

Dist. 205 Board of Education
June 18, 2007
7:50 pm – 10:05 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 40 Staff: 7 Press: 0
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”: approval of closed session minutes, employment of employee, collective negotiations, and actual/potential litigation. President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition:

- Regional Junior Achievement Titan Competition – 2 teams from York competed in a business simulation. They came in 2nd and 3rd at the regional level.
- Boys Gymnastic team came in second in the State. York student Christian Carmona was first in individuals in the state.
- Pioneer Athletics awarded the grounds crew from York with a “Field of Excellence” award for the stadium field.
- Four retiring Principals (Chuck Freiberger – Hawthorne, John Wemlinger – Conrad Fischer, Carol Hallberg – Jefferson, and Roberta Vandevier – Emerson) and Pat Palmere – Assistant Superintendent for Finance were honored for their years of service and congratulated on their retirement.

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Cabinet Reports:

- Curriculum - Dr. McCann’s report discussed the PEP (Physical Education Program) grant that was received by the District. The initial phase requires the upgrading of fitness equipment and staff development. There is summer staff development taking place. Preliminary results of the ’07 ISAT assessment are available to schools.
- Finance – Further information about the ’07-’08 Budget is available later in this report.
- Student Services – There was a student injury on a bus. Discussion with the parents followed. The extended school year started June 18th at Madison School and York High School.
- Personnel – Current enrollments at all schools is being watched. Although Hawthorne and Conrad Fischer have classes with over 24 students/class, Dr. Krizic stated that there were no options for these schools. Other schools have classes that are over the 24 student maximum. Enrollment figures will continue to be watched. Dr. Krizic suggested the possibility of a task force on neighborhood schools’ boundaries in the fall.
- Community Relations and Publications – The new emergency notification system was used for reminder calls to Hawthorne parents about their end of year schedule and at Lincoln for Field Day. Results of the parent survey is posted on the District’s website. The web site will reflect the new staff and staff no longer with the District after July 1st.

- 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.

B. FY '08 Budget: Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Pat Palmere, updated as much information as is available before her last day (June 26th) and the end of the fiscal year. The most updated projection of surplus for this fiscal year ('06-'07) is \$2,659,776. Appropriations appear to increase 5.71%. The FY '08 Budget is \$93,803,448. The PEP grant (\$465,456) was added to the budget. Several graphs of 5-year projections were generated using the PMA Financial software.

C. Chinese Text Books on Display: The procedure for placing these books on display was different because enrollment in large enough numbers was needed before a teacher could be hired. There was no in – District expertise to determine a text for this course before a Chinese language teacher was hired. The textbooks are now on the required 30-day display.

D. Construction Report: Conrad Fischer and Churchville will be having asbestos abatement. An underground tank was removed at Hawthorne and another was found in this process. Since the second one was only 1.5 feet from the building, the decision was made not to remove it.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- Minutes of 5/29/07 and 6/4/07
- Consent agenda
 - Personnel report (all but #11 – Pamela Stack's request for retirement insurance option for educational support staff)
 - Financial reports
 - Freedom of Information Requests
 - Authorization of destruction of verbatim recordings of closed session minutes.
 - Second reading of new policy #2555 – School Wellness
 - Second reading of policy #5310 – Attendance, absences and truancy
- Denial of Foreign exchange student “D” (based on limited language skills)
- Foreign exchange student “E”
- Authorization for County Clerk to use a rate increase factor of one for 2007 levy (this means that District 205 is NOT “phasing in” the referendum rate increase, which could result in higher taxes)
- Acceptance of the Fiscal 2008 Federal Income Guidelines for the National School Lunch Program
- Bid #07-143 Low Voltage System for Hawthorne - \$217,570
- Bid #07-144 District Physical Education and Athletic Equipment - \$43,999.18
- Bid #07-146 Cafeteria donuts and pastries
- Bid #07-147 Cafeteria laundry services
- Bid #07-148 Cafeteria bakery items
- Bid #07-149 Cafeteria dairy products
- Authorization to bid the resurfacing and regrading of Field's asphalt playground surface

- Field playground change order – a decision to relocate the playground had previously been made. It was determined that the first choice of relocation areas was not the best and another choice was made. This change could cost the District \$30,000.
- Emergency expenditures for asbestos abatement at both Conrad Fischer and Churchville. In order not to delay the start of school in the fall, this emergency expenditure was approved (to approve the removal without bid).

Board Communications: Mrs. Davy stated that there is need for a summer workshop meeting to discuss a long-range facilities plan and strategic plan, among other things. All Board members were asked to look at their schedules for July, with the 23rd or 30th being the most likely possibilities. Also, the Superintendent's evaluation should be completed by July 16th, with the Board working on the Superintendent's goals for the following year.

Mr. Carlquist, Mr. Thrall and Mrs. DeRonne all praised Ms. Palmere and stated that she would be missed.

Action Taken Out of Closed Session: The Board approved:

- The Paraprofessionals three-year contract. Mr. Thrall voted present.
- The appointment of David Smith as the Director of Technology.
- The appointment of Charles Spradel as Math and Science coordinator.
- The appointment of Jane Bailey as Principal of Conrad Fischer.

Adjournment into Closed Session. The Board was not expected to take action out of closed session.