

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Sept. 10, 2007
7:30 pm – 10:05 pm

All Board members present
Public: 2 Staff: 10 Press: 2
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 7:00 pm “to consider one or more of the following subjects including, but not limited to”: employment of employee, collective negotiations, and actual/potential litigation. President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Hearing:

Pat Masterton, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, presented an overview of the budget. She stated that since the Budget was put on exhibit, there had been more expenditures added. \$249,260 were added to the Education Fund budget, which included \$90,000 for salary and benefits for two more teachers (both for Emerson), \$15,000 for curriculum materials for these teachers, \$38,150 for increases in the nursing contract and \$56,110 for two food service vans. At least \$160,000 was added to the Operations & Maintenance Budget for the VoIP telephone system. A total of \$409,260 was added in expenditures. Mrs. Davy asked the Board for any comments. Mr. Spaeth asked about any additional teachers that the District would have to hire in order for the Board to meet the commitment that they had made to the community. Dr. Krizic stated that the Board had merely set a guideline of 24 students/classroom at the grade school level and that was only if there was space available. Both Mr. Spaeth and Mrs. Ostojic expressed concern about class sizes at Conrad Fischer.

Public Comment: (Budget Hearing): None
The budget hearing was adjourned.

Regular Meeting

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Opening of new School Year: Eighty-three (83) new staff participated in 4 days of in-service (which current staff also shared). There were some HVAC issues and “punch lists” that were not completed on additions. The loss of air conditioning at Churchville lead Board member Peggy Ostojic to comment on how she now has sympathy for Bryan students (who have no air conditioning).

B. 18- 21-year-old Transition Program Update: Assistant Superintendent Joyce Powell said that the District has a signed lease for the property and are waiting for an occupancy permit from the City once a few more things are done. Once the occupancy permit is received, the Regional Office of Education will inspect the facility and give permission to start servicing students. The 13 Special Education students who are between 18 - 21 will be learning how to live in the community at this location and are currently receiving services at York.

C. Curriculum renewal Cycle: The subjects scheduled for study and evaluation for the ’07-’08 school year are: art, computer literacy, P.E., health, music and Special Ed. Mr. Thrall

and Mr. Spaeth were concerned that the current calendar was being “glossed over” and deadlines were not being met.

D. Enrollment Planning: Dr. Kasarda will be doing an update on the demographic report that was done 2 years ago for \$9400. He will also add on early childhood projections for \$1800. The data to be used for this may be from a door-to-door campaign produced by the local PTAs. The PTAs were initially approached and Dr. Krizic seemed to think they might help with the procurement of information. A committee to study enrollment, possible boundary changes and other issues (Dr. Krizic will write a charge for this committee) will be formed by each Board member and the PTA Council President choosing 2 individuals and one alternate. Administrators on this committee will be Lisa Smith, Frank Schuh, Cindy Gotha (Principal at Field) and Pat Masterton. This committee would start work before the Kasarda study is complete. It is hoped that the committee would have recommendations by February.

E. School and Community Safety Program: This committee establishment was part of the 07-08 goals. Pat Masterton and Jeff Hartman (Assistant Principal at York) will be co-chairs. The committee’s purpose will be to discuss safety/security issues in the schools and to formulate recommendations around safety and security issues. The City Fire Chief, Police Chief, a doctor from Elmhurst Hospital, PTA Council President, Teacher’s Union President, District nurse, District secretary, and several administrators will make up the committee. The first meeting will be Sept.26th, with monthly meetings to follow, at least for the first year.

F. York High School Underpass: Dr. Krizic, Mrs. Davy, Mayor Marcucci, City Manager Borchert and City Engineer Mike Hughes met recently. The City officials gave the Superintendent and Board President an overview of what two different plans for an underpass could be. Dr. Krizic showed the plans on an overhead projector. Board members were supposed to come up with questions about these plans for the City to answer. Some of the questions the Board asked were:

- What problem is this trying to solve?
- Is this the most cost effective solution?
- Can plans be scaled back?
- What will it cost to have crossing guards at the intersection rather than an underpass?
- What is the time line for the City?
- Would there be liability issues once the underpass is built for the District?

Dr. Krizic will bring these and others to the City.

G. VoIP Phone System Status Update: All buildings will be converted by winter break to voice over internet protocol (VoIP) for phone service. York – 9/28, Churchville, Conrad Fischer, and Edison – 10/8, Bryan, Emerson, Field, Jackson, Jefferson, Lincoln, Sandburg – 11/2, Hawthorne, Early Childhood and the District Office – 12/28.

Superintendent’s Agenda: The Board approved:

- Resolution for Adoption of 2007-2008 Budget
- Curriculum Renewal Cycle Calendar (5 yes, Spaeth and Thrall no)
- Bid #08-05 to Purchase Two Cargo Trucks (6 yes, Spaeth no - because only one quote was received)

- York Summer School Schedule FY08 – FY09
- Update Enrollment Plan to Include Early Childhood
- Develop and Issue a Request for Proposal for Comprehensive Benefit Consulting/Broker Services

Board Communications: Board members spoke of the successful open houses with the new additions and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their luncheon sponsoring new teachers.

Action Taken Out of Closed Session: The Board approved the amendment to the Superintendent's contract to include next year's goals.