

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

**All Bd members Present**  
**Public: 25 Staff: 5 Press: 1**  
**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”: employment of employee and actual or potential litigation. President DeRonne called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:** 5 members of the District 205 food service staff stated that all food service employees were told that they could lose their jobs due to the District going for a request for proposal for out-sourcing the District’s food service. All of these employees were with the District for years and asked the Board to reconsider. These staff said they felt as if they were a family and connected to the students. A retired teacher spoke of how these employees are being treated poorly. He said that the Board was not child-centered but finance-centered.

**Superintendent’s Communications:**

Dr. Krizic addressed these staff members by stating that Lisa Smith and Pat Palmere were being pro-active by notifying these individuals of their potential termination. She continued to say that no proposal had yet been received and that the District food service would also be submitting a proposal. Approximately 20 individuals left the meeting after this comment.

**Workshop Discussion Topics:**

A. PMA Financial Projections Presentation: Pat Palmere, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, and Susan Bertrand from PMA explained some of the 6 different scenarios that had been given to the Board earlier. The Board decided that there are certain variables of the budget that need to have a philosophical decision assigned to them. Mrs. DeRonne and Dr. Krizic will meet to decide which variables need this philosophical decision.

B. Ten- Year Facilities Plan: The Observer received no back-up information on this topic and was unable to follow the discussion. The Observer complained about the lack of back-up material for the approximately 3 non-District people sitting through this Board meeting.

C. 2006 School Report Card: This discussion was deferred due to the fact that it was so late in the evening. It was relayed that all the District #205 School Report Card information is currently listed on the District’s web site: [www.elmhurst.k12.il.us](http://www.elmhurst.k12.il.us).

D. Textbooks on Display: A list of approximately 30 book titles was included in the back-up information. All of these books will be on display in the Curriculum Office for the next 30 days for the public’s review and comment on these books.

E. Student Fees: Deferred due to time constraints

F. Emergency Notification System/Alertnow: Val Stewart, Director of Community Relations, explained the RFP (request for Proposal) that had been issued to find a communications tool that would notify parents and staff of emergencies (e.g. closings). There were 5 proposals received, as well as the current provided who quoted too late and had issues handling the canceled school snow day that was Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. All others could

deliver messages by phone, internet or live. A recommendation will be prepared. Mr. Carlquist stated that supporting policies will need to be developed to support this technology.

**Board Communications:** Mr. Spaeth questioned the fact that the finances are 2 years behind on the school report card data that was on-line. Dr. Krizic answered that it is always two years behind.

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