

Dist. 205 Board of Education
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8:15 pm – 9:50 pm

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Public: 7 Staff: 5 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of collective negotiations and possible litigation.

President DeRonne called the meeting to order, welcomed Dr. Lynn Krizic as the new Superintendent for District 205, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Construction Committee Report: Dr. Krizic gave an overview of the steps that were taken to pick an architectural firm for the remaining additions at the middle schools and the rest of the elementary schools. PMA advertised and contacted architects. They received 19 submissions for the RFQ (request for qualifications) that District 205 had contracted PMA to do. From the 19, PMA picked the top 5 firms, based on a set of criteria, for the District's Construction Committee to interview. The five firms were: Wight & Co., Healy Bender, Ruck Pate, STR, and FGM. The District's Construction Committee (Board members Tom Thrall and Peggy Ostojic, Superintendent Dr. Krizic, new District 205 construction manager George Klein, and PMA's Gary Martens) interviewed all 5 firms on June 20th. The interviews were based on a pre-determined set of criteria. All six members of the committee rated Wight & Co. as the firm that was best qualified for the jobs that were proposed.

PMA received 12 submissions for the Construction Management RFQ. Again, PMA offered the top 5 firms for the District 205 Construction Committee to interview. The five firms were: Frederick Quinn, McHugh, Lamp, Henry Brothers, and International Contractors. These interviews took place on July 11th. Again, all 6 members of the Construction Committee rated McHugh as the firm that met the qualifications of the job.

The Board discussed these reports. Mr. Spaeth was concerned that the information was presented during this meeting and had not been issued to Board members previously to be evaluated. He stated that he would be voting against these two resolutions later in the meeting due to lack of time for evaluation.

B. Technology: Dr. Krizic has met with the Director of Technology, Linda O'Connor and the representatives from President 3 times, with another meeting scheduled for tomorrow. These meetings are to determine what and how much hardware will be purchased. Once this group has decided what should be purchased, a larger group will be consulted. Dr. Krizic would like to re-establish the Technology Leadership Committee. A decision on lease vs. purchase (or a combination) will also be made. Dr. Krizic stated that a policy needed to set a direction about what will drive purchases.

C. Budget Workshops: Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Pat Palmere, recommended that the Board have a minimum of two Budget workshops set for the next month. The Board will be polled to determine when most are available for any meetings.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- To authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract for services with James McHugh Construction Company. 5 yes, 1 no (Spaeth), 1 absent
- To authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract for services with Wight and Company Architects. 5 yes, 1 no (Spaeth), 1 absent

- An agreement between the Board of Education of Elmhurst community Unit School District 205 and Local No. 73 Service Employees' International Union, SEIU-CTW. Mr. Spaeth stated that the community should understand that as part of this contract, the District committed not to substitute or replace any of these custodial jobs with lower wage out sources. He also said that this could cost the District several hundreds of thousands of dollars and that many Districts and businesses out source their custodial services. Mr. Carlquist commented that less than 10% of school Districts out source their custodial services and that, as part of the 3-year agreement, for 2 of the years the employees will take a wage cut. The agreement carried with 5 yes, 1 abstention (Spaeth) and 1 absent.

Board Communications:

Mr. Thrall spoke about the meeting at City Council on Monday night where it was announced that more properties in TIF 1 would be released since the City received better than expected tax revenue from the downtown area. This should amount to about \$900,000 for District 205 over the next two years.