

March 5, 2018

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2018 at the Administrative Service Center.

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

Also present were Henry Thiele, Superintendent; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Gina Ziccardi, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jill Browning, Communications Director; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary. Student Board Member Prevail Bonga arrived at 7:16 p.m.

There were no visitors.

1. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

North High students Christian Beasley and Student Board Member Prevail Bonga, leaders of the African-American student group United Men of Strength and United Women of Strength, shared information about the group, which has been in existence for 1.5 years and works to promote diversity.

The Board thanked the students for their leadership and providing information about the group.

2. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

South High Student Board Member Bonga shared student successes in State competitions and the success of Snowball and the African American Read-In.

3. 2018-2019 STAFFING AND CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Thiele noted tonight was the second of three meetings where staffing would be discussed. He shared at this meeting the principals would present the staff being recommended for tenure. Dr. Thiele stated the Board would take no action on those teachers recommended for tenure; all fourth year teachers who meet specific criteria, and are brought back for a fifth year, are granted tenure.

President Kupka stated if a Board member had questions or concerns about a specific teacher, they should email Dr. Thiele.

Janice Schwarze shared attributes of the ten North High teachers recommended for tenure; Ed Schwartz spoke about the qualities of the six South High teachers recommended for tenure; and Scott Wuggazer shared information on the T99 teacher recommended for tenure.

4. MASTER FACILITY PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Dr. Thiele stated administration has been presenting information on the Master Facility Plan at local events, including having a table at Pizza Wars. He shared information on two upcoming events:

Wednesday, March 7, Finance Night, where Mark Staehlin will present information on the budget and how the referendum will affect the tax base; and the March 14 Facebook Live event.

5. THEATRE CRAFT AND ACTING CLASSES DEPARTMENT CHANGE

Ms. Ziccardi stated the Theatre Craft and Acting Classes meet the Fine Arts requirement, but are listed in District 99 as English Department courses and are taught by English teachers. She stated the State views these courses as Fine Arts courses and therefore administration was recommending moving the courses to the Fine Arts Department. Gina Ziccardi noted this would have no impact on students and the same teachers will continue to teach the classes.

Dr. Thiele stated there would be an Action Item on the next Board meeting's agenda to move the Theatre Craft and Acting Classes from the English Department to the Fine Arts Department.

6. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

Gina Ziccardi provided data on the number and percent of students meeting the math indicator at each campus, and information on the other requirements, for Distinguished Scholar designation. Ms. Ziccardi then presented data on the number and percent of students at each campus achieving the various math indicators that are required for a student to be designated College and Career Ready. She stated, based on the math criteria, as it is currently defined by the State, for the past two years an average of 88.7% of North High students and 81.9% of South High students are College and Career Ready.

7. OTHER

President Kupka acknowledged the Foundation for its successful Pizza Wars event. Member Pavesich reported there were 630 tickets sold and Papa's was the winner.

8. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no visitors.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Pavesich moved and Member Nicholas 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 8:06 p.m.

Nancy Kupka, President

Juli Gniadek, Secretary