

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Feb. 12, 2007
7:45 pm – 9:35 pm

No Lindberg; Ostojic arr. 8:45
Public: 10 Staff: 6 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”: employment of employee and property acquisition/lease/purchase. President DeRonne called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent’s Communications:

Dr. Krizic stated that due to inclement weather, the joint School Board/PTA Council meeting had been postponed. She told the Board that March 6th looked like a good day for the administration and that the Board would be polled about their availability for this meeting to be rescheduled.

Workshop Discussion Topics:

A. Student Fees: Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Pat Palmere reviewed the information that she had collected for the Board. Besides a 4 page narrative of the history of assigning student fee amounts, there was sample registration sheets, K-8 textbook and consumable costs, supply lists, athletic program costs, York Bookstore statement, comparable fees in other Districts, proposed FY '08 Fees. Parents of K-7 students may pay their fees on line through REVTRAK. York student fees may be paid by cash, check, credit card, and the REVTRAK option will be explored as a possibility for these students. K-8 fees are set so that the student pays 1/6th of the cost of books (since the books are kept for 6 years), and 100% of consumables (workbooks etc.) Optional fees include instrumental music and extracurricular sports. The Board asked for more information concerning Driver’s Education costs at York. There were also concerned about the cost of books at all levels. Mr. Carlquist suggested that they might want to have a policy or practice to put some budget constraints on curriculum adoption. This subject will be discussed at another Board meeting.

B. Food Service Management Bid: The bid process for school food service management is very complex. Once bid documents are prepared, they must be reviewed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for compliance. Once accepted by ISBE, the bid will be advertised for 21 days. During this time, a pre-bid meeting is required. After bids are opened and reviewed, a pre-contract award summary sheet must be approved by the ISBE. The District’s Food Service Director will be developing a proposal as well. The entire process will take 2-3 months.

C. Technology Update: A full report of the Technology Leadership Committee will be received by the Board at the next Board meeting (2/26). There was consensus on the District needing a Director of Technology (an administrator and another who would be an education specialist).

D. Middle School Task Force Update: Results were received from the survey that was sent to 18 schools that had the same enrollment, costs per student, and equal or greater scores on ISATs. 13 Schools responded. Some of the common threads of successful

Middle Schools:

- Traditional schedule rather than a modified block schedule
- 8-10 subject per day with each subject taught daily
- grading periods were quarters
- differential reading groups
- unified arts/exploratory were different and the students had choices
- foreign language subjects were optional
- teachers were assigned to 6 periods/day with 2 plan periods – one individual and one for team planning.

From the Task Force, there were 11 consensus issues, some of which were:

- shift from the modified block to a traditional schedule
- increase period length from 41 minutes to 45 minutes
- grading periods should return to quarters from trimesters
- 3 math levels would remain
- a 6-week unified arts schedule would remain for 6th graders. 6-9 week exploratory would be instituted for 7th and 8th graders

This would be a multi-year plan with several challenges, including collective bargaining issues. The School Board will receive a proposal in March.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- For Group 2 Projects-Additions at Edison, Emerson, Fischer and Jackson Elementary Schools:
 - Bid #07-58 Carpentry \$70,596,
 - Bid #07-59 Plastic Laminate Casework \$78,043,
 - Bid #07-61 Drywall/Acoustical Ceilings \$84,715
 - Bid #07-65 Roofing \$231,600
- For Group 3 Projects-Additions at Bryan, Churchville and Sandburg Middle Schools:
 - Bids #07-75 Plastic Laminate Casework \$74,860,
 - Bid #07-78 Drywall/Acoustical Ceilings \$150,555,
 - Bid #07-82 Roofing \$181,100,
 - Bid #07-88 Laboratory Casework \$112,105
- For Group 4 Projects-Addition and Renovation at Hawthorne Elementary School:
 - Approval of Bid #07-91 Concrete \$438,900.

Board Communications: Mr. Thrall stated that there would be a meeting with the Elmhurst Teachers Council and asked which Board members would be attending. Mrs. DeRonne replied that she and Mrs. Davy would be at the meeting on the 13th. Mr. Thrall complained that the rest of the Board had been promised some meetings with ETC representatives as well. Mrs. DeRonne's answer was "soon."

Action taken out of Closed Session: None