

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**May 27, 2008**  
**7:40 pm – 11:15 pm**

**All Board members present**  
**Public: 150 Staff: 10 Press: 1**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board had been in closed session since 6:00 pm to consider the performance of and employment of specific employees, collective negotiations, property acquisition/lease/purchase and approval of closed session minutes (4/28/08 and 5/12/08). President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition:**

Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA): 30 York students were recognized for their accomplishments in winning 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> as well as most outstanding at state in foods, fashion and interior design, and child care.

Skills USA: 2 York students were recognized for their auto tech ability at state and each received a \$5,000 academic scholarship.

IDEA (IL Drafting Education Assoc) State CAD/Drafting: 2 York students received third place finishes at State for their CAD (computer aided design) abilities.

Boy's Gymnastic Team: The 11 member team from York was honored for their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at State.

**Public Comments:** None

**Superintendent's Communications:**

ECRA Strategic Planning Summary:

Dr. Louis Gatta, President and CEO of ECRA Group, gave an overview of the process, methods, goals and initiatives of the report. This report can be found on the District's website at [http://www.elmhurst.k12.il.us/strat\\_plan/D205Final\\_Report\\_052708.pdf](http://www.elmhurst.k12.il.us/strat_plan/D205Final_Report_052708.pdf). Fourteen findings and 19 strategic initiatives were shared with the Board. The findings include a concern for keeping high standards at all ability levels, a need for alignment in the curriculum both horizontally and vertically, increasing "hands-on" type instruction, increase collaboration and articulation, assessment, communication, consistency with technology, staff development, and facilities and hiring and retaining quality staff. The initiatives suggested include establishing structure, creating equity with staff, facilities, technology, and aligning of curriculum. Dr. Gatta cautioned against prioritizing the initiatives because they are all interrelated. Strategies and tactical plans should be built at one time and a time line established. When asked, Dr. Gatta answered that all data (except the data that was promised to be kept confidential) would be forwarded to the administration. There was discussion between Dr. Krizic and Mr. Spaeth about the Board being able to see the raw data. The administration will come back to the Board in July. The administration is charged with determining strategic metrics, strategies, action plans & tactics, management metrics, and resources required/budgeting.

Facilities Task Force Sub-Committee Reports:

1. Early Childhood: Jac McBride (Director of Early Learning) presented this sub-committee's findings. The committee was charged with identifying recommendations for both long and short term housing of this program. The short-term goal was to move the 2 early childhood classrooms from Conrad Fischer to another location for 1 or 2 school years while the current building is being remodeled. For a long term solution, the committee found that renovating the existing Madison building as a stand alone early childhood center and lease or purchase space

for the District's administration. Estimates for this option was \$6.5 million, not including costs for moving/housing the Administration.

2. Facilities: This sub-committee's charge was to identify the current status of facilities to include space utilization, status of existing building infrastructures, and immediate long-term facility needs. This committee submitted a list of 22 different observations for all buildings except York. A three page executive summary was also submitted. No recommendations were made.

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

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports - Payment of Bills
- Freedom of Information Act Requests
- Approval of Amended 2008-2009 Board Meeting Dates
- Approval of Foreign Exchange Student A – from Japan
- Approval of Foreign Exchange Student B – from France
- Appointment of DuPage Area Occupational Education System (DAOES) Board Representative of Dr. McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
- Approval of Middle School Task Force Recommendations
  - Hold professional development monthly meetings using an early release schedule.
  - Begin the day with 10 min. attendance/seminar period.
  - All classes will be 45 minutes long.
  - Maintain current schedule structure.
  - Remove twice weekly seminar time.
  - Maintain four quarter grading periods.
  - Study Hall only available to 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have been in study hall rather than world languages.
- Approval of Bank Depositories
- Approval of Agreement for Building and Equipment Appraisal Services - \$16,500 for appraisal, \$900/yr to upgrade and depreciate, and \$2540 to tag moveable equipment assets of \$500 or more.
- Approval of Resolution Ascertaining Prevailing Wages
- Approval of Suburban School Consortium for Annuity Compliance Intergovernmental Agreement and Contract for Services from Gatekeepers, Inc. The District is joining a consortium of school districts in order to have an independent third party administrator for the District's 403b tax shelter (employees) annuity program. This will cost \$2074 with a guaranteed maximum cost of \$4968 annually.
- Authorization to Prepare Request for Proposal for Financial Advisor/Bond Underwriter
- Approval of York Uninterruptable Power Supply – Uninterruptable Power Supply provides battery power to critical servers, network equipment and the phone system during power losses. The cost for replacing and upgrading the system at York is not more than \$70,000.
- Approval for Fischer and Jefferson Elementary Schools Site Improvements to be paid for with referendum funds of:
  - Bid #08-20 Excavation (\$179,800),
  - Bid #08-21 Site Utilities (\$78,500),
  - Bid #08-22 Site Concrete (\$56,170),
  - Bid #08-23 Asphalt Paving (\$156,000).

- Approval of 2008 Capital Improvements Projects:
    - Bid #08-27 Electrical (\$224,686) – to upgrade exterior lighting at Lincoln, to increase security and safety at Sandburg, Emerson and Jefferson, and emergency systems at Field,
    - Bid #08-28 Access Control Systems (\$121,600) – for card access at all buildings but York,
    - Bid #08-29 BAS Software Upgrades (\$107,380) – to make all buildings web-based accessible for staff and more uniform to industry standards
  - Approval of Bid #08-32 Custodial Uniforms
  - Approval of Bid #08-33 Dance Studio Audio Visual System for York High School (\$30,731.58) – System includes speakers, microphone, CD player, mixer, amplifiers, projectors, screen, DVD player, and camera.
  - Approval of Bid #08-35 Dance Studio Flooring Material for York High School – (\$21,279.10)
- Removed from consent agenda:
- Approval of Athletic Stadium Project – The Board authorized the Athletic Stadium Task Force to start with a fundraising campaign for the purpose of securing funds to replace grass with artificial turf in the York stadium to be completed by the start of the '09-'10 school year. The Board thanked the committee for replying to their concerns with additional information. This information was not accessible to the public. (Although Mrs. Ostojic requested that the information be made available on line.) Mrs. Ostojic stated that the installation of the artificial turf should be entirely self-funded. This motion passed unanimously.
  - Approval of PowerSchool/PowerTeacher Upgrade – Mr. Carlquist voted present.
  - Approval of Email Archival – Federal regulations have changed to require electronically stored information, including email, be available as evidence in civil court cases. The District's current backup procedure does not comply. ArcMail was recommended at a \$27,000 year one cost plus \$2000 for backup storage and then \$5,050 annually for maintenance and support. Mr. Carlquist voted present.
  - Approval of Bid #08-30 Nurses Supplies (\$13,136.12). Mr. Thrall voted present.
  - Approval of Bid #08-36 York High School Baseball Field Barrier (\$35,250) – a 50 foot high net from the backstop to the end of the dugout will be installed to lessen a foul ball damaging a passing vehicle on St. Charles Road.
  - Approval of 2009-2010 School calendar

**Board Communications:** None

**Announcements:** There will be 3 meetings in June (the 9<sup>th</sup>, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the 30<sup>th</sup>). All three will be videotaped for subsequent televising/streaming.

**Action out of Closed Session:** None