

August 7, 2017

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special session at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: President Nancy Kupka; Vice President Terry Pavesich; Members Sherell Fuller, Daniel Nicholas and Rick Pavinato. Members Mike Davenport and Don Renner were absent.

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

**1. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no visitors.

**2. PROJECT ALTITUDE PROPOSAL**

Dr. Thiele stated a company located in the District was requesting to have their taxes on planned major improvements on their property phased in over a ten year period of time. He shared advantages of the company remaining in the District included construction of a new headquarters and manufacturing facility, new jobs, and an increase in the property tax base. Dr. Thiele presented the projected increase in taxes to the District, on a yearly basis over the next ten years, if Project Altitude were to go forward. Mr. Staehlin noted the company has other options and if the company were to leave the District, the District would lose tax revenue.

Michael Cassa, President and CEO, Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation, shared the company had done a national search for locations for their redevelopment and in addition to Downers Grove were looking at two other states.

The consensus of the Board was they were in favor of the Project Altitude Proposal. Dr. Thiele stated the Board would be asked to approve a Resolution regarding the Project Altitude Proposal at the August 21, 2017 Board meeting.

**3. TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SERVICES - STRATEGIC PLAN 2017**

Rod Rousseau reviewed the six key components of the Technology & Information Services Strategic Plan and provided information on the past growth of technology in District 99 and future needs. He provided detailed information about two of the Components of the Plan – Infrastructure and Information Security.

**4. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDENT RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

Dr. Thiele stated last year the District eliminated Class Rank and began discussion on how students would be recognized at graduation for levels of Honors. He shared a Student Recognition Committee

was formed and the Committee's recommendations were based on grade thresholds and not Class Rank. He stated three Honors levels were established: Distinguished Honors (GPA of 4.4 and above), High Honors (GPA of 4.0 and above) and Honors (GPA 3.4 and above); which would be common to both schools. Hank Thiele noted the three levels of Honors would be signified by gold stoles, tassels and/or cords worn at graduation. Dr. Thiele shared, in order to emphasize these awards, graduation caps and gowns would be consistent for all students in the High School; North High students will wear purple robes with a white stole and South High students will wear dark blue robes with Columbia blue stoles.

## **5. 2017-2018 DISTRICT GOALS**

Dr. Thiele stated last year the District Goals fell under nine Domains and this year they had been streamlined to five Domains, due to the amount of crossover. Hank Thiele reviewed each of the broad goals and noted the Board will vote on the District Goals at the August 21, 2017 Board meeting. He said administration would begin outlining the tasks associated with each of the Goal Domains and would provide the Board with updates on the task list and progress on the Goals periodically.

## **6. DRESS GUIDELINES**

Dr. Thiele stated the current Dress Guideline language is tied to fashion trends and is gender slanted. He said administration recommends new Dress Guideline language read: "Modesty is always appropriate. Students are to wear garments with appropriate coverage. For example, clothes that are revealing such as exposed underwear, see-through clothing, exposed stomachs or backs, and low cut tops, are considered inappropriate." Ed Schwartz, South High Principal, stated the Deans are working crosstown on what will be communicated to students on the first day and to faculty.

Dr. Thiele noted the Board will vote on the changes to the Dress Guidelines at the August 21, 2017 Board meeting, since the Guidelines are part of the Discipline Policy, which is incorporated into Board policy.

## **7. APPROVAL OF THE 2017-2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Dr. Thiele commended Mark Staehlin and Jeree Ethridge, Business Manager, on the budget, which was exceptionally challenging due to the uncertainty of school funding in Illinois and possible legislation that may affect school funding.

Mark Staehlin said the 2017-2018 Tentative Budget was balanced and prepared assuming the State would pay the District the \$1.7 million owed and any school funding legislation would have a hold harmless provision. Mr. Staehlin said Revenues assumed the same amount of federal dollars, and Expenditures were stable, with the exception of a large percentage increase in tuition costs. In the area of Long Term Debt, Mr. Staehlin stated of the \$6.5 million paid in debt service, \$5.9 million went to the long term debt that will fall off in 2018-2019.

Mr. Staehlin stated the Tentative Budget would be posted on the District's website and on display for 30 days at the three District attendance centers, the Administrative Service Center and in local libraries and the Board would vote on the Final Budget at the September 18, 2017 Board Meeting.

Member Fuller moved and Member Pavinato seconded the motion for the Board of Education to accept the Tentative Budget for 2017-2018 for display purposes and establish 7:45 p.m., September 18, 2017 in the Administrative Service Center Community Room for the public hearing.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Fuller, Pavinato, Nicholas, Pavesich and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

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

There were no visitors.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business or discussion, Member Pavesich moved and Member Nicholas seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the five members in attendance, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Nancy Kupka, President

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Juli Gniadek, Secretary