

February 2, 2015

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special session at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following members answered present: Nancy Kupka, President; Rick Pavinato, Vice President; and Members Deb Boyle and Terry Pavesich. Member Mike Davenport arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Also present were Mark McDonald, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; 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. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

This item was dropped from the agenda due to the weather closing of the schools.

2. REPORT ON 2014-2015 DISTRICT GOALS – 1) PERA; 2) PARCC; 3) 1:1 STAFF DEVELOPMENT; 4) COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Dr. McDonald shared that this year instead of presenting information on the mid-year status of all the 2014-2015 goals, four specific areas that present unique challenges were going to be addressed.

Pete Theis spoke about the Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) which mandates how teachers are rated. He stated that in 2016-17 student growth must account for 25% of a teacher's rating. Mr. Theis shared that District 99 convened an Informal Student Growth Committee to begin the discussion of the student growth component. Mr. Theis explained the three different types of assessments and the four student growth models that are a part of PERA.

Gina Ziccardi reviewed the changes in state sponsored testing in the last year and that District 99 will be administering the ACT, with writing, to all juniors on March 3 while other students attend their regular classes. North High Associate Principal Janice Schwarze shared some of the challenges and advantages of administering the new state sponsored PARCC assessments to all District 99 students in Math 1 and English 1.

Dr. Ken Sorensen, North High Associate Principal, spoke about the progression of technology and the training offered in District 99 and how technology has been embedded in the different professional development strands. South High Associate Principal Omar Davis shared information on efforts to collect professional development needs from staff and address those needs, and the varying levels of need, through various professional development sessions and institute sessions.

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Ms. Browning shared some new avenues for reaching out to, and getting feedback from, the community at large including the launching of the Community Advisory Committee. She also talked about some of the suggestions made by the Committee that have already been implemented.

3. MARKETING PLAN

Dr. McDonald shared that Dr. Ruscitti has asked each of the DuPage County school districts to contribute \$1,500 for the services of a professional marketing firm to market and promote public education. The Board discussed the value of participating in the marketing endeavor and the consensus was that at this time there were too many unanswered questions to proceed.

4. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no visitors.

5. ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. McDonald stated that all current Board members and the Board member candidate are receiving an updated Board Candidate Orientation binder and that the Board Candidate Orientation will occur on Monday, February 9, 2015.

Mark McDonald stated that on February 3, 2015 the District will present to the Downers Grove Village Council the District's request for a text amendment to the sign ordinance. He explained that the Council will either deny the request or determine if the proposal should go forward for full review.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Member Davenport moved and Member Pavesich seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the five members present, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Nancy Kupka, President

Juli Gniadek, Secretary