

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Mar. 20, 2006
7:35 pm – 8:35 pm

No Carlquist
Public: 4 Staff: 6 Press: 2
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes, employment of employee and collective negotiations.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Garden Club Presentation: Val Stewart introduced Garden Club members Karen Exiner and Carolyn Ubriaco, who presented a check for \$1000 for the York Library to buy scientific books.

B. ISAT Testing: Tom McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, spoke of the problems with the printing of the test booklet. There were many oddities including mis-collating, upside down printing, blank pages in the middle of a section, and inadequate writing space for the younger students. All of these instances are being recorded for forwarding to the State Board of Education.

C. Letter to the County Clerks: Lynda Given from Chapman and Cutler wrote a letter to the Cook and DuPage County Clerks to make sure that the increased rate for the education fund is included in the June and September taxes if the referendum passes.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- The minutes from 2/27/06 and 3/11/06.
- The consent agenda which included:
 - Personnel report
 - Financial Reports
 - Adoption of instructional materials
 - Bid # 06-06 – Cleaning Supplies – This was a two-year contract with Amsan/Elton for the purchase of cleaning chemicals.
- Bid # 05-08 – Special Education Student Transportation – The three-year contract was given to Cottage Hill Operating. For the first year, the cost is 6% lower than current costs and could save as much as \$41,000.
- Adoption of Parameters Resolution authorizing sale of tax anticipation warrants – this resolution allows for the President and the Treasurer of the Board to electronically transfer money into the payroll account as needed.
- Appointment of School Exec Connect as the search firm for a new Superintendent of Schools.

Board Communications:

The Board decided to meet on Wednesday (the day after the election), whether the referenda pass or not. If the referenda do not pass, the Board will be RIFing (reduction in force) staff. If the referenda pass, the Board will be working on the Superintendent Search.