

September 12, 2016

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following members answered present: Nancy Kupka, President; and Members Julia Beckman, Deb Boyle, Mike Davenport, Rick Pavinato and Don Renner. Vice President Terry Pavesich arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Also present were Henry 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; Jim Kolodziej, Director of Physical Plant and Operations; Jill Browning, Communication Director; Rod Rousseau, Director of Technology & Information Services; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were no visitors.

1. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

North High students Marion Deal, Claire Marino and Jacari Hunter, who were instrumental in planning One Book, One School, *Steal Like an Artist*, shared their takeaways from reading the book and their experience of having lunch with the author and hearing him speak.

The Board thanked the students for sharing their insights

2. EARLY IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM – PHASE II

Scott Wuggazer presented information on the steps taken to provide interventions and supports, and track their progress, after a student has been identified, through the Early Identification System, as needing additional supports for either academics or social emotional needs.

3. PROJECT STATUS - LIFE SAFETY PROJECTS, OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS, TELEPHONE SYSTEM, CHROMEBOOKS, ONLINE REGISTRATION, PRINT MANAGEMENT, ELECTRONIC TIMESHEETS, DIGITIZING HUMAN RESOURCES RECORDS

Dr. Thiele briefly reviewed projects presented to the Board previously. He then listed some of the major projects undertaken over the past summer and the administrator overseeing the project(s) gave more detailed information.

Jim Kolodziej updated the Board on the Life Safety Projects, which went smoothly and came in on budget; and other Capital Projects. The Board asked if a plaque could be placed in the dugouts at South High to recognize the Booster organization, who donated funds for the new dugouts.

Rod Rousseau spoke about the new digital phone system installed throughout the District. He also shared information on the distribution of Chromebooks to the freshmen and the condition of Chromebooks after the students had them at home over the summer. A review of the new online registration process was provided by Mr. Rousseau; Ms. Browning shared how the new process was communicated to families.

Mark Staehlin communicated information on the District's move to cloud printing, which includes the purchase of additional more efficient and economical small copiers, and the reduction in the number of printers.

The progress of the transition from paper timesheets for support staff to the use of a timeclock was presented by Pete Theis. Mr. Theis also spoke about the digitizing of all the Human Resources records as the District moves forward with going paperless in the Human Resources department.

The Board expressed their appreciation to all those involved for the large amount of work undertaken and completed over the summer.

4. BOARD EXPECTATIONS FOR 1:1 PROGRAM EVALUATION

Dr. Thiele stated that previously the Board had received a report, which was also posted on the website, with survey information about the implementation of 1:1 Learning.

Gina Ziccardi shared some of the results of the survey from last spring and the positive impact on students of the 1:1 program. She spoke about the different professional development opportunities available to teachers, both peer led and student led, and the unique opportunities available to students with the Chromebooks, such as staffing the help desk.

Rod Rousseau provided web usage figures during the school day and in the evening. He stated the District's infrastructure supported the 1:1 implementation well and there are plans to study current capabilities and future needs. Mr. Rousseau said information was gathered on students' access to the internet at home. For those students who do not have access to the internet at home, access is provided through grants, according to Ms. Ziccardi.

Ms. Ziccardi then reviewed some of the 2016-2017 supports available to students, parents and staff.

Dr. Thiele stated the intentional use of technology, and how to coach teachers in the effective use of technology, has been addressed with teacher evaluators.

5. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no visitors.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Thiele announced that at South High School, in the cafetorium, on September 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. representatives of the nine taxing bodies of Downers Grove, which includes the District 99 Board of Education, will have a Super Retreat which will include presentations by each group, a panel discussion and an opportunity for individuals to walk around and speak with members of each group.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Member Pavesich moved and Member Beckman 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 8:48 p.m.

Nancy Kupka, President

Juli Gniadek, Secretary