

**League of Women Voters
Community High School District 99 Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: Regular Board Meeting

Date and Location of meeting: 20 Nov 2017
Administrative Service Center, 6301 Springside Avenue

Meeting started: 7:35 pm **Meeting adjourned:** 9:12 pm

Closed Session was held both **before and after** the regular board meeting for:

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.

Board Members Absent/Tardy: None

League Observer: Linda Derrig

Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff): approximately 15 people in the audience including students and staff

Meetings are taped and posted at:

<http://www.csd99.org/boe/meeting-highlightsvideos.cfm>

Agenda can be found at:

<http://www.csd99.org/boe/Meeting-Agendas.cfm>

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Approval of Minutes:

- Business Meeting- October 16, 2017
- Special/Workshop Meeting- November 6, 2017
- Closed Meeting- November 6, 2017

Board member Rick Pavinato abstained from the vote as he was not present at all meetings.

5) Public Comments: None

6) Recommendations and Reports of Superintendent:

The meeting began with Superintendent Thiele presenting an Illinois School Board of Education (ISBE) School Board Governance Recognition award to Board President Nancy Kupka. Thiele said it was the first time District 99 had received the award. Kupka said,

“I’m very proud of us. Every member deserves a pat on the back.” She included current and past members for going “above and beyond”.

Board member Michael Davenport received the Master School Board Member award.

- **Master Facility Plan Community Engagement Updated:** The board received preliminary results from a “random, statistically valid” telephone survey conducted to see how the community felt about the proposed master facility plans/tax increase (see October 13 LWV report for details of the plans and the options being considered). 300 households/likely voters were called. Half the voters were asked about their support for the Full Plan Proposal (\$136.6 million; tax increase) and half were asked about their support for the Partial Plan Proposal (\$81.6 million; no change in taxes).

Full Plan

61% yes; 28 % no

32% definite yes; 20% definite no

Partial Plan

64% yes; 29 % no

33% definite yes; 15% definite no

Superintendent Thiele summarized the results as the community appears to be strongly in support of doing something and equally strong for both plans. According to Thiele, the survey group (Public Opinion Strategies) had indicated anything greater than 30% yes indicated strong support. They also look for less than 30% no, as well as the spread.

In addition to the phone survey, the district received 4,000 completed community surveys.

A detailed report of the telephone survey results, as well as community engagement survey results, will be presented to the board at its **Monday, December 4, meeting. At that meeting Superintendent Thiele will bring forth his recommendation regarding the facilities plan and a possible referendum. The board will then decide whether or not to move forward with his recommendation.**

The final meeting of the citizen’s task force on the master facility plans is November 30.

- **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):** The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed by Obama on Dec. 10, 2015. The bipartisan measure reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation’s education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students. The State of Illinois’ ESSA plan was approved by the US Department of Education in August. The administration has been presenting elements of ESSA plans/requirements to the board.

Tonight’s presentation focused SAT scores. Last year was the first year SAT was required by Illinois (previously, it has been the ACT). Initial student performance was provided.

In both Evidence Based Reading and Writing and Math scores, District 99 outperformed the state of Illinois average and North outperformed South high school. Approximately 55 percent

of district students meet or exceed Illinois standards for evidence based reading and writing. Approximately 59 percent of district students meet or exceed Illinois standards for math.

Relative to the ESSA Distinguished Scholars designation (GPA of 3.75-4.0), 62.1 percent of those students at North and 66 percent of those students at South scored a minimum composite SAT of 1480 and/or ACT of 30.

Relative to the ESSA College and Career Ready designation (GPA of 2.8 -4.0) 98 percent of those students at North and 96.7 percent of those students at South scored a minimum SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing Score of 480 and/or a minimum ACT English score of 18 and minimum ACT Reading score of 22.

- **2018 Summer School and Summer Calendar:** The proposed summer calendar would continue the 4-day school/office week which was introduced last year. According to Superintendent Thiele, when asked formally or informally, there was overwhelming support by all groups for the 4-day week. He said there was requests to end summer school earlier than the last week of July and this year's calendar will do that. However, unlike last year, there will not be a full week off for the July 4th holiday.

The calendar calls for session 1 of summer school to begin Monday, June 11. Final day of summer school will be Thursday, July 19. It was confirmed that all summer school spaces are air-conditioned.

- **2018-2019 Capital Improvement Plan:** Jim Kolodziej, Director, Phys Plant & Operations/Purchasing, presented the \$1.3 m capital improvement plan for next school year. That total is the same as the past year and is essentially evenly split between projects at North and South. It includes regular large repair and maintenance projects. Actual expenditures will be approved as they come up.
- **2017 Tax Levy Request:** Mark Staehlin, Controller, presented the 2017 levy request of \$76.8 million, an increase of 3.3% over the prior year actual. This levy takes advantage of an increased tax cap limit--- 2.1%; prior year's tax cap limit had been .7% and .8%, according to Staehlin.

The tax impact of the proposed levy for a home with a market value of \$300,000 is estimated to be an increase of \$39. Comparatively, last year it was an \$18 increase for the same property (with the cap of .7%).

- **Reports from the IASB/IASA/IASBO Annual Conference:** It was noted that all board members attended the annual conference and the district was well-represented.
- **Freedom of Information Requests**

7) Consent Agenda:

- a) Personnel Report- Appointment-Classified; Transfer of Position-Classified
- b) Personnel Report- Resignations-Classified
- c) Personnel Report- Termination-Classified (amended at the meeting: Employee 2017.1 North High Paraprofessional I special services, dismissal for misconduct was removed)
- d) Financial Pages

8) Recommendations for Action:

All items were unanimously approved

- a) Approval of the 2018 Summer School and Summer Calendar
- b) Approval of Amendments to IRS Section 125 (Cafeteria) Plan- *moving to a calendar year plan*
- c) Approval of 2017 Tax Levy
- d) Approval for the December 19, 2017 Board Meeting to be held entirely in Closed Session for the purpose of self-evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the District is a member. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16).

9) Old Business: Policy Committee Report- Second Reading

The Policy Committee brings the following policies forward for second reading and approval:

- 2.210 Organizational School Board Meeting
- 2.260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 6.80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
- 7.80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
- 7.160 Student Appearance
- 7.275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
- 8.70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

10) New Business- none

11) Public Comment:

There were no public comments

12) Communications and Announcements:

- a) **Report on Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND)- Dan Renner**-Met with David Olsen and Patti Bellock and discussed property freeze legislation and impact. Also, discussed challenges around dual credit. Efforts toward dual credit legislation are expected to pick up after the first of the new year
- b) **Report on School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED)- Nancy Kupka**
- c) **Report on District 99 Education Foundation- Terry Pavesich:** Donation letters just went out. Julia Beckman, former District 99 board president, is the new foundation president.
- d) **Report on Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB)- Michael Davenport**

13) Parking Lot

a) Calendar of Board Actions

December:

- Process for Approval of Curriculum Proposals
- Process for Approval of School Calendar for Following Year

January:

- Resolution on Illinois Compiled Statutes (Historic Building Taxes)
- Approval for Intergovernmental Agreement – Property Assessment Consortium
- Approval of Abatement Resolution: Alternate Revenue Bonds
- Approval of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- Review of Closed Session Minutes (retain closed) and Verbatim recordings (deletion)
- Process for Approval of Annual Staffing Ratio
- Process for Approval of Registration Fees
- Process for Approval of Summer Camp and Participation Fees
- Process for Approval of Summer School Recommendations
- Process for Approval of Support Staff Contract
- Process for Approval of Teacher Contract

14) Upcoming Board Meetings

a) Monday, December 4, 2017: Special Meeting/Workshop- 7 p.m. at South High School

The board will hear a report on the public's willingness to support a referendum for the Master Facility Plan. Superintendent Thiele will present his recommendation and the board will make a decision on whether to move forward with a referendum.

b) Monday, December 18, 2017: Regular Business Meeting- 7:30 p.m. at Administrative Service Center

Closed Meeting