

April 10, 2017

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special session at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2017 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following members answered present: Nancy Kupka, President; Terry Pavesich, Vice President; and Members Julia Beckman, Deb Boyle, Mike Davenport, Don Renner and Rick Pavinato.

**1. CLOSED SESSION**

Member Pavinato moved and Member Beckman seconded that the meeting be adjourned to closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. *5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)*, as amended by *P.A. 93-0057*.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavinato, Beckman, Boyle, Davenport, Renner, Pavesich and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

**2. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened in open session with the following members of the Board of Education in attendance: Nancy Kupka, President; Terry Pavesich, Vice President; and Members Julia Beckman, Deb Boyle, Mike Davenport, Don Renner and Rick Pavinato.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jill Browning, Communications Director; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were three visitors. A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.

**3. RECOGNITION**

Arthur Drenth, a D99 Hoops Coach, thanked the Board and administration for their support of the D99 Hoops Special Olympics basketball teams. Charles Huddleston, D99 Hoops participant thanked the Board for its support and the opportunity to play. Members of the D99 Hoops teams showed the Board the trophies they received for coming in first place at the State Special Olympics basketball competition.

The Board congratulated the Hoops teams on their success and commended their dedication.

**4. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES**

Members of the North High Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) club, Nick Chudzik, Matt Gilman, Kaitlyn Marra, Charles (Jack) McGuire and Kevin Sachtleben, spoke

about how the club has provided them with business skills and helped prepare them for college. They also shared information on the rapid growth of the club, becoming one of the top five largest clubs in the State.

The Board thanked the students for sharing information about the club and its successes.

## **5. AVID**

Gina Ziccardi provided an overview of the (Advancement Via Individual Determination) AVID program in District 99, which included: the components of the program, the different staff involved in the program, a description of the typical AVID student, how aspects and strategies of the AVID program are being incorporated throughout the curriculum and data comparing AVID students with all students.

Jenni Wolf, South High AVID Site Coordinator, spoke about the program addressing the needs of the whole person, program success, the application process and the addition of a community service component to the program. Britni Mitchell, North High AVID Site Coordinator, shared information about student college acceptance and the pride the faculty has in the students.

Senior AVID students Keyarra Eaton, South High, and Paige Williamson, North High, shared their experiences in the AVID program and spoke about the benefits they received. AVID parents Takisha Emory, South High, and Yvette Garro, North High, communicated how the AVID program helped their students both academically and socially.

The Board thanked the parents, students and faculty.

## **6. POSSIBLE CHANGE TO LATE STARTS**

Dr. Thiele shared with the Board that administration has been talking with staff about a possible change to the structure of Late Starts for next year. He stated the staff is currently being surveyed about the possible change, and students and parents would be surveyed next week. At the May Workshop, Dr. Thiele said, the administration would be presenting its recommendation on whether or not to change the structure of Late Starts.

## **7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

Jill Browning shared that 44,000 postcards were sent to District residents inviting them to events at North and South High next week. She said the events would include tours, and a presentation containing: an overview of the Master Facility Plan by Dr. Thiele; building specific information provided by the building principal; and financial information provided by Mark Staehlin. Ms. Browning said the presentations would be posted online.

Ms. Browning also shared the District is partnering with our sender schools and hosting an "Open School for Realtors" on April 20.

## **8. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no visitors.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Pavesich moved and Member Davenport seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the seven members in attendance, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Nancy Kupka, President

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Juli Gniadek, Secretary

