

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in a special session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 11, 2019 at South High School in the library.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Mike Davenport, Vice President/President pro tempore and Members Daniel Nicholas, Rick Pavinato and Joanna Vazquez Drexler. Member Sherell Fuller arrived at 6:33 p.m. President Nancy Kupka arrived at 6:35 p.m. Member Terry Pavesich was absent.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Associate 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; South High Student Board Member Hailey Grubich; North High Student Board Member Ariel Johnson and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were 36 visitors. A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.

1. STUDENT PERSPECTIVES – SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

South High student Ysabel Pakowski shared her experience at the four day Peace Institute Camp. She spoke about the institute focusing on peace with self, community, nature and the world and being an upstander, not a bystander.

Mercedes Merrinette, Joseph Sayyed and Thomas Willard, South High students who participated in the My Name, My Story Changemaker workshop, spoke about how the workshop helps them empathize with others.

Jennifer Martinez, South High Activities Director, recognized the District 99 Education Foundation for its support of My Name, My Story and presented notes from the students to Foundation Board members Diane Richard and Mike Heinz.

The Board thanked the students for sharing their experiences.

2. STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Student Board Member Ariel Johnson reported she also participated in the Changemaker workshop.

Student Board Member Hailey Grubich shared some of the activities at North High that came out of the Changemaker workshop including observing a Random Acts of Kindness Day and National Bus Driver Appreciation Day. She also provided a recap of the successes of the fall sports.

3. NATIONAL MERIT AND COLLEGE BOARD RECOGNIZED STUDENTS

Mr. Schwartz presented information on how students become eligible for National Merit recognition and the number of students nationwide that qualify for each level of recognition. The Board congratulated and presented certificates to the South High National Hispanic Recognition Program

Scholars, the North and South High Commended students and the North and South High Semifinalist students as Ms. Schwarze and Mr. Schwartz read their names.

Ms. Schwarze concluded by congratulating all the recognized students, on behalf of the Board of Education, and noted they are representatives of the academic excellence of District 99.

4. IASB RESOLUTIONS

Vice President Davenport, representative to the IASB Governing Board and Delegate Assembly, led a discussion on the proposed IASB Resolutions, with specific attention to the Student Safety Resolution. Board members expressed their views on whether the District should support the IASB Resolution that would provide local school boards the option of allowing district employees the ability to carry a concealed weapon on district property.

Vice President Davenport stated the Board does not want District 99 teachers to be armed.

The Board asked this item be added to the November 18 Board meeting agenda for further discussion.

Dr. Thiele noted District 99 submitted an IASB Resolution to improve pedestrian safety across the State.

5. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY UPDATE

Dr. Thiele stated on Thursday, at 7:00 p.m., at North High School, the safety consultants, hired jointly by the Village of Downers Grove and District 99, would present their recommendations. Dr. Thiele shared everyone is invited to attend and there would be an opportunity to provide feedback at the meeting. He noted the presentation will also be posted on the District's website and the District welcomes public feedback.

Dr. Thiele stated at next week's Board meeting he would be bringing the safety consultants recommendations to the Board.

6. SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Ms. Ziccardi shared key components of the School Report Card and stated both North High and South High received the Commendable Summative Designation. Ms. Ziccardi noted areas of focus, which include Absenteeism and Truancy, and areas of celebration, which include 9th Grade on Track and Graduation Rates. Ms. Ziccardi reviewed the District's SAT scores in detail, showing how they compare favorably to State of Illinois averages and the College Board Benchmarks.

7. MFP BID PROGRESS

Mr. Kolodziej stated there were 46 bids for the squad rooms, comprising \$2.8 million in work, and all the contractors are familiar. He shared there were 20 bids for Phase B finishes, resulting in \$1.2 million in work, and that the flooring would be rebid.

Mr. Kolodziej stated, generally, the bids are trending well and there is good competition.

8. MASTER FACILITY PLAN PROGRESS

Dr. Thiele stated the Core Team had met and he presented to the Board a scaled down version of what was shared with the Core Team. Dr. Thiele provided detailed information on the budget, noting the project is currently on budget and projected to remain on budget. Dr. Thiele reviewed the construction timeline for the remainder of the project and drawings for specific areas of the buildings. He shared in August 2021 the project will be substantially complete.

As part of the presentation, Dr. Thiele shared with the Board several alternates that were not part of the original Master Facility Plan (MFP). He shared completing the alternates, as part of the MFP, in most cases would provide a cost savings to the District. He noted other alternates evolved as part of observations once construction began. Dr. Thiele explained the alternates were reviewed and recommended by the administration and Core Team before being brought to the Board. He stated the Board did not need to formally approve the alternates, but he was looking for a consensus of the Board to proceed with the alternates, with funding coming out of the contingency. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the North High purple gym shelf lighting; upgrading the bulbs on the existing light posts at North and South High; and upgrading and adding equipment to the culinary lab at North High to allow two classes to use the lab simultaneously. The consensus of the Board was to start the process of obtaining Village approval and getting hard costs of adding a student drop-off on Dunham, and asked that final costs be brought back to the Board.

9. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

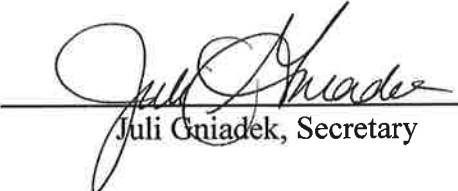
There were no public comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Member Nicholas moved and Member Davenport seconded the 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 8:53 p.m.



Nancy Kupka, President



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