

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Sept. 25, 2006
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

All present, Lindberg left @ 8:25 pm
Public: 10 Staff: 5 Press: 2
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 6:00 pm “to consider one or more of the following subjects including, but not limited to: approval of closed session minutes, employment of employee and actual/pending litigation. President DeRonne called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Hearing – Adoption of FY07 Budget: Pat Palmere, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, issued a revised budget to include items that had been unknown in the original document, such as: teachers’ salaries (due to negotiations), actual state aid and federal grant updates. The budget changed to \$90,869,750 from \$90,487,749. The library book expenditure was reduced by \$10,000 (although \$56,400 was still reinstated), supplies were reduced by \$75,000 (but \$275,000 was reinstated from the previous year’s budget), staff development was reduced to a \$170,000 addition over the previous year’s rather than \$192,000), music equipment replacement (\$15,000 reduced but \$85,000 reinstated), driver’s ed cars (one rather than two cars will be purchased), athletic uniforms (\$6,000 reduced with \$35,000 still added) and the substitutes for training line item was reduced by \$7,000 with \$43,000 reinstated over the ’05-’06 budget.

Ms. Palmere also re-worked the projected cash flow figures. Current projections show that about \$1,000,000 will still need to be borrowed to pay bills in May 2010.

There were no public comments for the budget hearing.

Public Comment: Two current teachers spoke about the proposed agreement for retiring teachers. For 2009 retirees, the Board is offering a 6% incentive for 3years; for 2010 retirees, the Board is offering a 6% incentive for 4 years. This amounts to as much as a \$5000/year difference for the retirees’ lifetime between the two years. Both teachers respectfully requested the Board to reconsider the offer. A retired teacher expressed concerns about the next addition planned for Emerson.

Superintendent’s Communications:

Dr. Krizic announced that York had 5 National Merit Semifinalists and 14 commended scholars.

A. Cabinet Reports: Several Board members had questions regarding grants received or still pending. Dr. McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, said that he and Dr. Krizic would be meeting with the grant writer on October 19th to review the grants received, pending, and future requests.

B. Construction Report: Dr. Krizic stated that there are bids that were to be opened on September 28th. She asked if the administration would be allowed to award the bids and have the Board ratify the contracts after the fact. It was the consensus of the Board that this would be acceptable. There was discussion about allowing the administration the ability to approve any scope change of \$10,000 or less until the Policy Committee discusses this and brings it to the whole Board. Mr. Spaeth expressed concern about the construction reports being issued by project rather than school. (e.g. Lincoln, Jefferson and Field, which are the “fast track” schools are one project.) Dr. Krizic responded that bids and costs are issued by projects rather than school and to ask the contractors or the administration to divide up the bids by schools was time consuming and did not present any advantage to the District. Mr. Spaeth asked that the construction reports be issued by school for next meeting.

Superintendent’s Agenda: The Board approved:

- Minutes from 7/17/06, 8/14/06, 8/28/06, 9/11/06
- Consent agenda
 - Personnel reports
 - Financial reports
 - Freedom of Information requests
 - '06-'07 application for recognition of schools
 - Budget calendar for FY '07-'08
 - Intergovernmental agreement between District 205 and City of Elmhurst for School resource Officers
- Resolution for Adoption of 2006-2007 Budget
- Curriculum Renewal Cycle Calendar
- Revised Policy #4205-1 – Certified Staff – 1st Reading
- Revised Policy #4305 – Qualifications – 1st Reading
- Revised Policy #3225-3 – School Safety Program – 1st Reading
- Revised Policy #3225-3.1 – Child Sex Offender and Murderer Community Notification Act – 1st Reading
- Revised Policy #5215-6 – Homeless Children – 1st Reading
- Revised Policy #5425-2.1 – Right of Inspection – 1st Reading
- The following were for the Lincoln, Jefferson and Field Project:
 - Bid #07-09 Structural Steel (Midwestern Steel Sales \$199,050);
 - Bid #07-10 Masonry (Garth/Larmco JV LLC \$784,500),
 - Bid #07-11 Carpentry (Frontier Construction Co. \$76,102);
 - Bid #10-13 Windows (Krull Windows Co. \$159,589) and
 - Bid #07-18 Hollow Metal Doors, Frames and Hardware (Classic Hardware \$54,875).

Board Communications: Mrs. Ostijic attended the IASB fall conference. She congratulated Dr. Lindberg and Mrs. DeRonne for receiving awards for being “master school board members.” She also received information about science, technology, engineering and math education at this conference.

Action taken out of Closed Session: The Board approved the settlement agreement labeled A-1 and authorized the Superintendent to sign it.