

Dist. 205 Board of Education
July 16, 2007
7:50 pm – 9:15 pm

No Carlquist
Public: 3 Staff: 10 Press: 0
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, actual/potential litigation and closed session minutes review. President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition:

Dr. Krizic stated that District 205 was one of 84 districts to receive the 2007 Bright Red Apple Award from School Search.

Mrs. Davy welcomed new cabinet members Pat Masterton, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and David Smith, Director of Technology.

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Prescient Contract: David Smith stated that the District would be better served by becoming self-sufficient slowly, so he recommended that the District sign a 3-year contract with Prescient. Over the first year of the contract, District 205 employees will replace 4 Prescient employees. For the next 2 years, there will be two network administrators from Prescient. There will be some cost savings that could be achieved but it may become a cost neutral situation if more employees are hired. This will be an action item later in the agenda.

B. IP Telephony RFP Update: David Smith is in the process of reviewing the request for proposal (RFP), which would upgrade the York system and replace the Centrex system throughout the District in a 1 for 1 move. A vendor recommendation will be brought to the 7/23 meeting. Several Board members expressed dismay that the rest of the schools would not be receiving more telephones. Mr. Smith said that additional phones would be a matter of a couple of hundred dollars each and would be decided at a later date.

C. FY08 Tentative Budget: The Fiscal year '07-'08 tentative budget is \$116,358,363. This includes \$20 million for site and construction/capital improvements and \$1 million for life safety projects.

D. Cabinet Reports:

- Curriculum - Dr. McCann’s report discussed the Principal’s meeting where the next two-years of staff development was planned. A tentative schedule has been made that emphasizes helping staff to find ways to engage all learners. All mentors will be trained on August 21st. Dr. McCann has been meeting one-on-one with new staff and has discussed orientation, mentors and other resources for new teachers. An anti-bullying curriculum for middle school students has been developed and will be delivered during the seminar part of the day. The PEP grant requires

- hiring of a fitness specialist to lead the effort to have all P.E. teachers follow a standard assessment protocol.
- Finance – The Board will take action later in the meeting to put the tentative budget on display for 30 days.
 - Student Services – The expansion of the early childhood program will be publicized in the Key Communicator emails as well as in letters to parents of students currently in the program. A search for housing for the 18 to 21 year old transition program continues. A rental space in a condominium complex is available and a letter describing the program has been sent to the President of the condominium association. Dr. Powell will be attending a leadership conference in Washington D.C. She will also be meeting with Senator Hagel and Congressman Roskam.
 - Personnel – Only 6 more positions need to be filled to complete staffing for the upcoming year. 20 teachers will be retiring in 2008. Request for retirement in 2011 are due on Aug. 3rd. There will be an employee Health Fair conducted at York on Aug. 30th.
 - Community Relations and Publications – The webmaster (now in the technology department) will be trained in PowerSchool in order to enhance the number of staff familiar with the software. Recruiting for the Youth Mentor and English Language Learner programs and the Foundation's Study Skills Academy is taking place this summer.
 - Technology – David Smith and Cathy Baker started in the Technology Department at the end of June/beginning of July. Four classes, focusing on learning a variety of technologies and their applications to teaching and learning were offered in June. 82 teachers participated.

E. Hawthorne Parent Meeting: There will be a meeting for Hawthorne parents at York on Aug. 1st. The agenda will concentrate on construction, air quality, and safety of the students. Also on Aug. 30th, parents may walk through Hawthorne (and all other schools) before school starts.

F. Construction Update:

- Jefferson – Addition complete except for landscaping, which is in process.
- Lincoln – Addition complete except final punch list, moving of portable classrooms, and moving/relocation of classrooms in process. Replacement of fencing is being bid. TRC's new furniture on order.
- Field – Addition complete except for moving/relocation of classrooms and renovation of rooms in process. Water detention area still being modified. Playground being moved.
- Edison – Should be completed by the first week of August.
- Emerson – Should be completed by the end of July.
- Jackson - Should be completed by the end of July.
- Fischer – Addition should be completed by the first week of August. Two sets of bathrooms are being completely renovated during this summer with Capital Improvement Funds. These should be completed by August 20th.
- Bryan – Addition should be completed by the end of July. A Capital Improvement water-piping project will not be completed until the end of August.

- Sandburg - Should be completed by the first week in August.
- Churchville – Addition will be completed before the start of school in September, but it will be a rush.
- Hawthorne – The administration will be moved back in on Aug. 20th and the building contents will be moved back in on Aug. 21, 22, & 23. Teachers will be allowed back on Aug 24th. Students will be moved into the new addition over the winter holiday break.

G. Summer School: The elementary summer school started last week at Jefferson. The summer school coordinators invited the school board to visit. Both this program and the York summer school programs will be evaluated when done.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- Minutes of 6/18/07
- Consent agenda
 - Personnel report
 - Financial reports
 - Freedom of Information Requests
- Adoption of Instructional material (for York's Chinese course)
- Change order for removal of asbestos at Hawthorne (\$46,000)
- Bid #07-123 Underpinning for Hawthorne (\$117,100)
- Bid #07-137 Roofing for Hawthorne (\$108,560)
- Authorization for putting the 2007-08 tentative Budget on display for 30 days. A Public Hearing will be held on Sept. 10, 2007.
- The network administration and support contract (Prescient for \$560,000 year 1, \$280,000 year 2, and \$288,400 year 3).
- Bid #08-01 Sewing machines – replacements at the middle schools (\$16,425)

Board Communications: Dr. Krizic updated the board on the decision by the Policy Committee to discuss to NOT write a policy on the advisory referendum question that was passed in November 2006. The Policy Committee said if a new policy were to be written as suggested, it would be contrary to the District's current policies on attendance.

Action Taken Out of Closed Session: The Board approved:

- The release of closed session minutes from Dec. 2006 through June 2007.
- The resolution to remedy for teacher "A".
- The participation of Val Stewart and June Work in the retirement insurance option.