

October 2, 2017

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2017 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, Daniel Nicholas, Rick Pavinato and Don Renner. Member Sherell Fuller was absent.

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

**1. CLOSED SESSION**

Member Pavinato moved and Member Nicholas seconded the motion 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 Pavinato, Nicholas, Pavesich, Renner, Davenport 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; Jim Kolodziej, Director of Physical Plant and Operations; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were no visitors.

**3. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES**

Members of the North High FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) Club, Claire Rowley, Alexa Johnson, and Jade Gandhi shared information on the Clubs' activities, which include attending competitions in fashion, culinary arts and other areas. The students also provided information on the blood drive they are hosting on October 5 at North High.

The Board thanked the students for sharing information about the Club and some of its undertakings.

#### **4. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Dr. Thiele explained Student Board Members were added provide a student voice on the Board and briefly reviewed the application process.

Janice Schwarze introduced North High Student Board Member Prevail Bonga and Ed Schwartz introduced South High Student Board Member Simone Black. Ms. Bonga and Ms. Black shared with reasons they wanted to be on the Board and some information about themselves. The students then took their official places with the Board.

#### **5. PROJECT STATUS - LIFE SAFETY PROJECTS, OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS, WEBSITE, VIDEO INTERVIEWS, ANONYMOUS ALERTS, CLEAR RESIDENCY CHECK**

Jim Kolodziej introduced South High Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Mike Reyes and North High Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Michelle Cannan. Mr. Reyes and Ms. Cannan reviewed capital and Life Safety projects completed at their respective buildings over the summer. Mr. Kolodziej stated all projects came in within budget.

Jill Browning spoke about the District's updated and more ADA compliant website. Pete Theis shared that candidates for all positions may now be asked to complete a brief video interview, where they answer four or five questions, as part of the application process. Anonymous Alerts, an app the District implemented this fall, which can be accessed through the website or on students' Chromebooks, allows students and parents to relay information anonymously to school officials, was explained by Scott Wuggazer. Dr. Thiele provide information on CLEAR, a new tool the District is using to verify residency of students.

#### **6. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) REQUIREMENTS**

Dr. Thiele stated No Child Left Behind (NCLB), which was test score driven, has been replaced by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which looks at various aspects of a student's education to determine post-secondary success. He then reviewed the different measures of success outlined in ESSA, noting that Graduation Rate is the largest component.

#### **7. REPORT IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA**

Gina Ziccardi provided data on North and South High School Cohort Graduation Rates and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade On Track. According to Ms. Ziccardi, District 99 is currently meeting, or exceeding, the benchmarks established by ESSA in these areas.

#### **8. MASTER FACILITY PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

A letter, newsletter and survey concerning the District's Master Facility Plan will be mailed to all 45,000 homes in the District 99 attendance area, stated Dr. Thiele. He shared, though the letter only mentions the most costly option, at all community events the options of not pursuing the Master Facility Plan, only going forward with some level of the Plan and proceeding with the full scope of the proposal are discussed. Dr. Thiele stated he will bring the data gathered from the community to the Board and planned to make a recommendation to the Board in December.

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

There were no visitors.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dr. Kupka announced the next meeting of the Board is October 16.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Renner moved and Member Davenport 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 9:02 p.m.

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Nancy Kupka, President

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Juli Gniadek, Secretary