

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Aug. 114, 2008**  
**7:38 pm – 9:14 pm**

**No Carlquist or Spaeth**  
**Public: 8 Staff: 8 Press: 2**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

The Board had been in closed session since 6:30 pm to consider the employment of employees, property acquisition/lease/purchase, actual/potential litigation, and approval of closed session minutes (7/14/08 and 7/23/08). President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:** A parent whose two children go to Field and York stated that although her husband had lost his job in January and has been unable to find a job since and after rent, she has \$160/week to spend on food, clothing, and utilities, did not qualify for financial aid for District 205. She said that the Board had changed the requirements to qualifying for the Federal free lunch program as the point at which District 205 considers the family eligible for financial aid. Another member of the public spoke about the need for cabinet storage at the elementary school, student residency and “No Child Left Inside”, Oct 14 – Oct 20, 2008, sponsored by a coalition which promotes environmental education.

**Superintendent’s Communications:**

Bond Underwriters Presentations Representatives from William Blair and Co. and one from Griffin, Kubik, Stevens & Thompson (recently bought by BMO Capital) addressed the Board on the wide range of services and the costs of selling bonds each of their companies provide. The administration will recommend one of these two as the District’s underwriters.

School Facilities Update: Based on the task Force Reports given in June, the District is looking to put another addition onto Emerson School. There were 6 different options given, ranging from a cost of \$2.1 million to \$3 million (when a portable classroom is included). All options contain a four-classroom addition, 2 ADA bathrooms, and 2 rooms for pull-out programs. Some contained options included a parking lot expansion. There were different time constraints. A 7<sup>th</sup> option was to move and remodel the office at Emerson (currently multiple classrooms are passed on the way to the office.) This option is priced at \$722,000. Some Board members said that the move of the office was imperative, due to security and safety concerns. Mr. Thrall asked what he was supposed to tell taxpayers with the current addition’s paint still wet. Was a mistake made? Dr. Krizic responded that originally, Emerson was slated to have a 2-story addition and that the kindergarten enrollment of over 100 students was unprecedented.

Bryan’s air conditioning is scheduled to be turned on tomorrow, Tuesday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Minutes of 7/14/08 and 7/23/08
- Consent Agenda
  - Personnel Report
  - Financial Reports
  - Freedom of Information requests
  - First reading of new Policy #3232 Green Cleaning Schools.
  - Contract of On-Line Parent Teacher Conference Scheduling System (cost not to exceed \$8,000).
  - Retention of Telesolutions Consultants, LLC for E-Rate Management and Consulting (\$7,200 annually).

- Purchase of Cisco SmartNet Maintenance (\$53,881 through July 1, 2009).
- Short-Term Daily Substitute Teacher Pay Rate for FY09 (from \$80/daily to \$95/daily).
- Donation of \$9500 from Hawthorne PTA to Hawthorne School for construction and landscaping of a reading garden.

Removed from the consent agenda:

- Mrs. Ostojic removed the hiring of National Investigations to conduct student residency investigations. She asked what would be the precursors? Pat Masterton replied that paperwork may start an investigation as well as the community or teacher hearing something and report it.

**Board Communications:** Mrs. Davy reminded all that they would need to get back to Dr. Krzic about their preference for training for the Board Docs (which will make paperless meetings).

**Action on Closed Session Items:** The Board approved a resolution to authorize the administration to continue good faith negotiations for the acquisition of the property located at 162 South York Road, including but not limited to working with a qualified real estate appraiser and other experts to establish the fair cash value of the property and the development of an offer(s) to purchase the property and to commence preparations to acquire the property by eminent domain should such good faith negotiations not produce an agreement.