

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in a Workshop Meeting with Action Items at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2022 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Nancy Kupka, President; and Members Christopher Espinoza, Sherell Fuller, Terry Pavesich and Joanna Vazquez Drexler. Mike Davenport, Vice President; and Member Jennie Hagstrom were absent.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Associate Superintendent for Student Learning; Rob Lang, Assistant Superintendent for Staff Services; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jeree Ehtridge, Chief School Business Official; Courtney DeMent, North High Principal; Arwen Lyp, South High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There was one visitor. A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.

1. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

2. PRESENTATION

Dr. Thiele presented to the Board a plaque received from the US Department of Education recognizing District 99 as a Green Ribbon School.

3. DRAFT DISTRICT GOALS AND TASKS - 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Thiele explained the Goals build on the Strategic Plan. He stated there had been two key changes since the Goals were presented at the last Board meeting and they are up for approval tonight. Dr. Thiele shared the staff welcome back will be focused on the Strategic Plan.

4. BOARD POLICY 1.30, SCHOOL DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY AND BOARD POLICY 6.10, DISTRICT 99 MISSION STATEMENT

Hank Thiele shared the proposed revisions to the two policies capture the recently approved Strategic Plan and serve to make the Strategic Plan part of Board Policy. Dr. Thiele stated it is recommended the Board waive First Reading and approve the policies, since the Strategic Plan has already been approved.

5. E-LEARNING PLAN FOR EMERGENCY DAYS (IE: "SNOW DAYS")

Dr. Thiele shared the District has had an e-Learning Plan for the last several years and the Plan has been implemented three times. He stated, under the previous Plan, students checked in once during the day; the new Plan will require students to check in each class period with attendance taken each period. Dr. Lang shared the State requires flexibility for students in the Plan, and the process of checking in each period and then being released, allows for that flexibility.

Dr. Thiele shared the process for approval of the Plan includes the presentation to the Board, a letter going out to students and parents about the Plan, a Public Hearing on August 15 and then Action by the Board.

6. END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

Jeree Ethridge stated the District ended the year with a \$1.0M deficit, which is better than the anticipated \$2.6M deficit. She shared the items that contributed to the better financial position included an additional \$1.3M in replacement taxes, \$103,000 in FEMA funding and \$260,000 from the American Relief Plan. Expenditures were in line with the budget and so the additional income was a positive, according to Ms. Ethridge. Ms. Ethridge shared there is a reduction of \$900,000 in the Health Benefit Reserve, which will be reviewed with the Insurance Committee.

Mr. Staehlin stated the increased amount of replacement taxes were a surprise, and seem to be something that will be sustained, and the decrease in the Health Benefit Reserve is due to high claims experience. He noted, going forward, annual transfers to Debt Service of \$2.6M will be reduced to \$400,000.

Mark Staehlin shared still to be addressed is how the T99 expansion will be financed - whether more debt service bonds will be issued or current working cash will be used.

7. JUNE FINANCIAL PAGES

Member Espinoza moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the June financial pages.

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

8. APPROVAL OF DRAFT DISTRICT GOALS AND TASKS - 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Member Fuller moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the draft District Goals and Tasks - 2022-2023 School Year.

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

9. WAIVER OF FIRST READING AND APPROVE BOARD POLICY 1.30 AND BOARD POLICY 6.10

Member Espinoza moved and Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to waive First Reading and Approve Board policy 1.30 and Board policy 6.10.

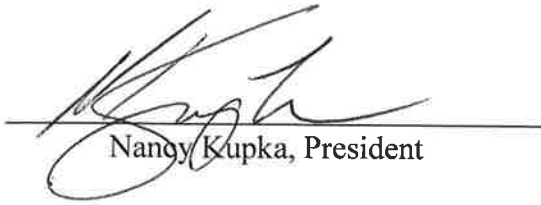
Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Espinoza, Vazquez Drexler, Fuller, Pavesich, and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

10. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Member Pavesich moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the five members in attendance, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.


Nancy Kupka, President


Juli Gniadek, Secretary

