

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

1200 S. Dunton Ave.
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

School Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2016

Regular Meeting into Closed Session

David Page, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. to accept a motion to adjourn into closed session. The meeting was held at South Middle School, 400 S. Highland Ave., Arlington Heights, Illinois, on Thursday, January 14, 2016.

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)**; Collective Negotiation Matters, **5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2)**; Student disciplinary cases, **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)**; Litigation, **5 ILCS 120/ (c)(11)**; and review closed session minutes, **5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21)**.

Regular Meeting

David Page, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the regular meeting to order on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 7:33 p.m. It was held at South Middle School, 400 S. Highland Ave., Arlington Heights, Illinois. Roll call was noted and the Pledge of Allegiance said.

Board members present: Diana Chrissis, Chuck Williams, Erin Johannesen, David Page, Brian Cerniglia, and Denise Glasgow.

Board members excused: Rich Olejniczak

Others Present: Dr. Lori Bein, Superintendent; Stacey Mallek, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Chief School Business Official; Dr. Eric Olson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Jake Chung, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Planning; Aimée LeBlanc, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Ryan Schulz, Director of Facilities Management; Coletta Hines-Newell, Director of Food Services; Chris Fahnoe, Director of Technology and Assessment; Debbie Williams, recording secretary, staff, and community members.

Recognitions and Presentations

David Page, on behalf of the Board, extended congratulations to the following:

- Congratulations to Patton students Oliva Kim, Abigail Patyk, and Madeline O'Dell, for receiving recognition in STR's 2015 Holiday Card Contest.

- Congratulations to Thomas Middle School teacher, Ms. Carol Golemo. She is the recipient of the Arlington Heights Hearts of Gold Volunteer Award!
- Congratulations to John Burton, Assistant Director of Food Services, appointed to the Illinois School Nutrition Association Board for the 2015 - 2016 school year. He will serve as a member of the Professional Development Committee.
- James White of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, gave a brief presentation on the district's audit of financial statements 2014 - 2015. The district files the Annual Financial Report as required by the State of Illinois. There were no issues or findings. Mr. Page thanked Mr. White for his report and extended a thank you to Ms. Mallek and the business department for their fine work.

Community Input

The Board received many public comments regarding the changes and restructuring of creative arts programming. Public comments were also heard regarding the implementation of Erin's Law. The Board received an invitation to share in the tradition of the Science Olympiad Invitational at South Middle School.

Consent Agenda

Motion: C. Williams moved and D. Chrissis 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; (E) Regular and Closed Special Session Meeting minutes of December 15, 2015; and (F) Regular and Closed Session Meeting minutes of December 17, 2015. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; D. Glasgow, yes; and D. Chrissis, yes. Motion carried 5/0/1. C. Williams abstained.

Communications:

The following reports were received:

- ED RED – Mrs. Mallek reported on the meeting held January 8th. Highlights of the meeting included information on the Governor's budget address for February 17th; pension costs shifted by the legislature to school districts; and approval of grants for Federal State Aid as of July 16th. The revenue streams are changing and the State is looking for additional proration of their funds as there is a budget shortfall.
- ABC/25 Foundation – Ms. Ryerson reported that all nine schools qualified for the ABC/25 Foundation incentive grant. Each school will receive \$2,500 to help meet their needs and foster education for students. There were 39 *Karen Wessel Barr* traditional teacher grant awards and 31 *Marian Elliott Excellence in Education* teacher grant awards. The total awarded to the district from these 70 grants is \$45,692.59. The *Just Move It* challenge is scheduled for April 16th. New for the challenge this year is a t-shirt and poster design contest.

- ATA –Ms. Drevline read a letter from ATA supporting their position on the proposed changes to Creative Arts offerings. The letter highlighted the benefits Global Perspectives, Family and Consumer Science, and Career Connections have provided to students

There were no reports from the following:

- NSSEO
- IASB
- PTA

Committee of the Whole Reports

Student Learning

Middle School Creative Arts Programming

Dr. Olson reviewed the mixture of class offerings for both middle schools under the creative arts programming and discussed the changes. A summary of these changes is provided below:

Category 1 - Keep the current classes of art, music, and drama.

Category 2 - Transform our current Industrial Technology (Thomas) and Applied Technology (South) classes, which have aspects of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curriculum into a full STEM class.

Category 3 - Transform stand-alone classes of Broadcast Journalism (Thomas) and Computers (South) and expand upon them into full offerings of Communication Media Arts and Graphic Design.

Category 4 – Remove the FACS (Family and Consumer Sciences) class yet maintain healthy eating habits and nutrition in our Health classes; absorb Global Perspectives (South) and World Cultures (Thomas) into our regular social studies class both due to new social studies standards and to ensure all students receive these topics instead of it only being an elective; and removing the Career Connections (Thomas) class, yet maintaining career education through our other classes, such as language arts. This includes both the study of potential careers and bringing in guest speakers from the community.

Three goals were considered for future class offerings:

- Ensure all offerings align with the *National Core Arts Standards* and are considered under the umbrella of fine/creative arts,
- Ensure offerings demonstrate the most relevant subject areas for 21st century learning, critical thinking, problem-solving, and best practice,
- Ensure the same classes align at both Thomas and South Middle Schools.

Dr. Olson highlighted the proposed changes and said they will align classes and offer the same academic opportunities and best practices at all our schools. National standards will be incorporated into all creative arts offerings. Classes will incorporate STEM (Science, Technology Engineering, and Mathematics). Students will collaborate and have more hands-on experiences. They will foster creativity, problem solving and take ownership for learning. These changes will help prepare and create more opportunities in our students' future.

Board members agreed to extend the time for discussion. They discussed the changes in curriculum, student learning, the framework of choices, and design of the classroom. Board members talked about how to address specific areas that would be lost from Family and Consumer Sciences, Broadcast Journalism, and Industrial Technology. They discussed the necessary changes to physical space and the fiscal impact to the district.

Motion: E. Johannesen moved and D. Chrissis seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the changes to the Middle School Creative Arts offerings for the 2016 - 2017 school year as presented. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; D. Glasgow, yes; D. Chrissis, yes; and C. Williams, no. Motion carried 5/1.

Business and Finance

2016 - 2017 Student Fees

Ms. Mallek presented information on changes for student fees. Transportation fees will increase as a result of the increase in the transportation contract. Lunch fees will increase slightly due to the national requirement pertaining to equity in school lunch pricing. No increase in student fees is recommended. Calculator, recorder, and middle school participation fees reflect the district's cost for student purchase of those items.

Annual Report on Tax Exempt Bonds

Ms. Mallek stated that according to district policy the Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO must 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. All required records must be at hand or action must be taken to obtain or recover such records. Ms. Mallek used a checklist process related to bonds in compliance with tax requirements. All documents were reviewed with Elizabeth Hennessey of William Blair and everything was found to be in order.

Resolution Approving Application for Quality School Construction Bonds

Ms. Mallek said the application process for qualified school construction bonds has been completed. Upon action by the School Board, and in order to meet the deadline, the paperwork will be emailed to the School Business Services Division of the Illinois State Board of Education. The original will be mailed.

Motion: C. Williams moved and D. Chrissis seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the “Resolution approving an application to the Illinois State Board of Education for qualified school construction bond designation for obligations to finance certain capital projects in and for Arlington Heights School District 25, Arlington Heights, Illinois, authorizing the President of the Board of Education of said School District to execute said application and directing an official of said School District to submit said application”. Roll Call: C. Williams, yes; B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; D. Glasgow, yes; and D. Chrissis, yes. Motion carried 6/0.

Architect Contract for Ivy and Olive Additions

Ms. Mallek said the District legal counsel has been actively negotiating this contract. The contract contains very specific language and clarifies legalities and relationship of the architect versus the construction manager at-risk.

Motion: C. Williams moved and D. Chrissis seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the contract with STR for the architectural services for the Ivy Hill and Olive-Mary Stitt additions. Roll Call: C. Williams, yes; B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; D. Glasgow, yes; and D. Chrissis, yes. Motion carried 6/0.

Building and Grounds

2016 Capital Projects

Mr. Schulz said the recommended list of 2016 capital projects was previously shared with the Board on December 17, 2015. These capital projects have a total projected cost of \$4,640,416. Several 10 Year Life Safety projects are included on this list.

Motion: C. Williams moved and D. Chrissis seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the 2016 Capital Projects as presented. Roll Call: C. Williams, yes; B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; D. Glasgow, yes; and D. Chrissis, yes. Motion carried 6/0.

10 Year Life Safety

Mr. Schulz said the 10 Year Life Safety study was prepared by STR Partners for regional and state approval.

Motion: C. Williams moved and D. Chrissis seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the 10 Year Health and Life Safety study as prepared by STR Partners for submission to IWAS for regional and state approval. Roll Call: C. Williams, yes; B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; D. Glasgow, yes; and D. Chrissis, yes. Motion carried 6/0.

Construction Project Update

Mr. Schulz provided an update on construction projects at Ivy Hill and Olive-Mary Stitt. Updates include:

Ivy Hill

- Underground utilities are substantially complete
- Foundations are complete for entire building
- Steel began on December 29, 2015
- Masonry scheduled to begin by January 18, 2016

Olive Mary Stitt

- Underground utilities are substantially complete
- Foundations are complete for both addition sections
- Steel began on Monday January 11, 2016
- Masonry scheduled to begin on January 18, 2016

Asked if flooding issues were addressed, Mr. Schulz said underground pipes would direct excess water away from the area. Flooding issues were examined as part of the initial planning project and conversations with the Village.

Personnel and Planning

2016 - 2017 School Calendar

Mr. Chung said no additional changes have been made to the proposed 2016 - 2017 school calendar. The Calendar Committee prepared the calendar with consideration of D214's school calendar, D25 construction projects, and in support of student instruction.

Motion: C. Williams moved and D. Chrissis seconded the motion that the Board of Education adopt the 2016 - 2017 School Calendar as presented. Roll Call: C. Williams, yes; B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; D. Glasgow, yes; and D. Chrissis, yes. Motion carried 6/0.

Superintendent Report

First Reading of policy of 7:190, Student Discipline

Dr. Bein presented policy 7:190, Student Discipline, for a first reading. The changes reflect the recommendations from the Illinois School Board of Education and align with three other district policies that were previously approved.

Approve Resolution Authorizing Student Disciplinary Action (with or without edits)

Motion: C. Williams moved and D. Chrissis seconded that the Board of Education move to approve the Resolution Authorizing Student Disciplinary Action With Edits. Roll Call: C. Williams, yes; B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; D. Glasgow, yes; and D. Chrissis, yes. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion: C. Williams moved and D. Chrissis seconded that the Board of Education adjourn. Roll Call: C. Williams, yes; B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; D. Glasgow, yes; and D. Chrissis, yes. Motion carried 6/0.

The Board adjourned at 10:06 pm.

Submitted,

Debbie Williams
Recording Secretary

Approved: February 18, 2016

David Page
President
Board of Education

Denise Glasgow
Secretary
Board of Education

Date minutes were available for public inspection: _____

Date minutes were posted on District website: _____