

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Apr. 14, 2008
6:30 pm – 7:25 pm

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Public: 0 Staff: 9 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

President Davy called the special meeting to order. This meeting's scheduled topic is curriculum and instruction, with an assessment focus.

Public Comment: none

Discussion:

Dr. McCann, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, led the discussion on the formal assessments that are currently in place and those which are proposed. The NWEA (North West Education Association) MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) is being piloted at Churchville Middle School with Title 1 grant money. This assessment is taken online and the teacher will receive data within 24 hours after the entire class has been tested. The NWEA MAP assessment will have scaled results that will compare the students' results with the Illinois State Standards as well as rank the students nationally. This program also has a "Descartes Resource" for teachers to use to help remediate students. Results of the tests will be reported at the individual, class, building and District level. The plan for this year at Churchville is to test in math and reading at the beginning and the end of the year. If this pilot goes well, it is expected to move into all three middle schools next year, in both subjects for the beginning and end of the year. The elementary schools are also requesting that it be instituted, for math only, at the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade levels. The elementary schools will have assessments in the new literacy program already incorporated in the package. These assessments will also rank students nationally. The DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessments that the elementary schools are currently using will be discontinued because the Pearson, Scott, Foresman literacy program's assessment is very similar to the DIBELS. The math and science coordinator will be reviewing the curriculum-based assessments in science this summer. Mrs. Conroy asked questions concerning these tests and their use in RTI (response to intervention) and was answered that this should identify struggling students earlier. Mr. Thall asked about next steps and Dr. Krizic answered that this could help in aligning the curriculum throughout the District. Mr. Spaeth spoke of possible teacher exchanges between Districts.

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President Davy called the regular workshop meeting to order and lead the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment: none

Workshop Discussion Topics:

Health Insurance Overview – Lockton, the District's current healthcare broker, gave a brief overview as to what they have been doing. Their statistics show that 296 employees are enrolled in two different HMOs and 558 employees are enrolled in two different PPOs. The average age for those in the PPO is 38; in the HMOs it is 30. Lockton will be sharing options for potential

plan changes with the District Insurance Committee later this week. They are suggesting an employee assistance program, which would cost about \$1 to \$3 per employee per month, and continuing the wellness program development. They will renew negotiations with Blue Cross, develop 2 or 3 viable renewal HMO options for employee consideration, participate in open enrollment meetings and assist with planning the August health fair. Mrs. Davy asked if District 205's situation was common (self-insured). The answer was yes; it is economically sound for any group over 250 employees was the answer. There was discussion about Blue Cross/Blue Shield as the administrator of the program. It is required for BC/BS to be administrator of the program if the BC/BS network is chosen. BC/BS have the largest network and include great discounts for the District and employees.

York Education Options Committee: Bob Dietz, York Dean, presented The Educational Options Committee at York's proposal that the district send up to ten students to Technology Center of DuPage beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Specifically, students would be allowed to select from any of the following elective areas of study *not currently available at York* due to the difficulty and expense to equip, hire and retain certified teachers in these areas: Landscape Design & Management, Manufacturing Technology, Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice, Fire Science, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration), Residential Wiring and Home Technology Integration, and Cosmetology. The cost would be \$4,190 per slot.

Mrs. Davy asked if a cost analysis of the programs at York that were available at TCD had been conducted. Mr. Dietz was unsure if this had been done. Mrs. Ostojic asked for an estimate of the cost of transportation for this program. Pat Masterton, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, suggested \$20,000 annually. Mrs. Ostojic continued that if this plan is to offer other opportunities to students, she would support it, but if it were a plan to start outsourcing some programs she would not. Mr. Dietz replied that it was not a plan to outsource. Mrs. Conroy asked if the residential wiring and landscape design and management couldn't be included in current courses at York. Mr. Dietz did not know. A formal proposal will be forwarded at the next meeting.

Fleet Copier/Printer Expansion Report: A proposal to lease twelve additional Konica Minolta copier/printer/scanners, one in each K-8 building and one for the Business Department at the District Office at a cost of \$2,626 for 60 months was presented. These machines are mid-range in size and capacity and intended for use during peak intervals, as back up when the primary machine is out-of-service, and to provide an alternative to higher-cost laser printers. The Business Office copier/printer replaces an old, expensive copier and the old "green bar" printer. This proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Technology Purchase Plan Overview: Director of Technology, David Smith, presented the 21st Century Learning Project Activities Detail, which listed activities needed for success, but also gave specific learning standards as recommended by NETS (National Educational Technology Standards for Students). Mr. Smith also discussed his computer analysis for K-5 classrooms and stated that leasing was the preferred computer procurement method because the District would maintain better cash flow and reserves a portion of the budget for technology purchases in future years. He also outlined pros and cons of laptop versus desktop computers for the K-5 buildings. This analysis is ongoing. Mr. Smith's last memo was on the refresh plan for the '08-'09 school year. A recommended purchase plan will be presented at the 4/28/08 meeting.

Board Communications: None