

December 16, 2019

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2019 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Michael Davenport, Vice President/President Pro tempore; and Members Sherell Fuller, Daniel Nicholas, Terry Pavesich, Rick Pavinato and Joanna Vazquez Drexler. Nancy Kupka, President, was absent.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Associate Superintendent for Student Learning; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jim Kolodziej, Director of Physical Plant and Operations; Jill Browning, Director of Communications; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; Student Board Members Hailey Grubich and Ariel Johnson; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were no visitors.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Nicholas moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2019 Business Meeting, the November 18, 2019 Closed Meeting and the December 2, 2019 Workshop Meeting.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Nicholas, Vazquez Drexler, Davenport, Fuller and Pavinato voted AYE. Member Pavesich abstained. The Vice President/President Pro tempore declared the motion carried.

2. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. 2020 SUMMER SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Thiele stated the next couple of items are returning from a prior Board meeting and it is the Board's opportunity to ask any questions that may have arisen since that meeting. The Board had no questions.

4. PROPOSED 2020 SUMMER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CALENDAR

Dr. Thiele shared this is the calendar format the District has followed the last couple of years, with a four day work week and extended hours those four days.

5. 2020-2021 CURRICULUM PROPOSALS AND CHANGES

Dr. Thiele noted this is the same information Gina Ziccardi presented at the last meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF FUNDING BOND RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Thiele stated this is the third issuance of bonds for the MFP and additional Life Safety bonds. He noted these are Action Items later in the meeting.

Mark Staehlin stated there are two purposes of the bond issuance, the first being the third and final issuance of bonds for the Master Facility Plan. Mr. Staehlin explained interest rates are very low right now and the savings in interest will be more than eighteen million dollars, which will shorten the term of the bonds 2½ to 3 years. Mr. Staehlin shared the second purpose is the issuance of Life Safety bonds for re-wiring the North High auditorium. He noted by combining the bonds, \$25,000-\$30,000 in legal fees and issuance costs will be saved.

Mr. Staehlin stated there are two separate resolutions and the District is asking that the Board approve Board President Kupka to sign the resolutions.

Mark Staehlin noted these bonds would be available to the public, with a minimum purchase of \$5,000.

7. 2019 TAX LEVY REQUEST

Dr. Thiele stated the levy would be voted on later in the meeting. Dr. Thiele commended Mark Staehlin on his work to present an accurate and realistic levy to the Board.

Mark Staehlin stated the cap for the levy is 1.9%; the assessed valuation for 2018 is known; the District is limited to cost of living increases in the tax rate; the EAV will grow by about 4.5%; and new construction will be about .95%. He shared this should yield a tax rate of \$1.67. Mr. Staehlin stated the District is asking for \$81.9 million, but will likely receive only a little over \$81 million.

Mr. Staehlin shared in March or April the County Clerk will advise the District of the actual values and at that time, the District will tailor their request to those values.

8. MFP BID PROGRESS

Jim Kolodziej shared information on the last of the bids from Phase B. He noted there were 26 bids received for work at North High, for a total cost of approximately \$1.3 million. He stated, additionally, there were three items that were rebid because they came in too high on the first round. He noted these two groups of bids came in about \$200,000 under budget.

Mr. Kolodziej stated on Thursday the bidding of Phase C for South High will begin and on January 15 North High will begin, with bidding for the entire project done in February or March.

9. MASTER FACILITY PLAN PROGRESS

Dr. Thiele provided a breakdown of the Master Facility Plan finances by building and District-wide, which included the budget, expenditures to date, committed and unlet expenses, and other costs. He stated the project is on schedule and on budget; the contingency remains strong.

Dr. Thiele stated the costs for the additional driveways at South High and the potential additional costs for the bleacher issues at North High have not been accounted for; they are part of the contingency.

Hank Thiele shared steel has started to go up for the gym at North High; the temporary roof and floors are in on the addition, and the bleacher footings are poured, at South High; and the light at Springside Avenue and 63rd Street has been delayed due to a 42-week back order for the light poles.

10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Dr. Thiele reported the District had Freedom of Information Act requests this month and they are posted on the District's website.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Thiele noted there are several very generous donations from the community in the Consent Agenda. He stated the Administrative Team appreciates the community's support and their partnership in supporting students.

Mr. Theis noted the Personnel Report had been amended to include the heading Retirement – Certified and that Bill Skoubis was added under that heading.

Member Pavesich moved and Member Fuller seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which includes: A. Personnel Report - Appointments-Certified; Appointments-Classified; B. Personnel Report - Retirement-Certified; Resignations-Classified; C. Personnel Report - Termination-Classified; D. Financial Pages; E. Approval of Educational Tour; F. Acceptance of Donation - District 99 Education Foundation; G. Acceptance of Donation - Mr. and Mrs. Grane; H. Acceptance of Donation - Lewis E. and Jean C. Neill Fund of the DuPage Foundation; and I. Acceptance of Donation - In Honor of Elizabeth Dunlap.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Fuller, Nicholas, Pavinato, Vazquez Drexler and Davenport voted AYE. The Vice President/President Pro tempore declared the motion carried.

12. APPROVAL OF 2020 SUMMER SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS

Member Vazquez Drexler moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the 2020 Summer School Recommendations as presented.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Vazquez Drexler, Pavesich, Pavinato, Fuller, Nicholas and Davenport voted AYE. The Vice President/President Pro tempore declared the motion carried.

13. APPROVAL OF 2020 SUMMER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CALENDAR

Member Fuller moved and Member Nicholas seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the 2020 Summer School and Summer Calendar as presented.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Fuller, Nicholas, Pavesich, Pavinato, Vazquez Drexler and Davenport voted AYE. The Vice President/President Pro tempore declared the motion carried.

14. APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 CURRICULUM PROPOSALS AND CHANGES

Member Nicholas moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the 2020-2021 Curriculum Proposals and Changes as presented.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Nicholas, Vazquez Drexler, Fuller, Pavesich, Pavinato and Davenport voted AYE. The Vice President/President Pro tempore declared the motion carried.

15. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$75,560,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2020A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CERTAIN COSTS OF THOSE CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVED BY REFERENDUM AT THE MARCH 20, 2018, GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED SALE OF SAID BONDS TO RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC., OR THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY.

Dr. Thiele announced the next item for consideration is the issuance of not to exceed \$75,560,000 general obligation bonds approved at the March 20, 2018, referendum and to be issued by the District pursuant to Section 19-3 of the School Code for the purpose of paying certain costs of improving the sites of, building and equipping additions to and altering, repairing and equipping existing buildings, and building and equipping outdoor facilities and enclosed structures, said projects including but not limited to constructing security improvements, increasing accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act, enclosing all or a portion of the outdoor courtyards to increase indoor learning spaces, renovating classrooms, science labs, vocational labs and learning spaces and completing the installation of air conditioning in all classrooms and that the Board of Education will consider the adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereon. Hank Thiele explained the resolution sets forth the parameters for the issuance of said bonds and sale thereof by designated officials of the District and requested the Controller to summarize the pertinent terms of said parameters, including the specific parameters governing the manner of sale, length of maturity, rates of interest, purchase price and tax levy for said bonds.

Dr. Thiele stated the title of the resolution is, "Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$75,560,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020A, of Community High School District Number 99, DuPage County, Illinois, for the purpose of paying certain costs of those capital projects approved by referendum at the March 20, 2018, general primary election, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to Raymond James & Associates, Inc., or the Illinois Finance Authority."

Member Pavesich moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to adopt said resolution as presented and read by title and authorize the Board President to sign said resolution.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Vazquez Drexler, Fuller, Nicholas, Pavinato and Davenport voted AYE. The Vice President/President Pro tempore declared the motion carried.

16. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$390,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2020B, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALTERING AND RECONSTRUCTING A SCHOOL BUILDING AND PURCHASING AND INSTALLING EQUIPMENT THEREIN FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY, ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SCHOOL SECURITY PURPOSES, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED SALE OF SAID BONDS TO RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC., OR THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY.

Dr. Thiele announced the next item for consideration is the issuance of not to exceed \$390,000 general obligation limited bonds to be issued by the District pursuant to Section 17-2.11 of the School Code for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest thereon. He explained the resolution sets forth the parameters for the issuance of said bonds and sale thereof by designated officials of the District and requested the Controller to summarize the pertinent terms of said parameters, including the specific parameters governing the manner of sale, length of maturity, rates of interest, purchase price and tax levy for said bonds.

Dr. Thiele stated the title of the resolution is, "Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$390,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2020B, of Community High School District Number 99, DuPage County, Illinois, for the purpose of altering and reconstructing a school building and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to Raymond James & Associates, Inc., or the Illinois Finance Authority."

Member Pavesich moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to adopt said resolution as presented and read by title and authorize the Board President to sign said resolution

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Vazquez Drexler, Fuller, Nicholas, Pavinato and Davenport voted AYE. The Vice President/President Pro tempore declared the motion carried.

17. APPROVAL OF 2019 TAX LEVY

Member Pavesich moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Certificate of Tax Levy, the Certification of Certificate of Tax Levy, and the Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law as presented.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Vazquez Drexler, Fuller, Nicholas, Pavinato and Davenport voted AYE. The Vice President/President Pro tempore declared the motion carried.

18. OLD BUSINESS

None.

19. NEW BUSINESS

None.

20. OTHER

Member Nicholas inquired of the Student Board Members how students feel about finals. Student Board Member Ariel Johnson reported juniors and seniors did not feel there was enough time to prepare after Thanksgiving, since it was so late this year. She noted freshmen and sophomores are more confident. Student Board Member Hailey Grubich reported students feel positive about finals, but some students are stressed.

21. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

22. REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION NETWORK OF DUPAGE (LEND)

Member Nicholas reported the next meeting is in January.

23. REPORT ON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN DUPAGE COUNTY (SASED)

No report.

24. REPORT ON DISTRICT 99 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Member Pavesich reminded the Board about Pizza Wars.

25. REPORT ON ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (IASB)

No report.

26. UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Vice President/President Pro tempore Davenport announced the following meeting dates:

January 13, 2020 Workshop Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Administrative Service Center

January 27, 2020 Regular Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Administrative Service Center

27. CLOSED SESSION

Member Fuller moved and Member Vazquez Drexler 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 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 Fuller, Vazquez Drexler, Nicholas, Pavesich, Pavinato and Davenport voted AYE. The Vice President/President Pro tempore declared the motion carried.

Vice President/President Pro tempore Davenport announced the Board would not be taking any Action, except Adjournment, after coming out of Closed Session.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:10 p.m.

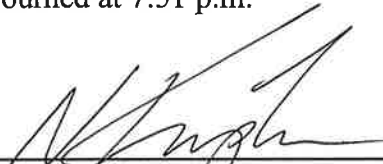
28. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was reconvened in Open Session with the following members of the Board of Education in attendance: Michael Davenport, Vice President/President Pro tempore; and Members Sherell Fuller, Daniel Nicholas, Terry Pavesich, Rick Pavinato and Joanna Vazquez Drexler. Nancy Kupka, President, was absent.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Associate Superintendent for Student Learning; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

29. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Member Nicholas moved and Member Fuller seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the six members in attendance, the Vice President/President Pro tempore declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Nancy Kupka, President



Juli Gniadek, Secretary