January 29, 2018

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in regular session at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018 at the Administrative Service Center.

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

Also present were Henry Thiele, Superintendent; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

1. **CLOSED SESSION**

Member Fuller moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned to closed session for the purpose of discussion of lawfully closed meeting minutes, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21); and 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 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 Fuller, Pavesich, Pavinato, Renner, Davenport, Nicholas 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 Mike Davenport, Sherell Fuller, Daniel Nicholas, Rick Pavinato and Don Renner.

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; Jill Browning, Communications Director; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Nicholas moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 Business Meeting, the December 18, 2017 Closed Meeting and the January 22, 2018 Special/Workshop Meeting.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Nicholas, Pavesich, Pavinato, Renner, Davenport, Fuller and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.
4. Reception of Visitors – Public Comment

Ms. Deanne Marek urged the Board to vote in favor of naming the Orchestra Room at North High Svoboda Hall in honor of John Svoboda.

The Board thanked Ms. Marek for her comments.

5. Student Fees for 2018-2019

Mark Staehlin stated in 2016-2017 there was a reorganization and consolidation of fees, in 2017-2018 there was a small increase in fees and administration was recommending no increase in fees for 2018-2019.


Mark Staehlin reviewed the revenues and expenditures through December 31, 2017. He specifically noted that all State Aid due from last year has been received and future State Aid, based on the Evidenced Based Funding Model with a Hold Harmless Provision, may remain level, but will be received on a more regular basis, which will aid with cash flow and investment placements. Mr. Staehlin stated though the percent of funds expended are higher than last year at the same time, this is to be expected due to the earlier start to the school year, which resulted in twelve more attendance days in the first two quarters of the year.

7. 2017 Summer School Report and Recommendations

Tim Tilton, Summer School Director and North High Dean, reviewed highlights of the 2017 Summer School held at North High, which included: a four day school week, which was well received by both students and staff; 244 students participating in the academic classes; the offering of three proactive courses – Freshman Bridge, Keys to Academic Success and AP Chemistry Prep; and nine students graduating at the conclusion of Summer School after completing coursework through the Credit Recovery Program.

Gina Ziccardi stated administration was recommending using grant funds to support Summer School, as has been done in the past, and increasing the teacher and director stipends by 2.1%, the CPIU.

The Board inquired about offering additional courses during Summer School that would prepare students for more advanced coursework and requested data on the percentage of students in each grade level attending Summer School.

8. Staffing Ratio for the 2018-2019 School Year

Pete Theis stated administration was recommending a 21.8:1 Staffing Ratio for 2018-2019, the same ratio that has been in place for the last six years, which will result in a maximum of 230.6 FTE “above the line” based on the Kasarda study and current District enrollment projections.


Dr. Thiele reported the District had seven Freedom of Information Act requests this month and all were fulfilled.
10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Kupka asked that Item E., Acceptance of Donation from Downers Grove Junior Woman's Club, and Item F., Acceptance of Donation from the Brethauer Family be removed, from the Consent Agenda.

Member Pavinato moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which includes: A. Personnel Report - Appointment-Certified; Leave of Absence-Certified; Leave of Absence-Classified; Appointment-Classified; B. Personnel Report - Resignation-Administration; Resignation-Classified; Retirement-Classified C. Financial Pages; D. Approval of Concussion Oversight Team; G. Approval of Facility Naming Request - North High School; H. Closed Session Minutes and Verbatim Recordings; and I. Approval of Student Tour.

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

President Kupka specifically commented on Consent Agenda Items E. and F., the donations from the Downers Grove Junior Woman's Club and the Brethauer Family, noting the substantial nature of both. The Board thanked both publicly for their generosity.

Member Pavesich moved and Member Davenport seconded the motion for the Board of Education to accept the donations from the Downers Grove Junior Woman's Club and the Brethauer Family.

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

Dr. Thiele stated District 99 is providing the matching funds specified in the Brethauer donation.


Member Davenport moved and Member Nicholas seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Staffing Ratio for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

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

12. **ABATEMENT RESOLUTION: ALTERNATE REVENUE BONDS**

President Kupka stated the next item of business before the Board of Education is the consideration of a resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011, of the District.

Mark Stacheldlin stated the District would be using District operating funds, rather than issuing debt service bonds, which would increase taxes, to pay the $1.3 million in debt service on bonds issued in 2011 for the water line and boiler project at South High.

Member Davenport moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on

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

13. **CANCEL FEBRUARY 5, 2018 SPECIAL/WORKSHOP MEETING**

Dr. Thiele shared the small number of items tentatively placed on the February 5 agenda had been moved either to the current meeting or the February 26 meeting, which would enable the Board to cancel the Workshop meeting.

Member Davenport moved and Member Fuller seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the cancellation of the February 5, 2018 Special/Workshop Meeting.

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

14. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

15. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

16. **RECEPTION OF VISITORS—PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Deanne Marek addressed the Board about the proposed change to the Physical Education Exemption. She stated non-varsity athletes devote nearly the same amount of time and energy to their sports as varsity athletes and she was not in favor of 9th and 10th grade students receiving the varsity sport P.E. exemption that would allow students to miss vital information presented in the 9th and 10th grade P.E. curriculum.

17. **REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION NETWORK OF DUPAGE (LEND)**

Member Renner reported the Governor vetoed the bill that would clean up some of the language of the Evidenced Based Model.

Dr. Thiele stated he would be in Springfield on Monday to meet with a small focus group of legislators to discuss legislation related to dual credit in Illinois.

18. **REPORT ON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN DUPAGE COUNTY (SASED)**

President Kupka reported the Governing Board and Board of Control met and the alignment of benefits for union and non-union employees was discussed. She stated SASED would be completing $1.5 million in facility upgrades with funds currently on hand and the funds expended would be replaced by a cost/head over the next ten years.
19. **REPORT ON DISTRICT 99 EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Member Pavesich recapped the December fundraising appeal and grants awarded in 2017. She stated applications for the next round of Foundation Grants are due April 1 and Pizza Wars will be held at South High on March 1.

20. **REPORT ON ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (IASB)**

Member Davenport reported the next DuPage Division meeting is March 6 and Board members who plan on attending should let Juli Gniadek know.

21. **UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

President Kupka announced the following meeting dates:

- **February 5, 2018**  The meeting is cancelled.
- **February 26, 2018**  Regular Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Administrative Service Center

22. **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION**

Member Renner noted the Park District Recreation Center had a sign from Bank Financial on the full basketball court and was curious about the arrangement the bank had with the Park District. Board Members shared advertising at District facilities was discussed previously as a revenue source.

The Board requested Dr. Thiele report on the Park District’s advertising arrangement; the policies and practices, including financial implications, area Districts have regarding advertising; and current District policies governing advertising.

Dr. Thiele stated he would bring the District’s current policy covering advertising to the Policy Committee at its February 5 meeting.

23. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business or discussion, Member Pavesich moved and Member Davenport seconded the 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 8:38 p.m.

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