

December 2, 2019

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in a workshop session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019 at the Administrative Service Center.

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; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jill Browning, Director of Communications; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; Student Board Member Hailey Grubich; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were no visitors.

**1. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES – NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

Delaney Durbin and Tessa Arenz, North High students, shared their experience and enthusiasm with the Board as leaders at the West Suburban Conference (WSC) Student Leadership Conference. They also spoke about bringing what they learned back to North High.

The Board thanked them for their presentation.

**2. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Student Board Member Hailey Grubich provided information on recent events at North High, which included a Changemakers event, one act plays and the success of the Girls Swim Team.

**3. 2020-2021 CURRICULUM PROPOSALS AND CHANGES**

Ms. Ziccardi shared there were three new courses being proposed, one in Science, Physical Education, and CTE (Career and Technical Education).

Karen Eder, South High Science Chair, and Mike Heinz, North High Science Chair, introduced the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) course, Human Body Systems. Ms. Eder shared the course is the second in the PLTW Pathway, following Principles of Biomedical Science. Mr. Heinz stated the class is designed for students to take knowledge and analysis to a deeper level.

Scott Lange, North High P.E. Chair, and Courtney White, South High P.E. Chair, presented information on the proposed Sports Officiating course. Mr. White shared the course will allow students to earn income by officiating park district activities and will result in students having the opportunity to become an IHSA official. Mr. Lange stated a relationship with the Downers Grove Park District has already been established and they are reaching out to other park districts as well.

The Internship course was presented by Melissa Damewood, North High CTE Chair, and Patrick Fardy, South High CTE Chair. Mr. Fardy stated the course would allow students to learn specific skills in a career pathway by partnering students with a business where the student would volunteer four hours per week. Ms. Damewood shared the class would be taught as a blended course, where students would meet with the teacher once a week, before or after school, and do course work and volunteering outside of the academic day.

Ms. Ziccardi shared administration was also recommending course title changes: Discrete Math to Preparation for Quantitative Literacy; and Spanish for Native Speakers I and II to Spanish for Heritage Speakers I and II. She noted the courses are not new and the curriculum is not changing. Also being recommended, according to Gina Ziccardi, is removing Physics as a prerequisite/co-requisite for Biology II; Research Topics in Earth Science; and Anatomy and Physiology.

#### **4. 2019 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT AND 2020 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Tim Tilton, Summer School Director, reported 2019 Summer School was successful and shared 264 students took academic courses, 55 students took Driver Education and 43 students participated in the credit recovery program, with five of the credit recovery students graduating. He detailed the core courses offered, noting all math classes had a paraprofessional, and shared that both enrichment and supportive classes were also offered.

Rob Lang, Director of Innovation in Teaching and Learning, made the following recommendations for Summer School 2020: an increase in the teacher and director stipends, based on CPI, and no increase in tuition. Dr. Lang noted there was a 5% increase in tuition last year.

Board members inquired about expanding Summer School offerings. Dr. Thiele stated there are no plans to expand Summer School until after construction is complete. He noted in December 2021, the Summer School report would address additional Summer School course offerings.

#### **5. PROPOSED 2020 SUMMER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CALENDAR**

Dr. Lang stated the recommended calendar was a dual request, for both the summer work and the Summer School calendar.

#### **6. REPORTS FROM THE IASB/IASA/IASBO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Dr. Thiele stated all seven Board members attended the Joint Annual Conference. Board members reported on different sessions they attended and insights they gained.

Member Davenport, Representative to the IASB Governing Board and Delegate Assembly, reported the District's Resolution on Pedestrian Safety passed. He also shared Resolution 1, which was in support of arming staff members in schools, which the Board did not support, did not pass.

7. MASTER FACILITY PLAN PROGRESS

Dr. Thiele shared there have been a couple of delays at North High – the air conditioning unit couldn't be placed on the roof because of high winds and the footings for the bleachers need to be redesigned, due to the loose soil.


Dr. Thiele invited Board members to contact him if they were interested in touring either of the buildings to see the work that has been completed.

8. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Pavesich moved and Member Fuller 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 8:02 p.m.

  
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Vice President / President pro tempore  
Mike Davenport

  
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Juli Gniadek, Secretary

