

Dist. 205 Board of Education
May 29, 2007
7:35 pm – 9:50 pm

Carlquist present by phone
Public: 70 Staff: 8 Press: 1
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, employment of employee, collective negotiations, matter of student residency, and student discipline. President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition:

- The York student who scored a perfect score on the ACT was presented to the Board.
- 21 Students in the Family and Consumer Science Department at York were recognized for their achievement of winning outstanding, first, second or third place in their state competitions.
- Two students who scored first and third in the Illinois Drafting Educators Association competition were honored.
- A student who scored well in the Skills USA Competition for full service, auto was presented.
- Thirteen students who won the West Suburban Conference Math Team Competition received recognition.
- Two other math students were honored for being recognized in the North shore League All Conference and the National Calculus League competition.

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Cabinet Reports:

- Curriculum - Dr. McCann’s report stated that he has been busy interviewing new principals and curriculum coordinators candidates. Over the summer, 4 training manuals are scheduled for revision. The department is developing curriculum writing workshops. After a needs assessment survey, it was determined that teachers were seeking time for collaborative work and articulation and are also seeking ways to engage students actively in learning.
- Finance – No report received.
- Student Services – Plans are being finalized for the extended school year program. Seventy-eight students are anticipated. Two classrooms of the early childhood program will be relocating to Conrad Fischer. There will be a morning and afternoon Preschool Developmental Program (PDP) that will each have 18 students. Five students will be special education students, 5 will be tuition based general education students and the remaining 8 will be filled with students who meet criteria for the preschool developmental program.
- Personnel – Two finalists for the Director of Technology were scheduled to meet with the School Board. A recommendation for Principal at Edison was made. The Conrad Fischer Principal search continues. The Organizational Health

surveys were scheduled for completion this week.

- Community Relations and Publications – A test of the new emergency notification system was run last week. Changes to the web site concerning the new Board of Education were made as well as updating of brochures.
- Technology – Of the nine projects listed, 2 were complete, 5 were in process and 2 were on hold/pending. Seven technology updates have been completed and one is on hold pending completion of construction. Multiple and varied training sessions are scheduled over the summer.
- Construction – Conrad Fischer, Edison, Emerson, Field, Jackson, Jefferson, Lincoln, Bryan, and Sandburg are all projected to be completed ahead of schedule and under budget. Churchville will be on time and under budget. This basement will be finished in addition to the other construction scheduled. Hawthorne construction/renovation will continue over the summer with the main goal to maintain the existing mechanicals and install the new mechanical units and main trunk lines throughout the building. This project is on schedule and within the assigned budget. See <http://www.elmhurst.k12.il.us/construction/Update.pdf> for further information.

B. Parent Survey: Approximately 16% of District 205 families completed a 16-question survey. A summary of the results can be found on the District's website (<http://www.elmhurst.k12.il.us>). There were 2 specific questions about bullying, which yielded some results that indicated that not enough action had been taken by the schools to address this. The District was surprised at the 20% who did not feel that school rules were consistent.

C. Preliminary FY 07-08 Budget: Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Pat Palmere, passed a preliminary budget for next year. As she receives numbers she is inserting them into this document. This includes \$500,000 expenditure for new financial software. Mr. Spaeth asked if this could be bought under capital and amortized. Next Monday, June 4th, at 7:00 pm there will be a Budget workshop.

D. 18 – 21 Year Old Transition Program: Dr. Powell reported that she was close to making a recommendation on a locale for the 18 to 21 year old transition program. Unfortunately, the site under consideration would not meet school code regulations. She will continue to search for an appropriate location. She did meet with staff and one Board member from the Elmhurst Park District, who are interested in supporting this program.

E. Miscellaneous:

- Dr. Krizic notified all that the petitioners requesting detachment/attachment from Districts 88 and 45 to 205 have withdrawn their petitions.
- Dr. Krizic explained the evacuation at York, when an unspecified threat was received. All staff and students were evacuated with the Police and Fire departments intimately involved.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- Minutes of 4/23/07 and 5/14/07
- Consent agenda
 - Personnel report
 - Financial reports

- Freedom of Information Requests
- Revised Policy #3170 Food Services
- Appointment of School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) Board Representative – Deborah O’Keefe Conroy
- Bank Depositories
- Appointment of authorized agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund – Patricia Masterton
- Resolution ascertaining prevailing wages
- Appointment of DuPage Area Occupational Education System (DAOES) Board Member – Dr. Thomas McCann
- New Policy #2555 – School Wellness First Reading
- Revised and Renamed Policy #5310 Attendance, Absence and Truancy - First Reading
- Bid #07-138 Plumbing (Capital Improvement) \$229,520
- Bid #07-139 HVAC (Capital Improvement) - \$134,260
- Bid #07-140 Electricity for Hawthorne - \$112,845
- Bid #07-56 Asphalt Paving for Edison, Emerson, Jackson and Fischer - \$34,601
- Bid #07-102 Asphalt Paving for Hawthorne - \$35,350
- Bid #07-104 Fencing for Hawthorne - \$41,713
- The Development and Advertisement of a request for Proposal (RFP) to convert the District phone system to voice over internet protocol
- Resolution on Supporting Lacrosse as an emerging sport

Board Communications: Mrs. Ostojic reported that at the LEND (Legislative Educational Network of DuPage) meeting there were 2 discussions of pending legislation. The first was HB 1347, which limits a District’s ability to outsource, and the second was financing education in Illinois. HB/SB 750 has emerged again and some are supporting any legislation that may increase education funding. Mrs. Davy and Mr. Thrall went to Springfield and spoke with State Senator Cronin and State representative Reboletti. Reboletti voted for tHB1347 while Cronin voted against it and actively worked to have it voted down. HB 1347 is currently is on the Governor’s desk for his approval.

Adjournment into Closed Session. The Board was expected to take action out of closed session, but it was expected to take at least 45 minutes. The Observer did not wait.

Action Taken Out of Closed Session: (from the May 14th Board meeting per Board minutes). The Board approved:

- Expulsion of Student “I” for the remainder of the 06-07 school year and the entire 07-08 school year and first semester of the 08-09 school year.
- Expulsion of York student “J” for the remainder of the 06-07 school year and the entire 07-08 school year.