

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Nov. 13, 2006
7:43 pm – 9:05 pm

Lindberg left at 8:30
Public: 25 Staff: 6 Press: 3
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, student discipline, actual/potential litigation, employment of employee and property acquisition/lease/purchase. President DeRonne called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Levy Hearing: This was a “truth in taxation” hearing on the adoption of the 2006 certificate of levy. There were no public comment and no Board comments.

Public Comment: The student who had procured the signatures for the referendum on having a policy on lunch labs spoke and thanked all 10,471 people who voted “yes” for this. He also gave several different scenarios for the Board to consider if they were to write this policy. Three parents spoke about the special education for private school children policy. They all thanked Dr. Krzic and Dr. Powell for working with them and praised the way the District staff has administered the program in the past. They asked that the final decision on the policy be deferred until after their next meeting with the administration. A retired District 205 teacher spoke of several different issues. While substitute teaching at York, he noticed several rooms do not have American flags. He also noticed some floor tile at York was mismatched. He is concerned that the District is going out of District to replace administrators. He said that the District needs continuity. His last concern was that St. Charles Borromeo School will probably be closing at the end of this year. Their current enrollment is 178 students. Some of these students will probably end up in District 205 schools. He asked the Board if they were prepared for these additional students.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Cabinet Reports: No questions were asked by the Board.

B. Middle School Task Force: This group met for the first time last week. It is made up of middle school teachers (representing all disciplines and all three buildings), administrators and PTA Presidents (or their designee). They hope to have recommendations to the Board by the end of February.

C. District Goals: A draft document was distributed to all Board members with the goals that they had proposed at their goal setting meeting on Oct. 26th. The goals were divided into three groups:

- Operational Excellence – made up of 8 goals touching on finances, construction, strategic plan, staff development, policies, safety and security, and technology.
- Educational Excellence – made up of 4 goals addressing student achievement, instructional practices, best practices and equity between all levels.
- Stakeholder Engagement Excellence – made up of 4 goals which engages the community, emphasizes two-way communication, and strengthens intergovernmental and business partners.

At the Dec. Board meeting, some ways to measure improvement will be discussed.

D. Construction Report:

- Group 1 (Lincoln, Jefferson & Field) – all bids have been opened and approvals will be done later tonight. If the weather cooperates, the additions should be closed in and the roofing installed by Jan.1, 2007.
- Group 2 (Jackson, Fischer, Emerson, & Edison) – Some bid approvals will take place later tonight. Construction will begin the end of November for all schools but Edison (Jan. ’07). Construction equipment will use Ferndale for the Emerson site. A meeting with the neighbors was held last week.

- Group 3 (Sandburg, Churchville & Bryan) – Some bid approvals will be made later tonight. Construction will begin the end of November. Remainder of bids will be advertised as drawings and details become available.
- Group 4 (Hawthorne) – Hawthorne is still in schematic design. There are many meetings still necessary with the City of Elmhurst, Nicor, ComEd and decisions to be made before Developmental Design can be made. An asbestos abatement project is planned to start over the Winter Holidays. The schedule is such that students will not be returning until two days after the remainder of the District. No instructional time will be lost with this change.

E. ECAF approval regarding Madison Playground: Elmhurst Child Assistance Foundation (ECAF) has requested that the District allow this organization to fundraise and supplement the current playground at Madison to make it more handicap accessible. They propose spending \$60,000 to \$70,000 on this playground. The Board was thankful for this project and reminded the Superintendent that naming rights would not be included in this rehab.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- Minutes from 10/23/06 and 10/26/06
- Consent agenda
 - Personnel reports
 - Financial reports
 - Agreement with Scholastic Book fairs for Sandburg MS
 - Acceptance of a donation to the York Athletic Program
- Adoption of 2006 Certificate of Levy
- Revision to Policy #5405-1 – Required Physical Examinations and Immunizations – 2nd Reading and Adoption
- Revision to Policy #5215-4 Non Public School Students – 2nd Reading and Adoption was moved and seconded, but postponed until the Dec. Board meeting and after more meetings with the private school parents.
- Authorization to proceed with a Feasibility Analysis to determine opportunity to reduce operating expenses.
- Bids for Group 1 Projects at Field, Jefferson, and Lincoln Schools:
 - #07-34 Selective Demolition (\$53,900)
 - #07-37 Roofing (\$293,886)
 - #07-38 Fire Protection (\$55,510)
 - #07-39 Plastic Laminate Casework (\$74,563)
 - #07-40 Drywall/Acoustical Tile (\$90,190)
 - #07-43 Painting(\$48,585)
 - #07-44 Lockers (\$63,849)
- Bids for Group 2 Projects at Edison, Emerson, Jackson and Fischer Schools:
 - #07-26 Excavation (\$225,100)
 - #07-27 Site Utilities (\$72,300)
 - #07-28 Concrete (\$219,675)
 - #07-29 Helical Piers (\$105,000)
 - #07-30 Hollow Core Plank (\$113,665)
- Bids for Group 3 Projects at Bryan, Churchville and Sandburg Middle Schools:
 - #07-31 Excavation (\$286,600)
 - #07-32 Site Utilities (\$109,400)
 - #07-33 Concrete (\$346,330)

- Resolution authorized intervention in proceedings before the state of Illinois property tax appeal board – Commonwealth Edison has filed assessment appeals on their right of way properties in Addison Township. Most of these parcels are within the District’s boundaries. If ComEd is successful, the District will have to pay back property taxes paid on these parcels for many years. It could be as much as \$450,000 plus 5% compounded interest. This resolution allows the District’s attorneys to intervene.

Board Communications: Mrs. DeRonne stated that the advisory referendum issue was referred to the Policy Committee

Action taken out of Closed Session: The Board upheld the administration’s recommendation to expel Student “A”, “B”, and “C”.