

Dist. 205 Board of Education
June 30, 2008
7:35 pm – 9:05 pm

No Spaeth, Ms. Conroy left at 8:40 pm
Public: 2 Staff: 8 Press: 2
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 6:00 pm to consider the employment of employees, student discipline and appointment and compensation for legal counsel for the public interest. President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Action on Closed Session Items: The Board approved:

- The hiring of Brad Hillman as Principal at Bryan Middle School.
- The expulsion of York students “F” and “G” for the entire 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years.

Superintendent’s Communications:

FY09 Tentative Budget: Pat Masterton, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, presented a preliminary '08-'09 budget. Further discussion and questions were received from the Board. Ms Masterton reported that the June collection rate was lower than predicted and that most DuPage area Districts noticed the same trend.

- Ms. DeRonne asked about new teacher positions. Ms. Masterton replied that there were 14.7 FTE (full time equivalent) teachers added to this budget besides the initial amount budgeted. Four classroom teachers are needed at Emerson, 1 each at Jefferson, Jackson, Field, Edison and Conrad Fischer, 4 positions at York and 1.5 special education positions throughout the District. Ms. Masterton further explained that the factor the District is using for hiring new teachers is a masters plus 3 years experience.
- Ms. Masterton still needs to produce the cash flow and long-term projections documents.
- It was noted that tuition has gone up dramatically. Ms. Masterton did say that yes, tuition has gone up, but included in that line item was also \$400,000 to \$500,000 of OT and PT (occupational and physical therapy). The administration is looking into bring OT/PT services in house, but new rules state that these therapist require a PhD.
- Outstanding fee payments have been reduced from over \$50,000 to \$12,000.
- Ms Masterton used the new Skyward software to build the budget and is generally happy with it.

Superintendent’s Agenda: The Board approved:

- Consent Agenda
 - The Financial Reports - payment of bills, monthly statement, & ratification of investment
- A resolution to amend the DuPage/West Cook articles of agreement
- Posting of the position of district World Language coordinator (equivalent to about one day/week).

The Board withdrew the motion to grant AT&T a permanent easement over each District building to install and maintain fiber optic cable for a high-speed area network. Both Mr. Thrall and Mr. Carlquist were concerned that this easement was not for the exclusive use of District 205 and that there was no termination clause.

Board Communications: Mr. Thrall asked about the next step with strategic planning. Dr. Krizic answered that there was a meeting among the administrators scheduled for the early part of July to work on presenting a manageable, workable document.