

March 1, 2021

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in a Workshop session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021 at South High School.

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

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Associate Superintendent for Student Learning; Rob Lang, Assistant Superintendent for Staff Services; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; Student Board Members Zoe Boyd and Sam Bull; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were no visitors.

1. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES – SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Ed Schwartz recognized the sponsors of the Drama and Umoja Clubs – Nathaniel Haywood, Tiffany Rubin, Kenny White, Alice Freelon and Sheldon Davis – who sponsored activities during Black History Month.

South High students Yasmine Khan, Aamari Taylor and Camryn Harper shared their experiences participating in events for Black History Month. Ms. Kahn and Ms. Taylor were part of the Black History Play. Ms. Taylor and Ms. Harper spoke about their involvement in the Umoja Club and the Young Voices for Unity podcasts focused on African Culture vs Black American Culture.

Mr. Schwartz also acknowledged Aamari Taylor for participating on a Village of Woodridge podcast.

The Board thanked the students for sharing their involvement.

2. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Dr. Thiele announced Student Board Member Bull was named Illinois High School Journalist of the Year and the Board congratulated him on his accomplishment. Student Board Member Bull stated the National Competition is on March 15.

North High Student Board Member Bull shared information about the Black Student Union's Black Professionals Panel held on Thursday at North High and the PBIS lesson for today was on micro aggressions.

South High Student Board Member Boyd announced four D99 students received Midwest Region Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. She also mentioned the PBIS lesson on micro and

macro aggressions and an upcoming webinar on Wednesday on ways parents and students can better communicate.

3. 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR UPDATE

Dr. Thiele stated 85% of D99 staff have been vaccinated. He shared the D99 Consortium hosted a vaccination clinic on Sunday at South High where municipal employees, including D99 staff, and over 700 seniors were vaccinated. Hank Thiele added those who participated will receive their second vaccination on March 21 and the District is continuing to work with pharmacies to host another clinic.

There were five significant findings in Week 1 of saliva screening and one significant finding in Week 2, according to Dr. Thiele. Hank Thiele shared on March 8 a survey will go out to students, families and staff on the concepts, developed by the Task Force, for full in person learning, with information provided to the Board on March 15.

Dr. Thiele reviewed the metrics for the different learning models, noting when it might be possible to use a model where students only need to maintain six feet of distance when possible, as opposed to at all times. He stated all Illinois students have the option to remain fully remote through the end of the year.

4. 2021-2022 STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Thiele stated administration is requesting an additional staff member at T99 due to increased enrollment and additional Special Education Social Work staff because of social work minutes needed. He noted these needs are outside the staffing required to meet student course requests.

5. MASTER FACILITY PLAN PROGRESS

Dr. Thiele shared pictures of the Auditorium and Commons at South High and the Commons at North High.

6. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Member Pavesich 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 7:22 p.m.



Nancy Kupka, President



Juli Gniadek, Secretary