

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Jan. 22, 2007
7:30 pm – 9:35 pm

All Bd Members Present
Public: 60 Staff: 6 Press: 2
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 6:15 pm “to consider one or more of the following subjects including, but not limited to”: approval of closed session minutes, employment of employee, actual/ potential litigation, property acquisition/lease/ purchase, and the superintendent’s evaluation. President DeRonne called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition: Three teachers were recognized for earning the National Board Certification: Margaret Lewis from Emerson Elementary School, and Karla Talbot and Rachel Washburn from Field Elementary Schools. Seventeen York students were acknowledged for being selected as All-State by the IMEA (Illinois Music Educator Association). They will perform this weekend in Peoria.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Cabinet Reports:

- Curriculum – Today was an institute day, focusing on assessment. The state has sent corrected ISAT results to the District. No school report card is available yet. Middle School task Force is meeting. This committee will be contacting 17 Middle Schools that are the same size (or larger) and spend about the same amount per pupil but out-perform District 205 Middle Schools. 6-7 questions would be asked of these schools. Dr. McCann will be meeting with the District’s contracted grant writer on a regular basis to review grants.
- Finance – A possible re-financing of bonds could save the taxpayers of District 205 \$750,000. CPI for Dec 2006 was 2.5%. A 3.0% CPI was used for projections. The projections will be re-calculated with the 2.5% figure. A list of Driver’s Ed Cars and their condition and mileage was supplied. A plan for transitioning Pat Masterton into Pat Palmere’s job was formed.
- Student Services – A study of the transition services for 18 to 21 year old special needs students is being conducted. Any possible changes to this program will be brought to the Board at the end of January.
- Personnel – 100% of the certified staff meet Illinois standards. 96% of the certified staff meet NCLB (No Child Left Behind) standards. Those who do not meet NCLB standards have 2 years to meet these. A new Principal mentoring program (which will be required by state statute on 7/1/07) proposal was discussed.
- Community Relations – A RFP (request for proposal) for automated calls (for emergency weather days) is being prepared.

B. Construction Update: All elementary schools except Hawthorne and all Middle School additions are still on target for August 2007 completion. For further detail see www.elmhurst.k12.il.us/construction/

C. Technology Update: There are many projects in progress. All 3 Middle School labs have been updated. The Business lab at York has been updated and other York labs had

some computers replaced. All T21 laptops have been swapped for the new Dell laptops.
D. St. Charles Rd Underpass Project: Dr. Krizic had written a draft letter to the City requesting “a seat at the table.” Several Board members were concerned about this project and made some suggestions to the letter.

Superintendent’s Agenda: The Board approved:

- Minutes from 12/11/07 & 12/18/07
- Consent agenda
 - Personnel report
 - Financial reports
 - Freedom of Information request
 - Agreement with Scholastic Book fairs for Bryan Middle School
- Amended 2006-2007 Official Calendar to include June 7th as a half day to makeup for the Dec 1st snow day
- New Policy #1130-1.1 Use of Technology under the Open Meetings Act – 2nd reading
- Policy #3245 Commemorative Naming of School Buildings and/or Facilities – 1st reading
- Policy #4120-6 Child Abuse Reporting – 1st Reading
- Amendment to Agreement with Wight & Company for Architectural/Engineering Services for Capital Projects
- Bid #07-54 – Playground Equipment and Protective Coatings at Field, Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary Schools (\$103,370)
- Ratification of Bids for Group 2 Projects: Additions at Edison, Emerson, Fischer and Jackson Elementary Schools:
 - #07-55 Selective Demolition (\$94,700);
 - #07-57 Masonry (\$489,000);
 - #07-68 Plumbing (\$227,000);
 - #07-69 HVAC (\$680,765); and
 - #07-70 Electrical (\$483,140)
- Bids for Group 2 Projects: Additions at Edison, Emerson, Fischer and Jackson Elementary Schools:
 - #07-60 Windows/Entrances (\$191,500);
 - #07-62 Ceramic Tile (\$19,650);
 - #07-63 Composition Floor Tile (\$62,814);
 - #07-64 Painting (\$31,419);
 - #07-66 Lockers (\$45,309);
 - #07-67 Fire Protection (\$35,123).
- Ratification of Bids for Group 3 Projects: Additions at Bryan, Churchville and Sandburg Middle Schools:
 - #07-71 Selective Demolition (\$170,300);
 - #07-73 Masonry (\$705,519);
 - #07-85 Plumbing (\$386,000);
 - #07-86 HVAC (\$1,426,000);
 - #07-87 Electrical (\$518,665)
- Bids for Group 3 Projects Additions at Bryan, Churchville and Sandburg:

- #07-74 Carpentry (\$94,679);
- #07-76 Windows (\$130,145);
- #07-79 Ceramic Tile (\$17,644);
- #07-80 Composition Floor Tile (\$102,365);
- #07-81 Painting (\$45,978);
- #07-83 Lockers (\$40,607);
- #07-84 Fire Protection (\$99,910)
- Bids for Group 4 Hawthorne Elementary School
 - #07-92 Hollow Core Plank (\$171,935);
 - #07-93 Structural Steel and Miscellaneous Metals (\$398,713);
 - #07-94 Masonry (\$810,000)

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Board Communications: Mr. Spaeth spoke of the article that Dr. Krizic had sent all Board members on the economy of the State written by the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago.

Action taken out of Closed Session: The Board approved:

- Some closed session minutes.
- The continued need for confidentiality of other closed session minutes.
- An agreement with William Zuhn.
- The suspension and removal of tenured teacher Gail Sopron.
- The settlement agreement with York High School neighbors regarding Illinois pollution control.