

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special/workshop session at 6:31 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2015 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, Michael Davenport, Rick Pavinato and Don Renner.

Also present were Mark McDonald, Superintendent; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

### **1. CLOSED SESSION**

Member Pavesich moved and Member Boyle seconded that the meeting be adjourned to closed session for the purpose of the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. *5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)*; and 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 of the District 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 Pavesich, Beckman, Boyle, Davenport, Renner, Pavinato and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

### **2. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened in open session with the following members of the Board of Education in attendance: Nancy Kupka, President; Terry Pavesich, Vice President; and Members Julia Beckman, Deb Boyle, Michael Davenport, Don Renner and Rick Pavinato.

Also present were Mark McDonald, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jim Kolodziej, Director of Physical Plant and Operations; Jill Browning, Communications Director; Rod Rousseau, Scott Kasik, North High Principal; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There was one visitor.

(A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.)

### **3. INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND 1:1**

Gina Ziccardi reviewed the 1:1 Learning Vision. North High Math Teacher Ms. Joann Purcell and North High Special Education Teacher Mr. Nader Najjar shared information on some of the common tools that are being used in the 1:1 Learning environment. Student Mike Manzo talked about using "Explain Everything" software and how he helped students in his class with the software.

Ms. Cyndi Montero, South High Spanish teacher, who was part of the 1:1 Learning pilot both years, and is an Instructional Technology Coach, communicated how 1:1 Learning allows her to differentiate instruction and use the flipped classroom model of instruction. Students Matt LaRue, Sam Bates and Emma Balinski shared how 1:1 Learning has benefited them in the classroom, allowing them to work at their own pace, have more interactive experiences and make up work easier when absent.

Ms. Ziccardi reviewed the ongoing professional development offered to teachers and introduced Mr. Jon Orech and Ms. Lisa Lichtman, the Instructional Technology Coordinators and South and North High. Gina Ziccardi also gave examples of how teachers can share with other staff members innovative classroom applications of 1:1 Learning. Supports available to students were also shared.

Rod Russeau stated there have been lots of successes and some challenges with the 1:1 Learning implementation, including the need to use a different filtering tool for home and school connectivity. He shared there is a technology support center in each building, where students assist staff members in maintaining the devices.

Ms. Ziccardi reviewed the next steps in the 1:1 Learning implementation, which include: additional supports and professional development for staff; and surveying teachers, students and parents to learn what they perceive as benefits and challenges.

The Board thanked the students and presenters for the information and insights.

#### **4. AVID PRESENTATION**

Gina Ziccardi explained that AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a nation-wide program that has been in District 99 for four years – one planning year and three years with student participation. Ms. Jenni Wolf, South High AVID Coordinator and science teacher, provided an overview of AVID and a profile of the typical AVID student. Ms. Britni Mitchell, North High AVID Coordinator and English teacher, spoke about AVID enrollment and the supports offered to students and teachers.

Ms. Ziccardi shared some of the standard reports offered by AVID and District 99 data showing comparisons between non-AVID students and AVID students. She then detailed the next steps for the program, which include recruiting a freshman AVID class for 2016-2017, articulation with the District 99 sender schools, professional development and parent outreach.

The Board commended the staff on their good work with the AVID students.

#### **5. 2016-2017 PROPOSED CALENDAR**

Dr. McDonald presented two possible versions of the 2016-2017 calendar – a traditional version where school starts the end of August and second semester starts the third week of January; and an early start version where school starts the middle of August and the first semester ends before winter break. He stated that moving to an early start version does have some issues, but that they are not insurmountable. The Board discussed the two options and the consensus of the Board was to pursue the possibility of an early start calendar for 2016-2017 and obtain feedback from teachers about the calendar.

**6. RECEPTION OF VISITORS**

Ms. Nihal Isaac, parent of a junior student, advocated for ending first semester before winter break in the 2016-2017 calendar. The Board thanked Ms. Isaac for her input.

**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 9:06 p.m.

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Nancy Kupka, President

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Juli Gniadek, Secretary

