

January 22, 2018

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2018 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 Mike Davenport, Sherell Fuller, Daniel Nicholas, Rick Pavinato and Don Renner.

Also present were Henry Thiele, Superintendent; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Gina Ziccardi, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jill Browning, Communications Director; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; Janice Schwarze, North High Principal; Student Board Member Simone Black; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

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

1. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

South High English Learner (EL) students James Ha, Raghad Rawda, Reem Rawda and Zol Tsengel spoke about coming to the United States, within the last year or two, knowing little or no English, and how the EL program helped them learn English and acclimate to their new surroundings.

Board members expressed their admiration at the student's English proficiency after such a short time.

2. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

North High Student Board Member Black shared she appreciated having finals scheduled before winter break for the first time. She also made note of upcoming events at South High; the Lungevity Coffee House and silent auction (February 5) and the Black History play (February 2 and 3).

3. FACILITY NAMING REQUEST

Dr. Thiele stated Board policy requires a five-year waiting period after submission of a request for facility naming before the Board can act on the request. He said five-years ago a request was submitted to the Superintendent, by the North High Fine Arts Department, to name the Band Room (142) Shoemaker Hall after Clarence Shoemaker, the first director of instrumental music in District 99, and the Orchestra Room (138) Svoboda Hall after John Svoboda, long time Orchestra Director in District 99. Dr. Thiele shared he communicated the request to the Superintendent's Advisory Committee, which is comprised of community members, and they expressed no concerns about the request. Brayer Teague, North High Fine Arts Chair, stated the Choir Room (136) is named after William Pohlmann, author of the school's alma mater. Dr. Thiele stated the approval of the facility naming request will be a part of the Consent Agenda at next week's Board Meeting.

4. PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXEMPTION PROCEDURES

Dr. Thiele stated Senate Bill 1947 expanded physical education exemption provisions to optionally include 9th and 10th grade students and administration was recommending to the Policy Committee to include 9th and 10th grade varsity level athletes to those students who are eligible for a physical

education exemption. Dr. Thiele stated, starting next year, all students that have a P.E. exemption because of athletic participation, and attend a study hall in the place of P.E., will return to their P.E. class after their sport is over, and/or will attend their scheduled P.E. class prior to the sport season starting.

Gina Ziccardi reviewed when, according to School Code, students may be excused from physical education and the policy and procedure changes to be implemented next year to be in compliance with changes in the School Code.

Courtney White, North High Physical Education, Health and Driver Education Chair, reviewed the differences between physical education and athletic participation and shared that all content in P.E. classes is created around the State Standards for Physical Education.

Scott Lange, South High Physical Education, Health and Driver Education Chair, shared a list of topics taught in different P.E. classes and that all lessons and material taught is available in the Google classroom.

The Board had several questions about the exemption changes and their implementation. Dr. Thiele stated in the future he would provide the Board with an update on how the changes will be handled instructionally.

5. MASTER FACILITY PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Dr. Thiele referenced several documents that are available for reference for the upcoming referendum including a list of North and South High Talking Points; a list of what Board members and staff members can and cannot do with respect to the referendum; and a FAQ on the District's website. He stated all homes in the District would be receiving a letter and fact sheet about the next steps in the Master Facility Plan process and an invitation to informational meetings at South High on February 21 and North High on February 22.

6. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Deanne Marek addressed the Board in support of naming the Orchestra Room at North High Svoboda Hall.

7. 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 8:21 p.m.

Nancy Kupka, President

Juli Gniadek, Secretary

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VISITOR ROSTER

NAME

Brayer Teague	- DGN
Linda Perry	- HWV