

January 12, 2015

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in regular session at 6:05 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following members answered present: Rick Pavinato, Vice President; and Members Deb Boyle and Michael Davenport, and Keith Matune.

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

1. CLOSED SESSION

Member Boyle moved and Member Davenport seconded that the meeting be adjourned to closed session for the purpose of 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 Boyle, Davenport, Matune, and Pavinato voted AYE. The Vice 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; Rick Pavinato, Vice President; and Members Julia Beckman, Deb Boyle, Michael Davenport, Keith Matune, and Terry Pavesich.

Also present were Mark McDonald, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Rod Russeau, Director of Technology and Information Services; Jim Kolodziej, Director of Physical Plant and Operations; Jill Browning, Communications Director; Scott Kasik, North High Principal; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

3. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

North High juniors Liam Morgan and Julia Lambert, Positively North Star leaders, spoke about Freshman Advisory, a weekly lesson for freshman provided by upperclassmen; and Exam Jam, a session with a social component to help freshmen prepare for final exams.

The Board thanked the students for helping freshmen transition to high school successfully.

4. NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM/STUDENT LUNCH NUTRITION PROGRAM

Dr. McDonald stated the Board had expressed an interest in learning more about the National School Lunch Program and the advantages and disadvantages of continuing in the program.

Mark Staehlin presented an overview of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and how it functions in District 99. Nick Saccaro, President of Quest Food Management Services shared the

nutritional guidelines for participation in the NSLP. Mr. Staehlin stated that since the District participates in the NSLP all meals served generate some government funds and that District 99 receives approximately \$600,000 total from State and Federal sources. Mr. Saccaro shared the differences between meals and other items served in schools that participate in the NSLP and those that do not.

Mark Staehlin stated that the administration recommends continuation in the National School Lunch Program. If the District would leave the NSLP, the District would lose \$600,000 in revenue, according to Mr. Staehlin, and remaining in the program helps meet the obligation of the district to feed free and reduced eligible students without additional support from local taxpayers.

The Board expressed concern about the long lines during lunch periods. Mr. Saccaro stated that he and Mark Staehlin were looking at ways to reduce lines and wait time for students.

5. 2014 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

Tim Tilton, North High Dean and Summer School Administrator presented information on 2014 Summer School enrollment, staff composition, and enrichment courses. Gina Ziccardi shared recommendations for 2015 Summer School including an increase in both tuition and the stipend paid to summer school teachers. She stated there has not been an increase in either area in three years.

Member Pavinato asked that more emphasis for summer school enrollment be placed on getting ahead instead of remediation, with the possibility of offering honors level courses during the summer. Dr. McDonald stated that administration would discuss the feasibility of expanding the course offerings.

Dr. McDonald stated that the Board would be asked to vote on the administration's recommendations for Summer School at the January 26, 2015 Board meeting.

6. CONTINUING DIALOGUE ABOUT FINANCING 1:1

Dr. McDonald reminded the Board that at the December Business meeting the administration made a presentation on full scale 1:1 implementation and its financing. He stated the purpose of this evening's presentation was to get a sense whether the Board supports the 1:1 concept and the financing option presented.

Gina Ziccardi briefly reviewed the vision for requesting 1:1 implementation, which included helping students be more collaborative, empowered and reflective learners; and that the opportunity for learning extends beyond the school day. Mark Staehlin reviewed the expected costs of the 1:1 implementation and the administration's recommendation of the addition of a \$100 technology fee per year, per student.

The consensus of the Board was to move ahead with 1:1 implementation. The Board discussed the administration's recommended fee as well as other funding and purchase options. Member Davenport opposed the \$100 technology fee as proposed.

7. BOARD CANDIDATE ORIENTATION

Mark McDonald shared that he and President Kupka previously discussed the Board Candidate Orientation. Historically, the February Board Workshop, prior to a Board Member election, was used as an orientation for Board candidates in the April election, according to Dr. McDonald. This year there are three incumbents and one non-incumbent running for three positions on the Board. Since there is

only one candidate running who is not an incumbent Dr. McDonald posed the question to the Board of whether the February workshop should be used as an orientation, as in the past, or there should be a different type of orientation for the non-incumbent candidate.

The consensus of the Board was not to use the February meeting as a Board Candidate orientation and for administration to meet with the candidate at a different time. Dr. McDonald stated that the orientation materials provided to the non-incumbent candidate will be provided to all Board members.

8. STATEMENT REGARDING SCHOOL CLOSING

Dr. McDonald stated that the decision to close schools due to inclement weather is made by the Superintendent. Several factors contribute to the decision including weather reports, discussions with area superintendents, the ability of the buses to transport students and most importantly, is it feasible and safe for the students to come to school. Additionally, he stated that it is his understanding that the decision to close the high schools has been in alignment with the decision of the elementary school districts and he will therefore continue to make decisions based on that understanding, unless notified differently.

Dr. McDonald expressed his concern about making the decision to close schools the day before, as weather and other circumstances may change.

9. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Pavesich encouraged everyone to attend Pizza Wars being held at South High on January 15, 2015 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., with proceeds benefitting the District 99 Education Foundation

11. ADJOURNMENT

Member Matune moved and Member Davenport seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Nancy Kupka, President

Juli Gniadek, Secretary