

October 3, 2016

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2016 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, Mike Davenport and Don Renner. Member Rick Pavinato was absent.

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; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were no visitors.

1. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

South High Mad Dash student directors Bregin DeMarco, Nick Rohl, Jenna Norwood, Gisselle Cervantes and Grace Ulch, Marion Deal, Claire Marino and Jacari Hunter shared with the Board some of the activities and programs they developed to assist freshmen in making the transition to high school.

The Board thanked the students for the time and effort they put in to help ensure freshmen have a smooth start to high school.

2. DISTRICT 99 2016-2017 GOALS

Dr. Thiele briefly reviewed the proposed District Goals and provided the Board another opportunity to ask questions; he stated the Goals would be voted on at the October Business meeting.

3. REPORT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA

Gina Ziccardi shared District 99 ACT data in the form of a comparison to state and national scores, with District 99's average composite score being 2.2 points higher than both the state and national average; District 99 ACT trends, with math having a slight increase and reading having a slight decrease; and GEM scores, which demonstrated an increase for the Class of 2017. She also shared data showing enrollment in both AP and Honors courses is rising, as well as the number of students taking AP tests and the number of tests taken.

Georgia Hash, South High Associate Principal, and Sara Courington, North High Associate Principal, each presented ACT data, AP and Honors course enrollment figures, the number and scores of AP tests taken, and other data about their respective schools.

Ms. Ziccardi stated this year all juniors will be taking the SAT test and the plan is for freshmen to take the PSAT 8/9 and for sophomores to take the PSAT 10.

4. MASTER FACILITY PLAN UPDATE

Dr. Thiele and Jim Kolodziej reviewed the changes, building by building and floor by floor, made to the Master Facility Plan since its last presentation to the Board. Additional ideas and suggestions were offered by Board members.

Dr. Thiele stated the next step was to engage the community in the process and to that end, the expertise of a consultant would be required. A draft RFQ for a Community Engagement Plan was shared with the Board, including the timeline and process for selecting the firm. The consensus of the Board was to go ahead with the RFQ. Dr. Thiele assured the Board the administration will keep the Board apprised of the progress on the selection process.

5. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no visitors.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Member Beckman moved and Member Pavesich seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the six members in attendance, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Nancy Kupka, President

Juli Gniadek, Secretary