

November 20, 2023

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Don Renner, President; Terry Pavesich, Vice President; and Members Kara Casten, Ken Dawson, Christopher Espinoza and Jennie Hagstrom. Member Sherell Fuller arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Associate Superintendent for Student Learning; Rob Lang, Assistant Superintendent for Staff Services; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Travis McGuire, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Resources; Jeree Ethridge, Chief School Business Official; Jill Browning, Chief Communications Officer; Jim Kolodziej, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Courtney DeMent, North High Principal; Arwen Lyp, South High Principal; Student Board Members Gianna Hunsche and Nahla Mokka; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

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

1. RECOGNITION

Dr. Thiele stated November 15 is School Board Members Day in Illinois. The District's seven Board Members and two Student Board Members were recognized with a token of the District's appreciation. Those in attendance showed their gratitude for the Board's service.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Pavesich moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2023 Business Meeting, the November 6, 2023 Workshop Meeting with Action Item and the November 6, 2023 Closed Meeting.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Espinoza, Hagstrom, Casten, Dawson and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

3. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. 9TH GRADE ON TRACK AND SAT

Gina Ziccardi presented SAT meets/exceeds data for both EBRW and Math from the School Report Card. She displayed graphs showing the percent of District 99 students meeting/exceeding standards was greater than the percent of students in the State of Illinois, the average of all DuPage County high school districts, and all but one DuPage County high school district. Dr. Thiele noted the percentage of students meeting/exceeding in Math is down in District 99 and nationwide and that Math has been the slowest area to recover post-pandemic.

Ms. Ziccardi reported next year the SAT test will be digital, will take less time for students to complete and will be adaptive. She noted the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 are also digital. New this year, a SAT prep course is being offered during Resource, according to Ms. Ziccardi, which covers the digital format of the test.

For a 9th grade student to be considered on track by the State, they must earn a minimum of five credits and not have failed more than one semester of a core course by the end of their freshman year, explained Gina Ziccardi. Ms. Ziccardi stated 96.1% of District 99's 9th grade students and 87.4% of students in the State were on track at the end of last year according to the 2023 School Report Card. Associate Principals for Curriculum and Instruction Keith Palz, North High, and Jake Giblin, South High, shared information on what their respective schools are doing to support 9th grade students who are at risk of not being on track. Gina Ziccardi shared 9th Grade on Track data is part of the District's Summative Designation and has been a focus of District 99 for years.

5. 5LABS OVERVIEW

Scott Wuggazer presented the custom dashboards created in 5Labs to assist staff in more easily identifying students who may be in need of additional support or are areas of focus, i.e. CSSS Alpha Teams, Activities and Athletics, and PATH. He explained the data, which is updated nightly, can be drilled down to individual students, filtered by disaggregating factors, viewed through an equity lens and used to detect trends.

6. 2024-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Kolodziej presented the planned Capital Improvement Projects for 2024-2025, which included annual amounts for large repair and maintenance services; bleacher inspections and repairs; furniture, fixtures and equipment; and grounds repairs. Specific building projects, according to Mr. Kolodziej, include, for South High, replacing asphalt at the west events entrance and Mustang Way; for North High, gym sound system repairs, auditorium rigging repairs, and purchase of a tractor; for both schools, building automation system upgrades; and, for the ASC, HVAC upgrades and replacement of conference room wall dividers. Jim Kolodziej noted the total cost of these items is approximately \$1M, which is the customary annual amount set aside for Capital Projects.

Mr. Kolodziej stated Life Safety work would continue on replacement of the galvanized piping at North High with copper. He stated the funding for this project has already been procured.

Travis McGuire presented additional improvement projects planned for 2024-2025 at both schools, which include replacement of the following: stadium turf field and outdoor track, stadium scoreboard and sound, fieldhouse floor and indoor track, and main gym scoreboard. He stated the Board has already approved replacement of the turf and outdoor track at both schools. Dr. McGuire shared the proposed scoreboards are digital and will provide an opportunity for advertisement revenue. Ms. Ethridge stated the current scoreboards are falling apart and need to be replaced. Dr. Thiele noted the new scoreboards may provide a new revenue stream through rentals as well as a workplace opportunity for students. Travis McGuire also noted classroom expansion and major renovations for next year include the World Language office at North High and the CTE office at South High.

Dr. Thiele stated there is no vote on the projects at this time; each project will come back individually to be voted on. He requested Board members advise him if there are any projects they are not interested in pursuing. Hank Thiele recognized and thanked Jim Kolodziej for his final presentation of Capital Projects; Mr. Kolodziej will be retiring at the end of this school year. The Board acknowledged Jim Kolodziej for his work.

President Renner requested a Board member be involved in the placement of advertisements on the new scoreboards. Dr. Thiele stated the Administration has not yet developed an initial plan for vetting advertisers, and, once created, it will be brought back to the Board.

7. 2023 TAX LEVY REQUEST

Jeree Ethridge explained this is an annual process required of all taxing bodies, the Administration is recommending the Public Hearing on the Levy be held next month, the adoption of the Levy will occur next month, and the Board will be asked this evening to approve the Tentative Levy. She stated key assumptions used in creating the Levy were – CPIU will be greater than 5%, so 5% was used; existing property EAV is projected to be 7.5%; and new construction will be approximately \$50M. Ms. Ethridge informed the Board there is a correction to the Board packet – the Tentative Levy was listed as \$108,356,520 and should have been listed as \$108,245,520. Ms. Ethridge presented the cash balances as of June 30 from the Treasurer’s Report and stated it is a requirement that these are disclosed before setting the Levy. Dr. Thiele pointed out that current residents are capped at a 5% increase.

8. REPORTS FROM THE IASB/IASA/IASBO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Thiele recognized Secretary Gniadek for presenting with him at the conference. The Student Board Members shared their experience at the Friday conference and both said they would recommend the conference for future student board members. Individual Board Members shared the key takeaways from the sessions they attended.

9. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Dr. Thiele reported the District received and responded to Freedom of Information Act requests this month and they are posted on the District’s website.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Member Pavesich moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which includes: A. Personnel Report - Appointments-Classified; B. Personnel Report - Retirements-Certified; Resignations-Classified; C. Personnel Report - Termination-Classified; D. October Treasurer's Report and October Financial Pages; E. Revised 2024-2025 School Calendar; F. Student Tour; G. Acceptance of Donation - District 99 Education Foundation; and H. Acceptance of Donation - T99 Anonymous Family.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom, Casten, Dawson and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Dr. Thiele thanked the Education Foundation and the T99 Anonymous Family for their generous donations.

11. APPROVAL OF THE 2023 TENTATIVE TAX LEVY

Member Espinoza moved and Member Dawson seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the 2023 Tentative Levy for \$108,245,520, as presented. The Administration also recommends that the Board of Education set the date and time of the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for December 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center 6301 Springside Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60516.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Espinoza, Dawson, Fuller, Hagstrom, Pavesich, Casten and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

15. REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION NETWORK OF DUPAGE (LEND)

No report.

16. REPORT ON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN DUPAGE COUNTY (SASED)

Dr. Thiele reported interviews for SASED's Executive Director are scheduled and there is a quality pool of candidates for the position.

17. REPORT ON DISTRICT 99 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Member Casten reported the Foundation is a non-profit organization that awards grants for innovative projects outside of traditional funding. She shared the Foundation has awarded over \$300,000 in grants since 1994. Member Pavesich reported the Foundation approved funds for a speaker next fall, will be soliciting donations for the Mark McDonald scholarship, and will be sending out its end of year appeal letter soon.

18. REPORT ON ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (IASB)

Member Dawson reported there was no controversy at the delegate assembly.

19. UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

President Renner announced the following meeting dates:

December 4, 2023 Workshop Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – ASC

December 18, 2023 Regular Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – ASC

Dr. Thiele stated the Hearing on the Tax Levy would be held on December 18.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members Dawson congratulated the North High football team on its success and Member Pavesich congratulated the North High Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams on their success. Dr. Thiele commended the students at both schools for their success as individuals and teams in the arts and activities.

21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Member Fuller moved and Member Dawson seconded the 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 9:22 p.m.


Don Renner, President


Juli Ghiadek, Secretary

Community HIGH SCHOOL District 99

BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOVEMBER 20, 2023

VISITOR ROSTER

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