

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Oct. 23, 2006**  
**7:30 pm – 9:35 pm**

**No Davy, Lindberg**  
**Public: 60 Staff: 6 Press: 2**  
**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”: approval of closed session minutes, employment of employee and actual/potential litigation. President DeRonne called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition: National Merit Semi-Finalist and Commended Scholars:** The National Merit Semifinalist and commended scholars are determined by results received from PSAT testing. Of the over one million High School Juniors who take this test, the top 5% are awarded the distinction of commended scholar. The top 1% is deemed semifinalists. York Principal, Diana Smith introduced the two commended scholars present and read the names of the other 12 commended scholars. She then read brief bios of each of the 5 National Merit Semifinalists. Mrs. DeRonne read a proclamation about these students.

**Public Comment:** The students who had attended most of last year’s School Board meetings objecting to his perceived unfair treatment concerning two courses that conflicted time-wise, stated that he had procured 1400 signatures to put this issue onto the ballot as a referendum question for this Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Four parents of private school students addressed the Board with their concerns about changing services for private school special education students who are serviced by District 205. Some stated that the Board had not done this last year because the District was going for referendum. Another parent stated that the change from an IEP to a service plan was not to address the needs of children, but for the needs of the legal department.

**Superintendent’s Communications:**

A. Cabinet Reports: Dr. McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, answered some questions for Board members about his report.

B. Summer School Report: Dr. McCann reported that:

- Elementary summer school revenue vs. expenses: \$4,550.65
- High School academic classes rev. vs. exp.: \$7,710.64
- High School Driver’s Ed revenue vs. expenses: \$5,954.40
- High School Non-Academic classes rev. vs. exp.: \$96,783.30
- Instrumental Music Camp revenue vs. expenses: (-)\$3,851,31
- Estimated utilities costs (-)\$114,858.00
- Estimated maintenance and Custodial Labor (-) \$15,830.00
- BALANCE -\$19,540.32

All directors of the 2006 Summer School programs recommended that the fees remain the same for the next year.

C. Construction Report: Dr. Krizic stated that two projects were removed from the construction budget and placed in the life safety/maintenance budget. The \$525,000 Field relocation of the playground and the water detention project and the \$422,000 pod remodeling at Churchville will be paid out of the working cash fund bonds that can only be used for Capital purposes only. When fees are included, this amount will equal \$1.1 million. Also in the Construction Budget, the Design contingency for group 1 has been reduced from 5% to 2% and for group 2, from 10% to 5%. The Construction Contingency for group 1 was reduced from 5% to 3%. Most bids received so far have been as estimated or lower.

D. Library Grant: District 205 will receive approximately \$5,726, which will be used for books, audiovisual materials, Internet online resources, and software.

E. Food Service Report: The participation per school for lunch at the elementary level was found to be 31 to 43%. The anticipated participation level was 53-60%. Because of overhead costs, the District lost \$175,000 on this program last year. Pat Palmere, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, suggested that the District re-join the National School Lunch Program, which has stricter guidelines of allowable food and will supply the District with about \$70,000 in reimbursements per year. This move will also require a complex bidding process. The food service department at York could also bid for this. This issue was discussed by the Board and will be brought back before the Board after Ms. Palmere and Ms. Stewart (Communications) write and issue a survey to students and parents.

**Superintendent's Agenda:** The Board approved:

- Minutes from 9/25/06 and 10/10/06
- Consent agenda
  - Personnel reports
  - Financial reports
  - Freedom of Information requests
  - Authorization or Board election Designee
- Estimated amounts to be levied for Year 2006
- Adoption of resolution of intent to sell Working Cash Fund Bonds
- Fees for Summer Programs for Students (Mr. Carlquist voted no.)
- Revised Policy #4205-1 – Certified Staff – 2nd Reading
- Revised Policy #4305 – Qualifications – 2nd Reading
- Revised Policy #3225-3 – School Safety Program – 2nd Reading
- Revised Policy #3225-3.1 – Child Sex Offender and Murderer Community Notification Act – 2nd Reading
- Revised Policy #5215-6 – Homeless Children – 2nd Reading
- Revised Policy #5425-2.1 – Right of Inspection – 2nd Reading
- Revision Policy #5405-1 – Required Physical Examinations and Immunizations – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Changes deadline for exam to the first day of school).
- Revision Policy #5215-4 – Non Public School Students – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Changes the way private school special education students are supplied services from IEP to Service Plan, requires District 205 to annually determine amount of additional funds in excess of proportionate share amount and to locate, identify and evaluate all children ages 3 – 21 enrolled in private schools. Some Board members addressed the private school parents' concerns.)
- Purchase of Scoreboard and Athletic Advertising

**Board Communications:** Mrs. DeRonne read the following statement: “We have been receiving inquiries about the proposition that is on the ballot for the Nov. 7 election. The proposition that is on the ballot under Elmhurst District 205 is a proposition generated by a local citizen, and not at the behest of the Board of Education. Questions of public policy with regard to the school district may be initiated in one of two ways: by an action taken by the Board of Education, or a petition properly submitted by a requisite number of voters. In the case of the proposition on the ballot this fall, a local citizen has taken it upon himself to gather signatures and place the question on the ballot. I repeat, the proposition on the ballot has not been initiated by the Board of Education. A question of public policy placed before the voters in this way is advisory only. The Election Code, in Section 28-6, states that ‘no legal effects shall result from the adoption or rejection of such proposition.’”

**Action taken out of Closed Session:** None

The Board adjourned into closed session for the approval of closed session minutes, employment of employee and actual/potential litigation.