

October 5, 2015

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015 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, Michael Davenport, Don Renner and Rick Pavinato.

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

There were no visitors.

### **1. SOLAR GRANT – SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

South High students Shana Johnson, Swathi Pillalamarri, Max O'Meara, Lauren Gleason, Robert Major and Leanna Ivanova each shared why they became involved in the Earth Action Club at South High. The students reviewed the requirements of the Illinois Clean Energy Grant, that South High is interested in pursuing, which would be used for solar panels. Steve Zownorega, South High science teacher and Earth Action Club sponsor, explained the curriculum impact of the addition of solar panels.

The Board expressed enthusiasm for the project and invited the students to return following the receipt of the grant funds.

### **2. MEMORIAL PEACE GARDEN**

Jenne Dehmlow, North High Social Studies Chair, and Chris Esposito, South High Social Studies Chair, presented information on proposed Memorial Peace Gardens that would be installed at both campuses to honor the seventy District 99 graduates who lost their lives while serving in a war. They reviewed the proposed locations, costs, donations thus far and other considerations involved in pursuing the project. The Chairs emphasized that while this is a District project to honor the fallen, no District funds will be used for the project.

No Board members had concerns with proceeding with the planning and implementation of the Gardens.

### **3. DRAFT OF REVISED CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETING ACTIONS BY MONTH**

Dr. McDonald stated the Calendar of Board Meeting Actions had been updated based on the timing of Board actions during the preceding year, and the amount of time for review the Board had before action was taken on specific items. He shared that Board actions fall into three categories: those that are presented and voted on at the same Business Meeting; those that are presented at one meeting and voted on at the next Business Meeting; and those actions that span more than two Meetings. The Board did not express any concerns with the updated calendar.

**4. DISTRICT 99 2015-2016 GOALS**

Dr. McDonald stated every year in October the Board approves the goals for the current year and that many of the goals for 2015-2016 are a continuation from previous years. He then reviewed some of the 2015-2016 goals that involved new undertakings on the part of the District.

The Board requested that updating the Strategic Plan be added to the Parking Lot.

**5. REPORT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA**

Gina Ziccardi presented information on the status of the State's required testing program. She stated that in 2015-2016 there will be only one PARCC testing session and that the same classes that were tested last year, Math 1 and English I, would be tested again this year. Ms. Ziccardi then shared District wide longitudinal data on ACT scores, AP and Honors enrollment, AP testing, interventions and other student achievement data points. Georgia Hash, South High Associate Principal, shared achievement data specific to South High School and Janice Schwarze, North High Associate Principal, shared North High specific data. Both Associate Principals presented information on trends in increased enrollment and success in AP test taking in specific AP courses.

**6. RECEPTION OF VISITORS**

There were no visitors.

**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 9:20 p.m.

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Nancy Kupka, President

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Juli Gniadek, Secretary