

November 2, 2020

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in a Workshop session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2020 at South High School.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Mike Davenport, Vice President/President Pro tempore; and Members Sherell Fuller, Daniel Nicholas, Terry Pavesich and Joanna Vazquez Drexler. Nancy Kupka, President, arrived at 6:35 p.m. Member Rick Pavinato was absent.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; Student Board Member Zoe Boyd; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were no visitors.

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

North High Color Guard members Rachel Bender, Alyssa Miller and Clara Lerch shared information about the Color Guard, which performs with the band at half-time, homecoming and assemblies; and Winter Guard, which competes with a single routine for the entire season, in a circuit and through Winter Guard International. The students shared how the members of the Color Guard are very supportive of one another and how they are adapting under COVID.

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

Student Board Member Boyd reported positive comments from students and staff at South High regarding the hybrid schedule, which included the socialization; everyone's patience and flexibility; and teachers being appreciative of the resources the District has provided. Concerns mentioned by Student Board Member Boyd included the attention divide between remote and in-person students and technology. She also shared information on fall sports and activities, the first virtual choir concert and being an election judge. She reminded everyone to vote.

Ms. Schwarze read Student Board Member Sam Bull's comments, as he was unable to attend the Board Meeting. Student Board Member Bull's comments included South High students are also glad to be back in-person; some students wish there was more in-person learning; most students understand the need to go fully remote; the success of fall sports and activities; and a reminder to vote.

### **3. RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING – ADAPTIVE PAUSE**

Dr. Thiele stated, of the six metrics used by DuPage County for schools, five are at the Substantial Level. He reported D99 metrics are all green, but due to community transmission levels, the District will experience an Adaptive Pause. He stated this week was planned to be Fully Remote and next week would be Fully Remote as well. Dr. Thiele concluded by asking everyone in the community to follow safety protocols to drive the numbers down.

**4. BOARD OF EDUCATION TITLE IX TRAINING**

Jackie Wernz, Partner, Franczek P.C., provided Title IX training to the Board based on the changes to Title IX regulations that went into effect on August 14, 2020. She shared the changes to Title IX were intended to make it more fair for all parties, provide due process for the accused, provide guidance on how complaints of sexual harassment are handled, and provide a narrower definition of sexual harassment. Ms. Wernz stated all inappropriate conduct is still addressed, however the changes in Title IX may change the way it is responded to. The training for staff members and the process of filing a complaint were also reviewed by Ms. Wernz.

Ms. Wernz reminded members of the Board they are mandated reporters.

Dr. Thiele recognized Ms. Wernz and Gina Ziccardi, Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and District 99’s Title IX Coordinator, for their work on the Title IX training. Ms. Wernz acknowledged District 99 was the first district to complete the training.

**5. IASB RESOLUTIONS**

Member Davenport asked Board Members to review the IASB Resolutions. He stated he agrees with the ISAB recommendations for the Resolutions and asked Board Members to notify him this week if they would like to discuss any of the Resolutions at the next Board meeting.

**6. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Pavesich moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the six members in attendance, the Vice President/President Pro tempore declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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