

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Mar. 22, 2006
7:45 pm – 8:55 pm

Carlquist came at 8:00
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 employment of employee, collective negotiations, and pending litigation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Board Communications:

A. Superintendent Search: Mrs. DeRonne stated that the letter from the Search Firm (School Exec Connect) should be posted on the web site as well as the feedback form and the timeline. The theoretical overview of the process is that School Exec Connect will hold focus groups with different contingents (administrators, teachers, community leaders) to form a profile of the community and of what type of Superintendent the community is looking. There will be one focus group that will be open to anyone. Once a profile is formed, the search firm will contact candidates. The Board will review resumes on April 24th. The first round of candidate interviews will be April 29th. All candidate interviews will be confidential and limited to the Board or to staff/administrators. Val Stewart will be the administrator in charge of setting these focus groups/interviews.

B. School Construction Project: Dr. Morris asked the Board to authorize the start of planning of the three schools that had been identified as “fast track projects” during the referenda campaign. Lincoln, Field and Jefferson had been told that their additions should be ready by the end of the winter holidays (approximately Jan. 2007). Ms. Palmere stated that on Tuesday, April 4th, a stakeholder’s workshop would be held for the Principals, staff and parents of these buildings to review plans. Within two weeks of this meeting, the plans should be complete and the project ready to start. Mr. Carlquist moved that the Administration should meet with Wight and Co. and McHugh Construction Management Co. to determine costs, timing, and work to be done. Mr. Spaeth objected to this motion and said that he wanted to be on the record and to have the minute reflect that he thinks that the Board is not being prudent with the money that the Community has given the Board. He stated that there were lots of things that could have gone better during the York construction and to approve this motion was to approve the construction contract. He asked several times if the District has budgeted correctly for architectural services during the York Project. Dr. Morris answered several times that the York Project had come in on time and on budget. Finally, Mrs. DeRonne told Mr. Spaeth to talk with Ms. Palmere outside of a Board meeting to get his specific questions on the York project answered. Dr. Lindberg called the question and the debate was ended on Mr. Carlquist’s motion by a vote of 5 yes to 2 no. The same results were received when the vote on Mr. Carlquist’s motions was taken. (Voting yes – Carlquist, Davy, DeRonne, Lindberg, Ostojic and voting no – Spaeth and Thrall).

There will be another Board meeting on Friday, March 24th at 12:30 pm. This agenda states that this meeting is to amend the budget and the levy to reflect the change that passage of the referenda brings.