

Dist. 205 Board of Education
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7:30 pm – 10:00 pm

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Public: 25 Staff: 6 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, student discipline and student residency. President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition: The J. Kyle Braid Leadership Scholars were introduced. The four York students are: Alex Blust, Kelly Carlquist, Peter Coffin, and Eric Westerberg. These students were sent to a camp over the summer to learn and practice leadership skills.

Megan Ahern and Kristina Laskowski, 2 York students, received gold medals at the national level for interior design.

Public Comments: None

Superintendent's Communications:

York Summer Bridge Program: Kevin Brown, an Assistant Principal from York High School, explained that York had decided to hold an Incoming Freshman Academy (IFA) for those 8th graders that scored 14 (cumulative) or less on their Explore test. There is some indication that those that score a 14 or less on the Explore test may have a hard time on the Prairie State Exam. 125 – 8th grade students fell in this range. Of those, 47 have IEPs (Individual Education Plans). 40 students took advantage of this program this past summer. It consisted of 2hrs/day of math strategies and 2hrs/day of literacy help for 6 weeks. Since the invitations went out in May of this past year, it is thought that more would have attended if they were notified earlier. The York administration feels that this program was a benefit to the students and wants to continue it. Going forward, perhaps a combination of the Explore test and the MAP (measures of academic progress) test will be used to determine who will be invited to attend this program.

Workshop Discussion:

FY 08 Audit Pat Masterton, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, gave an overview of the management letter to the Board. Two deficiencies, also found in last year's audit, were Capital Assets listing and Internal Control Documentation. The tagging and logging in of capital assets was to begin once Hawthorne was complete. Hawthorne is complete, so the listing of capital assets will take place. The new Skyward system is about 75% complete, so several of the new documentation plans are in effect. The old Rayalco system had seven people who had all the passwords for the all the system. This new system has only 3 people with passwords. This new system is expected to be complete within a month. One of the material weaknesses listed by the auditors was the need for the District to hire an internal auditor. It is the administration's belief that the hiring of an internal auditor may be economically advantageous. There was some thought that an internal auditor could be hired for \$35,000 to \$40,000 annually. Mr. Rossi, from the audit firm of Vichow & Krause & Co., stated that technically, this auditor should report directly to the Board. This new position and the administration's plan for the position will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Strategic Action Plan The Strategic Plan's Goals, Strategies and Tactics were previously presented to the Board. The administration has now added metrics, and timeline(s) to the action plan. The five categories of the Strategic Plan are: curriculum and instruction; research and assessment; communication; human resources; and facilities. The overall goal is ensuring continuous

improvement. The Board went over each category and were asked to make any comments that they might like added or changed to the Plan. Mr. Thrall stated that the only input that the Board had with this plan was to fill out the original survey for the ECRA Group. He asked “Where is our stamp on this plan?” Dr. Krizic answered that this Strategic Plan is data driven and in line with Board goals. The plan is scheduled for final review at the Board meeting on October 27. Once the plan is approved, it will be immediately implemented and reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis. Governance Action Plan Since the Board just received this information tonight, they were told that they should review and communicate with Dr. Krizic any questions or concerns they have with it.

Board Communications: None

Action on Closed Session Items: Mr. Carlquist moved to expel Student “A” for the rest of this school year and through the next school year. The motion carried.

The Board adjourned into closed session.