 million.

The District will present this worksheet to the City for discussion with them.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: The minutes for 10/22/13 and 11/12/13 approved.

Committee Reports:

Mr. McDonough reported on the 11/11/13 **Policy Committee** meeting. They discussed:

- The graduation requirement policies discussed at the last School Board meeting and to be voted on tonight.
- The City's and Redeemer Lutheran Church's request that the District support the use of electronic signs elsewhere in the community. The committee chose not to get involved.
- The idea of impact fees should the old Elmhurst Hospital property be converted to homes. This discussion was also held at the last school board meeting.
- Indirect advertising that was already taking place throughout the district. Mr. Pruneau will ask the Principals to make a list of all that they are aware.
- The "Spring Break" penalty that athletes receive if they do not participate in practices over Spring Break. This also refers to college visits.

Mrs. Ebner reported on the 10/29/13 **Board Improvement Committee** meeting. They discussed:

- The mid-year review to be held in January 2014. This will include discussion of mission and vision, district culture and attracting/retaining the best employees, the Harris survey results, and the community presentation.
- The power point presentation for the PTA/Board community forum.

Mrs. Stuefen reviewed the 11/14/13 **Performance Management Committee** meeting.

- Continuous district improvement of the District Performance Indicators (DPIs) was discussed. Superintendent Pruneau shared the goal setting process he uses. This dovetails into the annual review and assesses progress.
- Attracting, hiring, retaining and developing employees was discussed.

Mr. Blum reported on the 11/19/13 **Finance and Operations Committee** meeting. They reviewed:

- The October monthly financial report.
- Demographic information. There is no forecasts beyond '12-'13 for the elementary level. There is full district forecasts through the '17-'18 school year. An RFP to update the data will be prepared.
- Director of Facilities, Frank Schuh, presented a list of proposed summer 2014 capital projects. These projects will cost \$2.3 million and will be in the 2015 budget.
- Calculations for impact fees regarding additional students that may move into the district if the old Elmhurst Hospital campus is turned into a subdivision.
- PMA projections will be brought to the 11/26/13 school board meeting.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda: The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- School Report Cards
- New/Modified York High School Courses (discussed 11/12/13)
- Revised Policy #6:300 - Graduation Requirements (First Reading)
- Revised Policy #6:320 - High School Credit for Proficiency (First Reading)
- Revised Policy #2:105 - Illinois Ethics and Gift Ban Act (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Revised Policy #5:185 - Family and Medical Leave (Second Reading and Adoption)
- Revised Policy #7:340 - Student Records (Second Reading and Adoption)

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Dec. 17th at 7:30 pm. All meetings are at the District 205 Center, second floor:

- Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013 – Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013 - Finance and Operations Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 16, 2013 – Board Improvement Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Closed Session Action: The Board voted to uphold the administration's recommendations to suspend Student "B."

Board Communications: The Board discussed continuing talking with PTA Council about topics that were not addressed at the community forum at the beginning of the month. It was decided to let the Board Improvement Committee decide on the next forum.