

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Sept. 11, 2006
7:30 pm – 9:12 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 15 Staff: 5 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 6:30 pm “to consider one or more of the following subjects including, but not limited to: collective negotiations and actual/pending litigation. President DeRonne called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence to honor those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Mrs. DeRonne stated that there would be a deviation from the agenda to announce the successful completion of contract negotiations with the Elmhurst Teachers’ Council, AFT/IFT Local 571. She read a statement including some of the terms of the new two-year agreement and asked for a motion to be put forth by the Board. The motion was made, seconded and carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Comment: A former York student announced that he had procured enough signatures to put a referendum on the next ballot requesting that a policy be written about conflicting courses/time periods at York. Valerie Baxter, President of the Elmhurst Teachers’ Council thanked the Board and the administrators involved in the negotiations. She stated that the negotiating team is reflecting on how to make the next round of negotiations go more smoothly.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Annual Safety Review Process: Dr. Krizic notified the Board that as their agent, she is reviewing all safety plans for the 13 schools in the District.

B. Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Elmhurst: This agreement governs the District 205/City of Elmhurst police liaisons. The District will pay 50% of 75% (i.e. 9 months out of 12) of the cost of 2 police liaisons at York and one at the middle schools. The District did make some changes to the agreement (notification of increases or decreases in time needed, background checks, and workman’s compensation, if necessary). The City should approve the agreement on the 18th of September, while the School District should approve it at their September 25th meeting.

Workshop Discussion Topics:

A. Board and District Goal Development: Dr. Krizic suggested that the Board have a Saturday workshop on strategic plan/setting long and short-term goals. This first meeting will focus on process and who should be involved. Mrs. DeRonne suggested that Oct. 28th would be a good day for this meeting. Board members are to notify the administration as to whether they can attend or not.

B. Enrollment Projections: The salaries in the FY ’08, FY ’09 and FY 10 are based on the demographers highest estimate of student enrollment. As of Sept 1, 2006, the actual enrollments are:

- Similar to the “C” (greater than currently anticipated) scenario for Emerson and Lincoln,
- Similar to the “B” (anticipated) scenario for Edison, Hawthorne, Jackson, Bryan, Churchville, Sandburg, and York,
- And between “B” and “C” for Field, Fischer, and Jefferson.

Ms. Palmere would like to update the Budget book using the “B” or between the “B” and “C” scenario and to include the new teachers’ salaries that were just approved with the new contract. The Board discussed which figures to use. It was decided to use a figure between the “B” and “C” scenario.

C. Construction Budget: The Budget for additions/renovations was discussed. Dr. Krizic said that the budget currently appears to be 2% over budget but does not include any life safety money that can be used for renovations (perhaps at Hawthorne?), interest money of changes due to reduction of scope. She stated

that she feels that the District is in a relatively good place. The budget projections were broken down to specific schools and Dr. Krizic said that this form would not be issued again because of perception that one school may be getting more money spent on it than another. Several Board members objected to this and said that they would be able to explain the differences should a community member or parent object.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- The concept designs for additions and renovations at Edison, Emerson, Fischer, Hawthorne, Jackson, Bryan, Churchville, and Sandburg. A community forum was held on August 31st to present these designs to the public. With this approval, the Board also authorizes Wight and Company to finalize these plans, thereby allowing bid documents to be prepared.

Board Communications: Mrs. DeRonne told of the latest issue of *Chicago Magazine* listing Edison and Jackson Schools as 2 of the top 15 schools in DuPage County.