

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in a special session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Nancy Kupka, President and Members Mike Davenport, Sherell Fuller, Daniel Nicholas and Don Renner. Member Fuller participated by audio conference. Terry Pavesich, Vice President, arrived at 6:31 p.m. Member Rick Pavinato was absent.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; 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 Member Eleanor Flynn; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

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

### **1. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES**

South High students, Mitchell Thiel, Emily Mitchell, Emma Lafin and Sarah Barber, shared information on the different activities they lead and participate in to help 8<sup>th</sup> grade students transition to high school smoothly. The students spoke about their role in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation, held in January; leading Mad Dash, a fun activity for incoming freshmen, held the Saturday before school starts; providing directions on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school; and leading Mustang Way lessons several times during the year.

The Board thanked the students for their leadership.

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

North High Student Board Member Eleanor Flynn shared North High had many groups advance to State level competitions. Ms. Flynn highlighted the Black History Month read-in and the upcoming production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Ms. Flynn shared, generally, students preferred the Flexible Learning Day to adding a day at the end of the year and most students had about as much homework as a normal school day.

Ms. Flynn thanked North High Principal Janice Schwarze and the administration for everything they have done to help students get through the loss of fellow student Beth Dunlap. Ms. Flynn shared Beth's light still shines bright at North High.

### **3. TEXTBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019-2020**

Rob Lang, Director of Innovation in Teaching and Learning, stated there was a change in Board policy for textbook approvals. He shared, previously textbooks were required to be on public display for 30-days prior to Board approval but, as State law requires instructional materials be available to the public at any time, the 30-day display window is no longer necessary. Dr. Lang stated administration was recommending textbooks for AP German and Introduction to Teaching for Board approval. He noted

Introduction to Teaching is a dual credit course offered through College of DuPage (COD) and the recommended textbook is the same book used at COD.

#### **4. PROPOSED STUDENT FEES FOR 2019-2020**

Dr. Thiele stated administration received comments from families regarding the proposed discontinuation of the Family Athletic Pass. He shared more research will be done, and follow up information will be sent to the Board, before the final recommendation for approval comes to the Board on March 18, 2019. Dr. Thiele asked anyone who has questions or concerns about the Family Athletic Pass to contact him.

#### **5. MFP BID PROGRESS**

Dr. Thiele stated bids that are part of the GMAX contract will come to the Board as informational items only; the Board will only approve bids that are owners cost.

Mr. Kolodziej shared a list of 29 bids, part of the GMAX contract, that will be opened later this week. He stated, at the March 18, 2019 Board meeting, he will update the Board on bids that were opened February 14 and bids to be opened later this week. He shared at that time he will also be asking for Board approval of the asbestos bid. Mr. Kolodziej noted, at the April 15, 2019 Board meeting, he will provide an update on the April 3 MFP bid opening and the April 4 Capital Projects bid opening. Mr. Kolodziej stated when he provides updates on bids that are awarded for the MFP he will also provide a summary of whether the bids are over or under budget.

#### **6. MASTER FACILITY PLAN PROGRESS**

Dr. Thiele shared current discussion centers around the \$5M allocated for furniture and equipment (i.e. kilns, tables, radio room equipment, etc.) in the MFP. He stated the \$5M figure was originally calculated based on the number of square feet to be furnished and now that the design documents have been drafted, specific needs are being determined by what will fit in the space, whether new furniture needs to be purchased and what existing furniture can be used.

Dr. Thiele also shared a new rendering of the North High loading dock. He stated the changes were a result of concerns expressed by the school's Prince Street neighbors.

#### **7. BOARD PRESIDENT – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM**

President Kupka shared she contacted Thomas Ruggio, IASB DuPage Division Chair and District 68 Board member, and Dee Molinare, IASB DuPage Division Director, about looking at legislation around traffic patterns near schools and what can be done to make it safer for students. President Kupka asked if the Board was interested in working with other school districts in the area on ways to improve safety around schools. The consensus of the Board was to explore this opportunity.

Dr. Thiele stated once the group had specific suggestions they would then work with organizations the District is affiliated with, such as LEND, IASA, IASBO, etc., to implement the suggestions and to pass proposed legislation.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENT**

Member Pavesich thanked everyone who attended and assisted with Pizza Wars. She shared about 600 people were in attendance and at the next Board meeting she will have information about the amount of money raised.

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

There were no public comments.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

Member Davenport moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned to closed session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. *5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)*.

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

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:23 p.m.

**11. 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 Mike Davenport, Sherell Fuller, Daniel Nicholas and Don Renner. Member Fuller participated by audio conference. Member Rick Pavinato was absent.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Renner moved and Member Davenport seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the six members in attendance, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

  
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Nancy Kupka, President

  
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Juli Gniadek, Secretary

