

Dist. 205 Board of Education
July 17, 2006
7:50 pm – 9:40 pm

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Public: 25 Staff: 5 Press: 3
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of approval of closed session minutes, negotiations and actual/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: Tom Crowley, the York student who had a conflict all last year with Chemistry and Choir, announced that he has started passing a petition to have an advisory referendum on the ballot at during the Spring elections to request that the Board of Education write a policy for this type of conflict. A woman representing a group of neighbors from the Pick subdivision announced that they would be filing papers soon to request detachment from Districts 45 and 88 and attachment to District 205. She hoped that the District 205 School Board would support their efforts. Their attorney stated that he agreed with what the Pick Subdivision representative said.

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Cabinet Reports: Dr. Krizic had asked that all Cabinet members give the Board written reports concerning their areas. Several Board members had several questions for the Assistant Superintendents. (This Observer received a copy of this the following day.)

B. Technology Update: Dr. Krizic distributed a proposal for '06-'07 school year technology purchases. This document is in rough draft form and will be re-worked with more input from school administrators and their technology committees before a final decision is reached. A prioritized list was put together which was subdivided by: personal computing, servers, infrastructure, software, and peripherals.

C. Construction Update: The 75% construction and design drawings were distributed on July 14th for review for Field, Jefferson and Lincoln. District Custodial and Maintenance Personnel met concerning the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing design earlier in the day. Site construction preparation and fencing will be in place for the first day of student attendance requiring students and staff to learn only one set of safety rules for entrance and exit. Portable classrooms have been leased for Lincoln and Jefferson and will be installed before school starts this fall. The portable classroom purchased for Hawthorne (to be used for the library) will also be installed before school starts in the fall.

D. Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officer Services: Dr. Krizic stated that she had attended the City of Elmhurst Safety Committee meeting the previous Monday. At that time, the Committee was reviewing the use of 3 full time police officers in the District. The last time that this agreement was addressed was in the late 80's. The City is proposing that the District pay 50% of 75% of the cost of the 3 full time officers. Currently the District is paying less than \$19,000 annually. The proposed cost would be \$87,000. This fee would be transitioned over the next two years.

E. End of Year FY '06 Budget Status: The '05-'06 school year ended with a surplus of \$2,554,440. This "excess" is due to the educational fund actual revenue, which included the \$0.30 tax rate increase in the June, 2006 tax collection. The operations and maintenance budget was overspent due to natural gas (\$254,000) and electricity (\$48,000).

F. FY '07 Preliminary Budget: Revenue is projected to be \$84,000,000 (including the additional TIF properties that the City will be releasing). Appropriations are expected to be \$81,600,000, leaving another \$2,400,000 as surplus. Both this amount and the surplus from '05-'06 will be used to re-build the

reserves. The District had to borrow money this year and is projected to have to borrow money for the next 3 or 4 years (as tax anticipation warrants) to pay bills in the spring.

The Board scheduled two Budget workshops – Monday, July 31st at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The location of these meetings will be determined at a later date.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- The consent agenda which included
 - Personnel report
 - Financial reports
 - Authorization of destruction of verbatim recordings of closed session minutes
 - Bid #06-14 – Air Handler Filters
- A foreign exchange student from Germany

Board Communications: None

The Board voted to return to closed session for the purpose of actual or potential litigation.