

September 14, 2015

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special session at 6:32 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 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, Michael Davenport, Don Renner and Rick Pavinato. Member Deb Boyle arrived at 6:48 p.m.

Also present were Mark McDonald, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jill Browning, Director of Communications; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Scott Kasik, North High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were five visitors.

(A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.)

1. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

North High students Christine Ahn, Marie Boulos and Troy McDonald-Shumaker shared information about the Direct Action Club at North High. The students spoke about different activities they participate in to "Make a Difference" both locally and globally.

The Board thanked the students for their dedication to helping others.

2. SCHOOL EXEC CONNECT PRESENTATION OF NEW SUPERINTENDENT PROFILE

Dr. Kathy Robbins and Dr. Tom Madden of School Exec Connect reviewed the data from the online survey used to gather information to aid in screening candidates for the District 99 Superintendent. They also shared the common responses from members of the various focus groups to the questions regarding the District's strengths and challenges, and the desired characteristics of the next superintendent.

Dr. Robbins reviewed the next steps in the Superintendent search process.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Member Renner moved and Member Pavesich 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 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 Renner, Pavesich, Pavinato, Beckman, Boyle, Davenport and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

4. 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; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jill Browning, Director of Communications; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Scott Kasik, North High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

5. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (NEW WEBSITE, ONE LINE REGISTRATION, NUTRIKIDS)

Jill Browning reported that the most important communication tool the District has is the website. She stated that the new website is more mobile device friendly, which was the primary reason for changing from the website created in 2011. Ms. Browning also shared that the new website provider, Campus Suite, is dedicated to schools and is less expensive than the previous provider.

Jeree Ethridge, Business Manager, spoke about the online Web Store, which was launched in July for use with registration. She also mentioned future applications where the Web Store might be used such as purchasing Spirit Wear and dance tickets. Board members suggested possible use of the Web Store by the District 99 Education Foundation and Booster groups.

Ms. Ethridge also shared information about My School Bucks, where funds can be deposited by both students and staff for purchases in the cafeteria.

Lastly, Ms. Ethridge talked about the on line Free and Reduced Lunch application that can be completed at home and interfaces to the cafeteria system when an application is approved.

6. EARLY WARNING SYSTEM - INTERVENTIONS

Scott Wuggazer shared information on the D99 Early Warning System that is designed to identify students who may be in need of Tier II or Tier III Interventions based on a defined threshold level of certain critical components. Mr. Wuggazer stated the data is pulled from the student management system and is used by counselors to focus on which students need to be discussed in the alpha teams; what kind of interventions specific students need; and the effect of those interventions. Mr. Wuggazer also spoke briefly about the Student Summary Report, which will create a snapshot of critical data about a student.

7. DISCUSSION ABOUT SOUTH HIGH SIGN

Dr. McDonald reviewed the District's interactions with the Village of Downers Grove in relation to the Village's sign ordinance. He stated that the sign at North High is in violation of the Village's ordinance and that the South High sign, which was destroyed by a tornado, was also in violation. The District embarked on the INP-2 zoning classification, according to Dr. McDonald, to allow the North High sign to remain as is and to allow for reinstallation of a sign at South High. Dr. McDonald noted the drawing of the proposed South High sign submitted to the Village was not formally approved by the Board.

Several Board members requested the Board have more input about the design of the sign. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the INP-2 zoning, but review more options with regard to the sign.

8. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Pavesich moved and Member Beckman 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 8:38 p.m.

Nancy Kupka, President

Juli Gniadek, Secretary

