

April 11, 2016

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 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 and Don Renner. Member Mike Davenport arrived at 7:04 p.m. Members Deb Boyle and Rick Pavinato were absent.

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

There were six visitors.

(A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.)

## **1. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES**

Scott Kasik announced that Jeff Grant, North High science teacher, received the Golden Apple award and then introduced student presenters from the North High Math Team.

Students Hollis Kerr, Phillip Kovarik and Jack Scacco spoke about their involvement with the Math Team and the Team's practice and meet schedule.

The Board thanked the students for sharing their experiences and information about the Math Team.

## **2. FACILITY CHANGES – WASHROOMS AND LOCKER ROOMS**

Dr. McDonald stated that in looking at the existing facilities there were limitations that might adversely affect students and therefore he was recommending an additional unisex bathroom at each building and the addition of dressing stalls in the locker rooms. He stated the cost of these projects could be covered out of the capital budget.

Sherri DeVore-Benitez and Vince Wash-Rock, North and South High Associate Principals for Counselling and Student Support Services, shared reasons why these additions would be beneficial to many students and provided scenarios where specific students would benefit by the facility changes.

Jim Kolodziej explained the location of the proposed unisex bathrooms and shared drawings showing where the dressing stalls would be added in the locker rooms at each building. He stated the addition of the unisex restrooms involved a sign change and could be done immediately and that the locker room work would take place over the summer. Mr. Kolodziej stated the total cost of the changes was between \$14,000 and \$18,000 dollars and would be paid out of large RMS funds.

The Board acknowledged the need for the facility changes to better support student needs.

### **3. DIGITAL PRESENCE FOR TEACHERS**

Dr. McDonald stated that Gina Ziccardi and Rod Rousseau would be addressing two questions: 1) if staff are to have a digital presence, what the minimum requirements for that presence would be, and 2) what is the best tool to achieve that presence.

Ms. Ziccardi said meeting student and parent needs were at the core of all discussions. She reviewed the process of how the minimum requirements for teachers were established. Rod Rousseau reviewed information on the variety of management tools in existence, as well as those currently available in District 99. He shared the District is working with SunGard, the student information system provider, to expand links in both the Teacher Access Center (TAC) and the Home Access Center (HAC) to make accessing teachers' online digital presence easier for students and parents. Ms. Ziccardi stated that over 50% of teachers are using Google apps. The plan, according to Ms. Ziccardi, is for all teachers to have a minimum presence online using HAC and Google apps.

### **4. REPORT ON PARENT TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Dr. McDonald stated the inaugural meeting of the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee, which is required by law and Board policy, was held on April 7, 2016. He shared one of the discussion points with the parents was the implementation in 2016-2017 of SB100. Administration will use information gathered at the meeting to make updates to the Student Handbook, which the Board will approve in May, according to Dr. McDonald. Member Beckman, who is the Board representative on the Committee, stated she was very impressed with the level of discussion and that District 99 is already doing much of what is required by SB100.

### **5. BOARD RETREAT WITH DR. THIELE**

The Board scheduled a Board Retreat with Dr. Thiele on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, to be facilitated by Barbara Toney. Dr. McDonald stated that since the retreat is being facilitated by a member of the Illinois Associate of School Boards the meeting can be held in Closed Session.

### **6. RECEPTION OF VISITORS –PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Michael McCann addressed the Board regarding the locker room changes, specifically whether there was a policy regarding males who identified as females using the female locker room. President Kupka asked Mr. McCann to put his questions in writing and direct them to Dr. McDonald.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Pavesich moved and Member Beckman seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the five members in attendance, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Nancy Kupka, President

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Juli Gniadek, Secretary

