

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Aug. 13, 2007
7:35 pm – 8:55 pm/9:55 pm

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Public: 5 Staff: 11 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”: approval of closed session minutes, employment of employee, actual/potential litigation, collective negotiations. President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: One parent asked that the schedule for next year’s York Summer School be made public as soon as possible in order to make the scheduling of vacation possible. Another parent discussed the cancellation of portfolio night last year and expressed hope that there would be a vehicle for parents, students and teachers to come together in the Spring.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Cabinet Reports:

- Curriculum - Dr. McCann’s report discussed the Administrators’ Academy where Dr. Smith and he presented the new evaluation process for certified staff. Mentors are being assigned to new teachers. New staff orientation dates and programs were listed. Instrumental music camp is meeting Aug. 6 – 17 at Sandburg.
- Finance – Pat Masterton, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, reported that a committee will be reviewing financial management software. Ms. Masterton has been meeting with Cheryl Spencer, food service coordinator, concerning the National School Lunch Program requirements. Ms. Masterton has also been in contact with Wight Architects to collect information that would facilitate discussions with the Facility Task Force that the Board wishes to bring together. Last year, over \$500,000 was under spent in the health care line item. Dr. Smith will put out an RFP (request for proposal) in the Fall for a broker. Once a broker is chosen, the broker will put an RFP out for a carrier, probably in February.
- Student Services – Dr. Powell, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Jac McBride, Principal at Madison Early Childhood Center, have put together a vision for the early childhood program. This could be considered part of a curriculum review for this program, which may be scheduled for this upcoming year. Dr. Powell attended a leadership seminar in Virginia that was sponsored by the Council for Exceptional Children. During this seminar, she had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Roskam, and assistants for both Senator Durbin and Senator Obama. She discussed several legislative issues including IDEA funding and No Child Left Behind.
- Personnel – All early childhood, elementary, and middle school positions are filled. Openings still exist at the Board Office and in special education at York. Thirteen individuals have requested retirement in 2011.
- Community Relations and Publications – The meeting about Hawthorne on Aug 1st was recorded and is available for video streaming on the District’s web site. To add this service would cost another \$2,320/year. Most of the Board present

thought this was a good idea, so it will be added. Open Houses of all new additions will take place on Aug. 30th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. A greeter from the Board or the administration will be present at each building during this time.

- Technology – IP Telephony project, infrastructure for new construction, the York re-imaging project, and the upgrading of the four remaining servers from Windows 2000 to 2003 are all in progress. More staff was trained in PowerSchool. All new copiers have been installed except the one at York.

B. Construction Update: See <http://www.elmhurst.k12.il.us/construction/Update.pdf> for the most up to date information. All staff will be allowed in their respective buildings on Aug. 24th. The open houses will take place Aug. 30th.

C. Facilities Information: Fourteen different scenarios were presented to the Board. There was also a chart of space availability for future building (number of possible classrooms):

- Edison – 2
- Emerson – 3 (possibly more)
- Field – 0 (possibly 10,000 sq ft to the west, but no common area)
- Fischer – 2 (would impact playground)
- Hawthorne - 0
- Jackson - 2
- Jefferson – 0 (possibly to the south with detention)
- Lincoln - 6
- Bryan - 2
- Churchville – 12
- Sandburg – 3 (possibly more)
- York – not included, but there is an empty 3rd and empty 4th floor in the building that could be renovated.

The Board wanted to set timeframes, goals, and expectations for a facilities task force. Dr. Krizic stated that Dr. Kasarda had not yet contacted her as to when he would be available to update his projections.

D. Strategic Planning: Dr. Krizic stated that there was \$15,000 available in the budget for a Strategic Plan facilitator. She will be talking with some firms about what they would have to offer. Dr. Krizic stated that she would like to have a high level of staff involved because “they are the main stakeholders.” There would be some community involvement.

E. 18- 21 year old Transitional Program: After considering condominiums, apartments and a single family home (a zoning change would be needed), the team found some commercial property. This lease will be sent to the District’s lawyers for comment. This space is not the best, but it is felt that this is a start.

F. Miscellaneous: The District is looking at the Jefferson School drainage issue. There is need to expand and upgrade the drainage. Dr. Krizic spoke with City Manager Borchert about crossing guards. There are criteria for crossing guards and Jefferson does

not meet these criteria.

The City also has engineering plans for possible options for the York underpass. Mr. Borchert and Mayor Marcucci would like to meet with representatives of the School Board. Dr. Krizic will set this meeting up with Mrs. Davy, Mr. Schuh and a York representative within the next two weeks.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- Minutes from 7/16/07 and 7/23/07.
- Consent agenda
 - Personnel report
 - Financial reports
- Bid #08-04 Choral Risers for Sandburg (\$10,300)
- Contract for Nursing Services
- Lease for 18-21 year old Transition Program (\$35,600/year)
- Retain Telesolutions Consultants LLC for E-Rate Management and Consultation in telephony and Wide Area Network (\$6,600)

Board Communications: Mr. Thrall thanked Dr. Krizic and the staff for their presentation on Aug. 1st on Hawthorne at York. Mr. Carlquist encouraged the administration to produce a two-year schedule. Mrs. Davy stated that each Board member was assigned to a building for the open houses.

Action Taken Out of Closed Session: The Board approved the appointment of Karen Beck as the Jackson Principal.

The Board voted to go back into closed session; with Mr. Carlquist voting “no” because he said that he felt they could complete their discussion in open session. Mrs. Davy stated that perhaps there would be action taken after closed session. The Board came back from closed session at 9:55 pm and adjourned the meeting with no action taken.