

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

1200 S. Dunton Ave.
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

School Board Meeting Minutes January 18, 2018

Brian Cerniglia, Vice President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order on January 18, 2018 to accept a motion to adjourn into closed session at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Windsor Elementary School, 1315 N. Miner Street, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

The meeting was noticed for closed session to discuss: Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1); Possible Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11); Collective Negotiation Matters, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2); Review closed session minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21); Matters relating to individual students 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).



Regular Meeting

Brian Cerniglia, Vice President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order on January 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Windsor Elementary School, 1315 E. Miner Street, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Roll call was noted and the Pledge of Allegiance said.

Board members present: Brian Cerniglia, Diana Chrissis, Chad Conley, Erin Johannesen, and Anisha Ismail Patel

Board members excused: Rich Olejniczak and David Page

Others Present: Dr. Lori Bein, Superintendent; Stacey Mallek, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; Aimee LeBlanc, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Chris Fahnoe, Director of Technology and Assessment; Adam Harris, Communications Coordinator; Brad Katz, Information Technology Specialist; Lana O'Brien, Recording Secretary; staff, press and community.

Recognitions and Presentations

Susannah Baney from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP highlighted information from the fiscal year 2017 Audit Report. District 25 achieved the designation of Financial Recognition status, which is the highest category of financial strength from the Illinois State Board of Education. Ms. Baney thanked Ms. Mallek and the Business office as they provided everything the auditors needed. Ms. Mallek and her team were commended for their work, and Ms. Tilley was thanked for her report.

Community Input

Ms. Cayer asked two questions regarding the 2017 Audit Report.

Consent Agenda

Motion: D. Chrissis moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve those items on the Consent Agenda as follows: (A) Personnel Report and Addendum to Personnel Report; (B) Treasurer's Report; (C) Invoices; (D) Fixed Asset Disposal Report; (E) Board Member Expense Reimbursement; (F) Regular and Closed Session Meeting minutes of December 14, 2017.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; D. Chrissis, yes; C. Conley, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; and A. Patel, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Communications:

The following reports were given:

- NSSEO – No report.
- IASB – No report.
- ED RED – Stacey Mallek reported that ISBE had a question on Senate Bill 444, which is an amendment to the adequacy funding formula. The legislature should be acting on this by the end of the month, but it won't affect the district. Also, the district has until February 15, 2018 to implement the new tax tables, and we are waiting on the updated software from our vendor to implement them.
- PTA – Kim Kusiciel and Ann Williams reported on the following. (1) Scholarship applications have been sent out; (2) The PTA is working with another group of parents for a new committee that would work with schools to promote consistent processes and assist all of the students; (3) The Reflection reception will be held next week at Windsor; and (4) All officers in the PTA units are up for nomination for next year.
- ATA – Kelly Drevline reported that in December the ATA and central office administrators held a retreat, which was very productive. Five ATA members are going to the IEA Representative Assembly in April, and they will report back to ATA. Twenty-five teams participated in the South Science Olympiad, which was held last weekend. Carol Golemo, a PE teacher at Thomas, was spotlighted for some positive things that she is doing outside of the classroom.

There were no reports from the following:

- NSSEO
- IASB
- ABC/25 Foundation

Committee of the Whole Reports

Student Learning – None

Student Services

School Discipline Reform/SB 100

Ms. LeBlanc presented an overview on Senate Bill 100, which was intended to reform school discipline. As a component of compliance, districts are required to educate their Board members regarding implementation of SB 100 at the school level, of which District 25 is in its second year.

Several policies were changed because of the law, as it provides new requirements when suspending or expelling students. Senate Bill 100 includes the following changes: Limits the number and duration of suspensions/expulsions to the greatest extent practical; Emphasis on non-exclusionary discipline and use of exclusion for legitimate educational purposes; Removes zero tolerance policies; Schools cannot implement progressively longer suspensions for similar acts committed by the same students; Requires specific steps and procedures depending on the length of exclusion. Districts must also allow students to make up all work missed during exclusion, and implement a return-to-school plan for reintegration. The law further defines appeal rights and the role of the Board of Education.

The Board asked several questions regarding specifics of the law and its impact on District 25. Ms. LeBlanc was thanked for her thorough report.

Business and Finance

New Illinois Evidence-Based Funding Model

Ms. Mallek presented information regarding the Illinois evidence-based funding model, which will change the way that school districts receive the bulk of state funds. She explained the previous funding formula and why it is not adequate for low-income districts. The new model is designed to send more resources to Illinois' most under-resourced students without taking away from other districts, so no district will lose funds.

The new formula ties school funding to 27 evidence-based best practices shown to enhance student achievement in the classroom, and provides a unique "Adequacy Target" for each district based on its own demographics. It then determines how much a district should be contributing from local property taxes. Districts with lower property wealth are expected to contribute less to the cost of education than the higher wealth districts. Then it calculates how close a district is to its Adequacy Target with its current state resources and its expected property tax contribution. Finally, it allocates funding to the neediest districts. Each district will look different

based on how they choose to allocate staff. There are four tiers that districts will fall into based on their adequacy. District 25's level of adequacy is 100%, which puts it in tier 4 and means the district will receive no more than \$6,200 in additional funding. The new model will not significantly impact the funding that District 25 receives.

Board members noted that they were grateful that the district is in a good financial position, and that the theory behind the law is a good one for all students in the state.

Student Fees for 2018-2019

Ms. Mallek presented information regarding the proposed student fees for 2018-2019. There will be an increase in the transportation fee that would not be more than 5%, depending on which proposal will be finalized. This fee is only paid by families that do not qualify for free transportation. There is no technology fee, but the district implemented an optional insurance program for middle school families who want to have 24/7 access to their Chromebook.

There will be no increase in school lunch pricing for next year. Based on the reauthorization of the National Child Nutrition program passed through Congress in December 2010 and Section 205, we are currently within \$0.03 of the national requirement.

There will be no change in student fees. In addition the district will no longer require that all elementary students purchase calculators. The only elementary students that will require calculators going forward will be the 4th graders in advanced math and all 5th graders.

Student fees are adjusted for students that qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

Annual Report on Tax Exempt Bonds

Ms. Mallek noted that, according to policy, she is required to review the District's contracts to determine whether the Tax Advantaged Obligations comply with the federal tax requirements applicable to each issue of the Tax Advantaged Obligations. She has reviewed all compliance matters with Elizabeth Hennessey of Raymond James, and believes the district is in compliance with all requirements.

Ms. Mallek also reported that the sale for the last \$8.1 million of tax exempt bonds was finalized, and the pricing was just under the amount that was presented at the December meeting.

Buildings and Grounds – None

Personnel and Planning – None

Superintendent Report

Logo Project Update

Mr. Harris explained that in 2015 the district began a project to align and update all the school logos and colors. He introduced Tom Riesing, a District 25 parent and graphic designer, who he worked with on the logo update. Mr. Riesing had previously donated his time to create professional logos for four of the schools, and continued his work with the remainder of schools to complete the project. The process that was used in updating the logos was reviewed, and detailed information regarding each school's logo was shown.

Mr. Harris noted that the logos enhance the way that the district communicates and provides consistency. Mr. Riesing and the principals invested a considerable amount time in this project. Mr. Riesing was thanked for his time and talent, and is recognized by the Board for all of the hard work that he did. It was noted that it was beneficial that the students had ownership in the decision making process. The district logo has been modernized without changing the format, as it is established through the community and district. Mr. Harris was thanked for his work on the project.

The Board did not return to closed session.

Motion: D. Chrissis moved and A. Patel seconded the motion to adjourn.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; D. Chrissis, yes; C. Conley, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; and A. Patel, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted,

Lana O'Brien
Recording Secretary

Approved:

President
Board of Education

Secretary
Board of Education

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