

May 18, 2020

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020. Per Executive Order 2020-07, and the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation Issued by the Governor on March 16, 2020, the meeting was held with Board members and attendees participating remotely. There was no one physically present.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Nancy Kupka, President; Mike Davenport, Vice President; and Members Sherell Fuller, Dan Nicholas, Terry Pavesich and Rick Pavinato. Member Joanna Vazquez Drexler arrived at 6:39 p.m.

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; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Student Board Members Ariel Johnson and Hailey Grubich; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were no visitors.

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Pavesich moved and Member Davenport seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2020 Business Meeting, the May 4, 2020 Workshop Meeting and the May 4, 2020 Closed Meeting.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Davenport, Fuller, Nicholas, Pavinato and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Member Davenport moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the May 14, 2020 Parent Teacher Advisory Committee.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Pavesich, Pavinato, Fuller and Kupka voted AYE. Member Nicholas abstained. The President declared the motion carried.

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

There were no public comments.

### **3. RECOGNITION OF CURRENT STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Dr. Thiele recognized student Board members Hailey Grubich and Ariel Johnson and thanked them for their service on the Board. The students shared what they learned by being on the Board and their plans after graduation.

The Board thanked the students, congratulated them on graduating and wished them well.

**4. PARENT FEEDBACK OFFERED AT THE PARENT-TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Scott Wuggazer reported the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee met on Thursday with Board Members Davenport and Vazquez Drexler in attendance. He stated he reviewed the revised Behavior Intervention Plan and procedures and Gina Ziccardi reviewed the Consolidated District Plan. Mr. Wuggazer advised the Board that participants were provided a form after the meeting to provide additional comments.

Members Davenport and Vazquez Drexler also provided feedback.

**5. DISCIPLINE CODE REVISIONS AND CHANGES TO THE STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK AND ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK**

Dr. Thiele stated the Handbooks are an extension of the Discipline Code and, as they are approved by the Board, become Board policy.

Scott Wuggazer shared Karen Taylor, South High Associate Principal, and Kelly Zuerner, North High Associate Principal, review the Handbooks for changes, with the recommended changes being brought to the Board for approval. Mr. Wuggazer reviewed the recommended changes to the Student/Parent Handbook and stated there are no recommended changes to the Athletic/Activities Handbook at this time.

Dr. Thiele stated approval of the changes is an Action Item later in the meeting.

**6. SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOLWIDE TITLE I WAIVER**

Ms. Ziccardi stated South High receives Title I funds, and less than 40% of South High's students receive Free or Reduced lunch. Gina Ziccardi stated South High is therefore required to provide a Targeted Assistance Program. She stated administration is requesting the Board approve a waiver to allow South High to continue to run a Schoolwide Program, because it allows greater flexibility to serve all students.

**7. CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN**

Dr. Thiele stated the Plan would be brought to the Board for final approval in June.

Ms. Ziccardi stated this is the second year of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Consolidated District Plan and covers Title I, II, III, IV and IDEA grants. She reviewed the purpose, requirements and timeline for the Plan. Ms. Ziccardi shared the results of the needs assessment, interventions currently in place to address those needs, and new interventions planned for the 2020-2021 school year.

**8. 2020-2021 RECOMMENDED AMENDED SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Dr. Thiele stated an Institute Day on May 24 was added to the 2020-2021 calendar, which was part of the new DGEA contract. He shared this is the only change to the calendar.

Hank Thiele noted the Board would be asked to approve the calendar later in the meeting.

**9. 2021-2022 RECOMMENDED SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Dr. Thiele shared, after much discussion and the review of several options, administration was recommending rolling over the 2020-2021 calendar for 2021-2022.

He stated the calendar was up for approval this evening.

**10. 2020-2021 RECOMMENDED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING CALENDAR**

Hank Thiele stated the Board calendar followed the traditional pattern of meetings the first and third Mondays of the month, with adjustments made for holidays and breaks.

**11. ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS CONTRACTS**

Mr. Staehlin shared the District enters into multi-year contracts for utilities. He stated electric prices are very low, and even with breaking the current three-year contract, and paying a termination cost, the District will realize a small savings the first year and a savings of approximately \$98,000 the second and third years of the new contract.

Mr. Staehlin stated the electric contract meets both a District and Board goal by being 100% green.

He noted the Board does not need to take Action on the contracts.

**12. TECHNOLOGY LEASE**

Mark Staehlin stated the lease amount is \$815,000; \$420,000 to cover new Chromebooks for freshmen, which will likely last four years, and the balance to update internet supports, if needed, once the Master Facility Plan is complete. He noted the lease would be paid back over four years.

**13. MASTER FACILITY PLAN PROGRESS**

Hank Thiele stated the contingency is estimated to be \$5.434M at completion of the Master Facility Plan. He stated the alternate items the Board previously approved and the proposed window replacement, which is an Action Item later in the meeting, are included. Dr. Thiele shared owner costs are up due to asbestos removal; the project is ahead of schedule since the buildings are closed; 99% of the bidding is complete; and contractor allowances are starting to be returned to the contingency.

**14. MASTER FACILITY PLAN ALTERNATE - REPLACE EXISTING WINDOWS IN THE STEAM COMMONS AREA - SOUTH HIGH**

Dr. Thiele provided pictures comparing the old exterior windows, which will become interior windows overlooking the Commons, with the new interior windows in the STEAM Commons area. He stated the Core Team and Administration recommend replacing the old windows, for aesthetic reasons, at a net cost of approximately \$143,000. Dr. Thiele shared the replacement windows were in the original plan; were removed to meet the budget; at the recommendation of the Core Team, were brought to the

Board last month as an alternate; and are an Action Item this month since Board members expressed some concerns.

**15. 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.

**16. CONSENT AGENDA**

Pete Theis noted the Personnel Report was revised, since its original posting, to add the hiring of Milanka Vasilic.

Member Pavesich moved and Member Davenport seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: A. Personnel Report - Appointments-Certified; Compensation; B. Personnel Report - Retirements-Certified; Resignations-Certified; Resignations-Classified; C. Financial Pages; D. Approval of District Auditor Services; E. Approval of District Depositories; and F. Approval of South High School Schoolwide Title I Waiver.

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

The Board thanked Pete Theis for his service to District 99 and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

**17. APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK WHICH CONTAINS THE STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODE AND THE 2020-2021 ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK**

Member Davenport moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the 2020-2021 Student/Parent Handbook which contains the Student Discipline Code and the Athletic/Activities Handbook.

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

**18. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION NEGOTIATING TEAM MEMBER STIPENDS**

Member Davenport moved and Member Nicholas seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve a stipend of \$1750 for members of the Board Negotiating Team and \$2500 for the Chief Negotiator as presented.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Nicholas, Pavesich, Pavinato, Vazquez Drexler and Fuller voted AYE. Member Kupka voted NAY. The President declared the motion carried.

**19. APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 RECOMMENDED AMENDED SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Member Davenport moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the 2020-2021 Amended School Calendar as presented.

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

**20. APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 RECOMMENDED SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Member Pavesich moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar as presented.

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

**21. APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 RECOMMENDED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING CALENDAR**

Member Davenport moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the 2020-2021 Board of Education Meeting Calendar as presented.

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

**22. APPROVAL OF MASTER FACILITY PLAN ALTERNATE - REPLACE EXISTING WINDOWS IN THE STEAM COMMONS AREA - SOUTH HIGH**

Member Davenport moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Master Facility Plan Alternate - Replace Existing Windows in the STEAM Commons Area - South High.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Vazquez Drexler, Fuller, Pavesich, Pavinato and Kupka voted AYE. Member Nicholas voted NAY. The President declared the motion carried.

**23. APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY LEASE**

Member Vazquez Drexler moved and Member Davenport seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the four year lease with Wintrust Bank at an interest rate of 3.0%, up to a maximum lease amount of \$815,000, and authorize the administration to execute all documents necessary to secure this lease.

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

**24. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**25. REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION NETWORK OF DUPAGE (LEND)**

Dr. Thiele shared LEND has renewed its contract with Executive Director Peg Agnos for two years.

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

No report.

**27. REPORT ON DISTRICT 99 EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Member Pavesich reported the Foundation approved three grants, which will be coming to the Board for approval next month.

Dr. Thiele reported the Foundation raised \$15,000 to cover the cost of producing 7,000 face masks; \$12,000 to date for the COVID Relief Fund to assist District 99 families in need; and \$10,000 to assist students with expenses for extracurricular activities and events.

**28. REPORT ON ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (IASB)**

No report.

**29. UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

President Kupka announced the following meeting dates:

June 1, 2020    Workshop Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

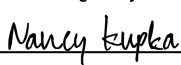
Dr. Thiele stated the agenda will contain a personnel Action Item and a bond item.

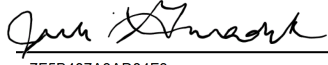
June 15, 2020    Regular Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Thiele stated the communities of Downers Grove, Woodridge, Lisle and Darien passed Resolutions to recognize the Class of 2020. He shared individuals are encouraged to make noise at home on Friday, May 22, the original night of graduation, at 8:20 p.m. to honor graduates.

**30. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business or discussion, Member Fuller moved and Member Pavesich seconded the 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 8:09 p.m.

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