The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in a special session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2019 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 Daniel Nicholas, Rick Pavinato and Don Renner. Member Sherell Fuller arrived at 6:31 p.m. and Member Mike Davenport arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Assistant 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; Jim Kolodziej, Director of Physical Plant and Operations; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Student Board Members Eleanor Flynn and Kirk Hoffman; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were three visitors. A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Renner moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2019 Business Meeting and the April 15, 2019 Closed Meeting.

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

#### 2. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

North High student Riley Hornilla shared an idea she received from Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul to aid in addressing stereotypes and generalizations. She stated the idea consisted of students from North High shadowing students from Morton East and the Morton students shadowing the North students. Ms. Hornilla and North High students Tessa Arenz, Ariana Osorio-Sanchez, Jaylin Sims and Antwaun Scott spoke about the experience, noting that it: exceeded expectations; helped to dispel some assumptions and biases; and clarified differences and similarities in the schools. North High Math Teacher Erin Blatner accompanied the students and participated in the shadowing experience.

The Board acknowledged the students for their work in helping to bring students from different backgrounds together.

## 3. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

South High Student Board Member Kirk Hoffman shared information about the German Exchange Concert; Earth Week activities, which included, for him, a visit to Wight and Company to discuss sustainability and Energy Slam, a climate change assembly, which he ran; and the upcoming musical, How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.

North High Student Board Member Eleanor Flynn spoke about recent events including the LGBTQ week of awareness and the National Honor Society Induction; and upcoming senior events including

graduation night at 6 Flags, Prom, the Honors Convocation and Graduation. Ms. Flynn also shared that a team of North High students participated in a STEM challenge for sustainability; presented their idea of a solar powered rechargeable scooter to Commonwealth Edison; with the top group presenting to Google.

## 4. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

Val Hardy, Downers Grove Education Association President, and Maria Georgiou, Support Staff Association Vice President, thanked outgoing Board Member Renner for his service on the Board and support. Ms. Hardy thanked the entire Board their service and commitment.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENT

President Kupka thanked Member Renner for his service to District 99 and acknowledged his contributions to the students, teachers, administrators and community.

Dr. Thiele read a Proclamation from the Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND) honoring Member Renner's service and commitment while serving on the LEND Executive Committee.

Dr. Thiele thanked Member Renner for his professional and thoughtful service while on the Board and his contributions to the Master Facility Plan. Hank Thiele presented Member Renner with a token of appreciation from the District.

Member Renner stated he felt blessed to have been a be part of the Board and is very proud to be a part of District 99.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Member Renner moved and Member Davenport 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 7:06 p.m.

Juli Gniadek, Secretary

Nancy Kupka, President



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