

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: June 19, 2017

Location of meeting: Administrative Services Center

Meeting started: 7:35pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm

League Observer(s): Robin Bollinger

Board Members/Trustees present (P) not present (NP) tardy (T):

Nancy Kupka, President (P)
Terry Pavesich, Vice President (NP)
Michael Davenport (P)
Sherell Fuller (P)
Daniel Nicholas (P)
Rick Pavinato (P)
Don Renner (P)
Dr. Hank Thiele, Superintendent (P)

Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff): 12

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

None with the first reception of visitors.

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REPORTS (board members, staff, administrators)

A. Legal Update

Attorney, Shelli Anderson, talked briefly to new board members. Board members were provided an opportunity to talk with a lawyer if they have any legal questions being new to the board. Darcy Kriha, from Franczek Radelet law offices has been working with D99 for 18 years. Ms. Kriha works with Hank Thiele and Scott regarding special education and student matters. A handbook was distributed to all members. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Kriha explained to the board members that they are attorneys for the board, not the administration. They have good relations with administration but their client is the board, not administration. The attorneys offer conferences and webinars for all board members if they are interested in participating. Michael Davenport asked the attorneys if they have any advice for the board and Ms. Anderson answered by stating “nothing specific”. Ms. Kriha addressed Mr. Davenport’s question by stating how much their office appreciates District 99 allowing the attorneys to be proactive vs. reactive.

B. Follow up on Parent Teacher Advisory Committee

Scott Wuggazer provided update. Scott’s highlights were that parents liked the event and topics of discussion provided. Parents said they wanted more data and more focused drill down into specific areas. According to Scott the overall comments and themes from parents were that they really enjoyed having direct input into the program and they liked to hear about the programing that is already being offered to students. Parents weren’t aware of all that the school does (interventions and supports in addition to discipline data). Parents would like more of these events. Scott said the district will look at possibly having two events instead of just one next year. Based on feedback from parents, the events next year will have more specific data such as, why were student hospital stays necessary: health issues? mental health issues? etc.

C. Amend 2017-2018 Calendar

Moving from 9:30 to 9:20 a.m. makes the school day a “full attendance” day. This schedule will start September 11th. The board needs to do two approvals for this calendar because starting at 9:20 am counts as a full day on the state of IL calendar. The second approval will be to update the calendar released to everyone (parents, website, etc...) and they will actually mark the relevant dates as late arrival dates. All services that take place before school (busses, breakfast service, etc...) are good with the 9:20 a.m. start time. The board will add an additional stop on the bus route on Mondays to help parents get kids to school if the weather is bad. The bus will stop there every Monday even in good weather.

D. Food Service Management Company Renewal

Mark Staehlin showed the document to sign to renew the five year contract with the food service company. This is the second year of the contract. A rate in

daily meals will be 0.7. The food service dropped the number of students who get lunches. It was discussed that it may have been due to increasing the price from \$2.65 to \$3.00 or it may have been due to long lunch lines leaving kids no time to eat.

E. Title I Plan Summary

Due to changes in ESA, this needs to be reauthorized. Due to budgeting at the federal level funding is unsure. In the past it ranged around \$300,000.00 per year. This year's plan needs to list a more comprehensive plan of support services (even ones not affecting Title I students). Approval will be needed later in the meeting tonight. Dr. Thiele offered to answer questions and there were no questions.

F. Community Engagement Update

Dr. Thiele turned over the discussion to Jill Browning to discuss the mailing that was sent out last week (the Year in Review document). Jill Browning will be working on more print items to mail out to residents to update everyone on what is going on in the high school. The community survey results found there was a communication gap about paying off the community bonds. For the most part, the people in the community are supportive of facilities. There will be 8 meetings for facilities and they will split the meetings between north and south. Don Renner mentioned the survey results were based on limited data since there were only 36 respondents. Based on the 36 respondents, Mr. Renner wanted to draw conclusions and verify that the emphasis is on student safety and the environment (air conditioning). Don Renner asked "How are we going to educate the public on the financials going forward in the fall?". Dr. Thiele said they have received more clear financial data recently and they will be able to be more specific in the fall. The plans would involve showing the residents what the tax impact will be with Plan A and Plan B. Now that we are closer to the date of the plans, interest rates can be locked in and more solid numbers can be provided to the public. If the board puts something on the spring of 2018 ballot or fall of 2018 ballot, they need to have a decision made by December 2017. They will make their decision based on what they hear from the community in the fall. The board will be educating the community on the needs and what it looks like in each stage of the process.

G. Freedom of Information Requests

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Nancy Kupka read the consent agenda items

Michael Davenport approved the motion and Rick Pavinato seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

- A. Personnel Report (Admin)
- B. Personnel Report (Resignation/certified)
- C. Personnel Report (salary and benefits)
- D. Financial Pages
- E. Approval of Prevailing Wage Resolution
- F. Resolution Authorizing Despositories and Check Signers
- G. Approval of Property and Liability Insurance Renewals
- H. Resolution of Nomination for Membership on the DG Plan Commission
- I. Approval of Food Service Management Company Renewal

TRUSTEE DISCUSSION

N/A

Comments/Concerns:

Things in Springfield are challenging. They are making mandates of schools without funding. Don Renner said there are so many issues that he was not able to discuss them all at this time.

Recommendations for Action

A. Award of Bid Bulk Purchasing CMG Supplies

\$78, 752.00 motion carried

B. Award of Bid Student Novels

Mark Staehlin discussed bid and grouping this together. Six vendors gave a bid. Mackin Book did not have the certification in place for bidding. Due to the new earlier starting schedule this all needs to be in place by August 8th . Follett Company will package the books and they will hand out books to students as they register. Follett is the company they went with for \$104, 771.

Motion carried.

C. Award of Bid Copy Paper 2017-2018

Jim Kolodziej reviewed the copy paper update, they used a little less white paper and a little more color paper. He anticipates a reduction in paper next year due to the one-to-one technology.

Copy Paper Inc. Union Town, OH \$59,540.68 was the bid proposed. Motion was carried.

D. Approval of Athletics Contract

Athletico provides trainers for the athletics department. Athletico had a flat price for the past six years, They asked for an increase and they will hold that amount for the next three years.

Motion carried

E. Lease Agreement for New Chromebooks

The district has negotiated a new lease agreement for Chromebooks. Originally it was \$267 per model and now it will be \$290 per model. The devices should have gone three years, but chromebooks are not making it that long. The new models are more sturdy and will hopefully last four years. To help with the cost of repairs, there will now be a \$30 deductible for first offense of breaking the chromebook. Up until now the first repair was free. Motion carried.

F. Approval of the Title I Plan

Motion carried

G. Approval of the 2017-2018 Calendar

Motion carried (the state calendar)

H. Approval of the new Monday late start calendar

Motion carried (the school calendar)

I. Approval of the June 26th board meeting that will be held completely in closed session

Closed session for self-evaluation. Motion carried.

J. Student Disciplinary action

The board recommends that administration take action. Student 1617.5e was expelled. The board expressed sadness in this resolution.

Student 1617.7 was removed from agenda.

K. Action on personnel matters

The board approved the issuance of notice to remedy a tenured teacher and then went into closed session. Sherell Fuller read into the record the following statement as the reasons for going to closed session:

“The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057”

The Superintendent said no action would be taken after the closed session.

General Features

	Yes	No	Comments
Did the meeting start on time?		x	Five minutes late
Were members attentive and prepared?	x		
Were members courteous to each other?	x		
Were members attentive to the publics' comments?			NA, no public comments
Was the facility adequate?	X		
Could the audience see and hear?	x		
Were visual aids easily visible to the audience	X		
Were the meeting facilities handicapped accessible	X		

FOIA (Complete once, unless information changes.)

Illinois Open Meetings Act requirements

	Yes	No	Comments
Was the agenda posted 48 hours before the meeting? If yes, note where	X		
Did the agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed?	X		
Were background materials made available to the public?	X		
Was there adequate discussion of the issues?			
Was there a closed session before, during or after the meeting?	X		Before the meeting and again after the meeting
If there was a closed meeting, was any action taken after the closed session? If so, what action?		x	Dr. Thiele stated there would be no action taken at the closed session

Date Submitted:

By: Robin Bollinger