

Dist. 205 Board of Education
June 23, 2008
7:45 pm – 10:05 pm

No Spaeth
Public: 70 Staff: 10 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 6:00 pm to consider the employment of employees, property acquisition/lease/purchase, actual/potential litigation, and approval of closed session minutes (5/27/08 and 6/09/08). President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition:

York Boys Track and Field Team received 2nd place at the State meet.

Junior Achievement Titan competition is a program simulation designed by Hewlett Packard and Best Buy that develops skills needed in the business world. York had 3 – 4 member teams that competed locally and score 1st, 2nd, and 4th. The 1st and 2nd teams competed nationally and finished 3rd and 5th. These same two teams competed internationally (with 8 other teams) and scored 6th. *Science Olympiad State Tournament* is a competition in which both Bryan and Sandburg Middle Schools participated. Nine of these Middle School students received honors.

Public Comments: None

Workshop Discussion Topics:

Facilities Task Force Sub-Committee Reports:

1. School Boundaries/Enrollment Policies and Practices: This subcommittee concluded that the district uses its physical resources very efficiently. After studying the demographic studies done by Dr. Kasarda in 2005 and 2007 (received in early 2008), they stated that the District should use the Kasarda enrollment projections *by specific track* for individual schools rather than one plan for the whole district. They also recommended

- A 4-classroom addition and additional pullout space and washrooms for Emerson.
- Move the 2 self-contained special ed classes at Field to Jackson after the early childhood classes are moved to Madison.
- A 3-classroom addition and additional pullout space for Conrad Fischer.
- Change the attendance boundary area for Lincoln, shifting population to Jackson and possibly Jefferson.
- District-wide special ed classrooms should be made on a permanent basis and the classrooms should be considered as part of the school population.
- Enrollment policies and procedures should be revisited:
 - Possibly annual proof of residency.
 - Remove the choice option for middle school for Field, Hawthorne and Jefferson. All Field and Hawthorne students would feed into Sandburg (as they have been) and Jefferson will feed into Bryan (about half have been going to Sandburg, half Bryan).
 - Enrollment out of home school area.

This study will be added to the website and can be accessed by going to the agenda for this meeting or at: http://www.elmhurst.k12.il.us/BOE/assets/062308/Task_Force_Group_Two_report.pdf.

2. Facilities/Technology/Security : This sub-committee found the facilities to be well maintained but could use some improvement in design. Most of the common concerns (temperature control,

water quality and pressure and ADA compliance) are being addressed in the District's capital project plan. They also found that there is a strong need to increase/improve security, specifically visitor management. The District is already installing keyless entry and all schools will be supplied with an upgraded visitor program. This subcommittee asked all building Principals to have staff complete surveys. All buildings had at least some staff comments except for Lincoln, which only had the Principal's comments.

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Superintendent's Communications:

FY09 Tentative Budget: Pat Masterton, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, presented a preliminary '08-'09 budget. In it, the total revenues are up \$4,317,475 or 4.8% for all operating funds while the expenditures are up by \$5,063,501 or 5.8%. Some of the expenditure assumptions are:

- Reduction in operations and maintenance (O & M) overtime by 25%.
- TRS increases for federally funded salaries from 13.11% to 17.08%.
- A decrease in instructional supplies.
- An increase in duplicating paper due to use of black line masters in lieu of workbooks.
- Increased technology purchases.
- Replacement of Driver's Ed cars with 2-3 Hybrids (!)
- Increases based on SASSED fees and growth in IEPs.

A 4% increase in the CPI in Dec. 2008 was used for the preliminary calculations. Salary increases were projected at 3%. The additional 1.1% for teachers will cost the District \$2,442,000 over the three years of the contract. Increasing fuel costs and utilities will be factored into the budget. A discussion of the budget will be held at the June 30th meeting and possibly the July 14th one as well.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- Minutes of 5/27/08 and 6/9/08
- Consent Agenda
 - Personnel Report
 - Donations to Hawthorne – The Hawthorne PTA donated \$1500 to purchase Peaceful Playground materials and \$2,575 to purchase technology items, which include headphones for the TRC, Elmo document cameras, and VCR/DVD combinations.
 - Bid #08-34 for Fencing for Jackson (\$32,413)
 - Bid #08-37 District Physical Education & Athletic Supplies (\$37,462.04 from 19 different companies)
 - Bid #08-39 Cafeteria Bakery Items (19 different items with unit price listed from Alpha Baking Co.)
 - Bid #08-40 Selec-Tech freestyle tile and installation at York (\$72,046)
 - Bid #08-41 125 Amp electric panel installation at York (\$13,500)
 - A resolution to dispose of surplus technology equipment (to an electronic recycling company at no cost to the District).
 - Authorization to destroy verbatim recordings of closed sessions (from 6/06 through 12/06).

The Financial Reports - payment of bills, monthly statement, & ratification of investment, were pulled from the consent agenda because Ms. Masterton wanted to run the reports differently. These

will be on the July 14th agenda for approval.

Mrs. Ostojic removed the following from the consent agenda:

- Authorization for the administration to identify a plan to house early childhood program at one site (Madison School). Mrs. Ostojic wanted to highlight that this was being done and encouraged the administration to address this as soon as possible. The motion carried.
- Increases in lunch fees for the '08-'09 school year –
 - Elementary from \$2.50 to \$2.60
 - Middle School from \$2.50 to \$2.60
 - High School Regular Lunch from \$2.50 to \$2.60
 - High School Ala Carte Lunch from \$3.75 to \$3.90.

Mr. Carlquist moved to acknowledge the receipt of the Freedom of Information Act Requests. The motion was seconded and carried.

Board Communications: Mrs. DeRonne noted that under the Freedom of Information Act requests was one from Mr. Spaeth requesting the complete vendor disbursement history for the last 7 years listing total payments made to each vendor, outside services firm and other external organization. Dr. Krizic responded to Mr. Spaeth that this may be denied because compliance would be unduly burdensome. She requested a meeting with him to try to clarify and narrow the scope. She has not received a response from Mr. Spaeth yet.

Action on Closed Session Items: The Board approved:

- The Exempt Support Staff salaries as recommended by the Administration.
- The Administrative salaries as recommended by the Administration.
- The Food Service Staff salaries as recommended by the Administration.

The Board also denied a grievance and **adjourned into closed session** with no plan to take any action after this meeting.