

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Dec. 10, 2007**  
**7:30 pm – 9:20 pm**

**All Bd members present**  
**Public: 50 Staff: 10 Press: 0**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board had been in closed session since 6:30 pm to consider the performance of and employment of specific employees, student disciplinary cases and review of closed session minutes (11/12/07). President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Student Recognition:** The York High School Madrigal singers sang a few Holiday songs. The York Boys Cross Country Team was recognized and honored for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state.

**Public Comment:** None

**Superintendent's Communications:**

A. 2008 Capital Expenditures – Capital projects for summer 2008 are scaled back because of the District's facility committee that was established to help identify and prioritize need. The following was identified as not impairing flexibility:

- Asbestos abatement at Conrad Fisher and Lincoln and Edison \$135,000.
- Replace bleachers in balcony and replace lockers \$350,00 (pre-design) at the York Aquatic Center.
- Johnson Controls Building Automated System – District-wide control and a web based card access security system \$500,000
- Exterior lighting upgrades at Sandburg, Emerson, Lincoln and Jefferson and fence replacement at Jackson \$100,000
- Electric generator backup for Field School \$75,000 (pre-design)

The total proposed budget for summer 2008 capital projects is \$1,160,000. This leaves a balance of over \$4,750,000 in the working capital budget.

**Cabinet Reports:** Since these reports will no longer be discussed at the meetings, the Observer will not be receiving them. If a point from a cabinet report is addressed at a meeting, the Observer will receive that report.

**Superintendent's Agenda:** The Board approved:

- Minutes from 11/12/07
- Consent agenda
  - Personnel report
  - Financial reports
  - Approval to authorize destruction of verbatim recordings of closed session minutes
  - Approval of new policy #3225-4 Internet Safety (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
  - Approval of revision to policy #5405-1 Required Physical Examinations and Immunizations (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
  - Approval of Bid #08-11 Asbestos Abatement at Hawthorne (\$19,900)
  - Approval to include a graduate student follow-up study in the Strategic Planning

Process (not to exceed \$10,000)

- Acceptance of donation to Emerson School (pulled from consent agenda) – World Music Drumming package donated by a parent \$2,239.45 plus 7% shipping.
- Acceptance of donation to Edison School (pulled from consent agenda) – 2 Elmo Combination units (a document camera and data projector each) and a modular computer workstation for searching the library’s online catalog and other research needs donated by a family \$4,125.00.

Mrs. Ostojic was concerned about equity throughout the District with both of these gifts. Dr. Krizic stated that the administration will keep track. Mr. Thrall said he was conflicted about this and was concerned that a precedent would be set. Dr. Krizic explained that the Emerson gift, in particular, was curriculum based. The Board voted 7-0 to accept both of these gifts.

- Approval to issue request for proposal (RFP) for Broadband Wide Area Network Services.
- Authorization to bid for storm water detention and south parking lot expansion/improvements at Conrad Fischer (\$857,635)
- Site/Topography survey work at Conrad Fischer (\$16,500)

Both of the above two items concerned the completed addition to Conrad Fisher which legally necessitated the addition of storm water detention. The District had sought to pay an impact fee in lieu of providing the require detention. The County was unwilling to allow a waiver of all detention, so the District will seek to comply fully with all detention requirements. The detention area would eliminate much of the north parking lot. The majority of parking will now be placed near the main entrance. This plan also provides a bus and parent drop off.

**Board Communications:** Mrs. Davy spoke of the TIF review meeting with the City of Elmhurst, which she and Mr. Thrall attended. They received a copy of the re-development plan that Dr. Krizic will share with the rest of the Board. Mrs. Davy and Mr. Thrall brought up the current level of operational spending on TIF and amortization. They requested more information.

Mrs. Davy announced that there will be a change to the Board meetings. The first meeting of the month, the workshop, will have an hour of discussion of governance from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This portion of the meeting will not be televised. Governance topics to be discussed could be: student achievement, special education, finance, assessment, bilingual education, technology infrastructure, curriculum and instruction, and human resources. The following workshop meeting will have limited motions and limit discussion to 1 to 3 issues. The January workshop meeting will discuss “governance,” the February one will focus on “student achievement.” The second meeting of the month, the Business meeting, will start with a closed session (only one will be scheduled initially) followed by the regular business meeting.

**Action on Closed Session:** The Board voted to accept the administration’s recommendation for suspension of student “A”. They also voted to hire Karen Geddeis as Director of Communications effective Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> (to replace retiring Val Stewart).