

December 14, 2015

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in regular session at 6:31 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015 at South High School, 1436 Norfolk, Downers Grove, Illinois.

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; Juli Gniadek, Secretary and Henry Thiele, Guest.

1. CLOSED SESSION

Member Davenport moved and Member Boyle seconded that the meeting be adjourned to closed session for the purpose of 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 Davenport, Boyle, Renner, Pavesich, Pavinato, Beckman 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; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jim Kolodziej, Director of Physical Plant and Operations; Jill Browning, Communications Director; Scott Kasik, North High Principal; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were 27 visitors.

(A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.)

1. RECOGNITION

Edward Schwartz and Scott Kasik awarded certificates to the National Merit Commended and Semi-Finalist students. The students were congratulated by Board Members and administrators. A brief reception followed.

2. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors.

3. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

President Kupka spoke about Dr. McDonald's service and loyalty to the students, staff and community of District 99 and stated Dr. McDonald would be retiring on June 30, 2016.

President Kupka and other Board members shared information about Dr. Henry Thiele, the Board's choice to replace Dr. McDonald. Dr. Kupka stated that Dr. Thiele is receiving a 3-year contract that starts with a base salary of \$195,000; that Dr. Thiele will also receive the same leave, vacation and disability benefits as all other central office administrators; and that Dr. Thiele will be evaluated annually.

Member Davenport moved and Member Boyle seconded that the Board of Education approve the three-year performance contract between the District 99 Board of Education and Dr. Henry Thiele.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Beckman moved and Member Pavesich seconded that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 Business Meeting, the November 16, 2015 Closed Meeting, the December 7, Special/Workshop Meeting and the December 7, 2015 Closed Meeting.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Beckman, Pavesich, Pavinato, Boyle, Davenport and Renner voted AYE. President Kupka abstained. The President declared the motion carried.

5. 2016-2017 PROPOSED CALENDAR

Mark McDonald stated that a Calendar Committee has been formed with representation from support staff, teachers, CMG and administration. The Committee is reviewing feedback from over 1,500 people and that there are people with strong feelings in support of the early start calendar and the traditional calendar. According to Dr. McDonald, the key issues are: the heat in August, as there are instructional spaces that are not air conditioned; conflict with calendars of the feeder school districts; family vacations in August; the impact on fall sports based on IHSA start dates; the desire to have the break at the semester; a true mental health break for students; and more instructional time before AP exams.

Dr. McDonald shared that the Calendar Committee is scheduled to meet twice more, and after their last meeting will make a calendar recommendation to the Board.

6. SOUTH HIGH SIGN

Jim Kolodziej presented two sign options to the Board; the original design (Option 1) submitted with the INP 2 zoning request that has been approved by the Village and a second option (Option 2), that includes a 3D mustang, and would require approval from the Village. The cost of Option 1 is

approximately \$53,000 and the cost of Option 2 is approximately \$78,000. Mr. Kolodziej stated that the total cost of Option 1 would most likely be covered by the insurance proceeds from the sign that was destroyed by the tornado in 2011. The consensus of the Board was that they preferred Option 2, but would like to know if insurance would cover the entire cost, and if insurance did not cover the full cost, they would like to revisit the discussion.

7. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Dr. McDonald reported that the District received two Freedom of Information Act requests last month, both of which were fulfilled.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Member Davenport moved and Member Beckman seconded that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

9. APPROVAL OF 2015 TAX LEVY

Mark Staehlin reviewed the Tax Levy information presented at the December 7, 2015, Workshop meeting.

Member Pavesich moved and Member Beckman seconded that the Board of Education approve the 2015 Tax Levy request as presented.

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

10. APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR)

Mr. John Epperson, Audit Supervisor at Miller, Cooper & Co. Ltd., reviewed the auditing standards associated with preparing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, a control deficiency identified during the audit, and the CAFR itself. Mr. Epperson reported that during the audit no significant difficulties were encountered; there were no uncorrected misstatements; and there were no material, corrected misstatements identified. He also stated the District received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International and that District 99 received a Clean Unmodified Opinion.

Member Pavesich moved and Member Davenport seconded that the Board of Education approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as presented, for the year ending June 30, 2015.

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

11. APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM PROPOSALS FOR 2016-2017

Gina Ziccardi stated that all proposals were from the CTE department: a course proposal for an upper level PLTW course, Civil Engineering and Architecture; 3D Design and Animation 2; and name changes to more accurately reflect content.

Member Davenport moved and Member Boyle seconded that the Board of Education approve the 2016-2017 curriculum proposals for CTE and the three course name changes for CTE as presented.

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

12. AWARD OF BID – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT – INSTALLATION OF DEHUMIDIFICATION UNITS – SOUTH HIGH

Jim Kolodziej reported ten bidders were interested in the project and six bids were received. Of those received, Air Quality Inc. submitted the lowest bid.

Member Davenport moved and Member Pavesich seconded that the Board of Education approve the low bid submitted by Air Quality Inc. for installation of the dehumidification units at South High School in the amount of \$218,500.

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

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND DESIGNATION FOR OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS IN AND FOR COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 99, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT TO EXECUTE SAID APPLICATION AND DIRECTING AN OFFICIAL OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUBMIT SAID APPLICATION.

President Kupka announced the District may apply to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for qualified school construction bond designation for obligations to finance certain capital projects in and for the District, and the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution approving such application and the issuance of qualified school construction bonds of the District for such projects.

The application sets forth the amount of qualified school construction bond designation requested by the District and a description of the projects. The President further explained that the resolution approves the application, authorizes the President to execute the application and directs an official of the District to submit the application to ISBE.

Mark Staehlin explained that the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) are part of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). A significant amount, if not all, of the interest on these bonds is reimbursed by the federal government. Mr. Staehlin stated the District would be asking for \$5.2 million in QSCBs and that the total amount of requests to ISBE will determine whether or not

District 99 qualifies for the bonds. According to Mr. Staehlin, the interest savings to the District would be about \$500,000.

Member Davenport moved and Member Beckman seconded that the Board of Education approve the resolution approving an application to the Illinois State Board of Education for qualified school construction bond designation for obligations to finance certain capital projects in and for Community High School District Number 99, DuPage County, Illinois, authorizing the President of the Board of Education of said School District to execute said application and directing an official of said School District to submit said application.

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

14. OLD BUSINESS

None.

15. NEW BUSINESS

None.

16. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors.

17. REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION NETWORK OF DUPAGE (LEND)

Dr. McDonald reported that there is currently not a lot of legislative activity.

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

Member Beckman reported that SASED is continuing to look for office space and that SASED is going ahead with its reorganization.

19. REPORT ON ILLINOIS HUMANITIES COUNCIL

Member Beckman shared a list of workshops sponsored by the Council that are going on around the State.

20. REPORT ON DISTRICT 99 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Member Pavesich reported that Pizza Wars is January 14, 2016 at South High from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

21. REPORT ON ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (IASB)

Member Boyle stated there was nothing to report.

22. UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

President Kupka announced the following meeting dates:

January 11, 2016 Special/Workshop Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Administrative Service Center

January 25, 2016 Regular Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Administrative Service Center

23. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Member Pavesich moved and Member Davenport seconded 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 9:16 p.m.

Nancy Kupka, President

Juli Gniadek, Secretary



BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECEMBER 14, 2015

VISITOR ROSTER

NAME

Jacob Giblin
Tammi, Bob, and Eric Haddleton
Aubrey, Gail & Dan Sieve
Joseph, Kati, Mike Gleeson
Argauer, Julie, Hannah Thompson
Lisa & An Scott
Tammy & Sarah Fantinel
JoAnn & Matthew Wiechee
Emile, Christine & Sophie Baillargeon
Nathan & Theresa Feltus
Linda & Julia Poska
Ronnie Thottaplackal