

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

1200 S. Dunton Ave.  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

### School Board Meeting Minutes August 20, 2015

#### **Regular Meeting into Closed Session**

David Page, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. to accept a motion to adjourn into closed session. The meeting was held at Dunton Administration Building, 1200 S. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, Illinois, on Thursday, August 20, 2015.

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)**.

#### **Regular Meeting**

David Page, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the regular meeting to order at Dunton Administration Building, 1200 S. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, Illinois, on Thursday, August 20, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was noted and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Board members present: Brian Cerniglia, Erin Johannesen, Rich Olejniczak, David Page, and Chuck Williams.

Board members excused: Diana Chrissis and Denise Glasgow

Others Present: Dr. Lori Bein, Superintendent; Jake Chung, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Planning; 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 - none

Community Input - none

**Motion:** C. Williams moved and R. Olejniczak seconded the motion that the Board of Education appoint Erin Johannesen as secretary pro tem for the August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 school board meeting. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; R. Olejniczak, yes; D. Page, yes; and C. Williams, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

## Consent Agenda

**Motion:** C. Williams moved and R. Olejniczak 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) Regular and Closed Session Meeting minutes of July 16, 2015; and (E) Memorandum of Understanding between Board of Education of AHSD25 and the Arlington Teachers' Association. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; R. Olejniczak, yes; D. Page, yes; and C. Williams, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

## Communications:

The following reports were received:

- PTA – Ms. Barry reported they met at all the schools and had a packet pick-up on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, the presidents and treasurer would meet to discuss resources and guidelines. PTA trainings will take place in September would also have.
- ATA – Ms. Drevline met with all 35 new teachers. She shared several of the responses when the new teachers were asked “Why D25?”
  - It was a wonderful experience with all she met at D25.
  - Because of the faculty/staff welcome and passion for teaching.
  - They felt valued and appreciated.
  - D25 truly cares.
  - Because of the love and character evident in the district.

There were no reports from the following:

- NSSEO
- IASB
- ED RED
- ABC/25 Foundation

## Committee of the Whole Reports

### **Student Learning**

#### Assessment Update

Dr. Olson and Mr. Fahnoe provided an update on assessments. Dr. Olson said State Superintendent Smith shared updates on state testing for the coming school year. The changes to PARCC (Partnership for Assessment and Readiness for College and Careers) are exciting. The largest change is the reduction from two sessions into one. The new Illinois State Science Assessment is aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and will be implemented this year. It will be given to grades 5, 8 and 10.

Mr. Fahnoe reported on KIDS (Kindergarten Individual Development Survey). This is focused on measuring students' readiness for school and has a firm timeline for implementation for 2017-18. Exploration and training for KIDS will take place in 2015. There are many components and many questions as we prepare for KIDS.

We will have sample classrooms and the data from all pilots across the state will be compiled for a baseline.

### **Business and Finance**

#### **Child Nutrition Programs**

Ms. Coletta Hines-Newell reported on D25 child nutrition programs. She showed slides that included aspects of the program plus artwork that has been used to enhance the middle school serving areas. D25 participates in the National School Lunch Program and must follow regulations set forth by the USDA. Although there has been a downward trend in student participation with paid lunches, Ms. Hines-Newell is committed to increasing D25 participation. The basic serving line in the elementary schools has been expanded to include a fruit and veggie bar, meeting the federal mandate that all students participating in the lunch program take a fruit and vegetable. Many of our products are from a local supplier and provide a fresh product with a small carbon footprint. A wide variety of fruits and vegetables are served and promoted to students. Taste tests and focus groups provide students with an introduction to new foods. The school lunch often provides more nutrition and value than a packed lunch from home. A smoothie station proves popular at the middle school. Other options for middle school students include a potato bar, humus, a turkey burger, oven roasted chicken, a pasta bar, and an egg omelet sandwich. One of the fastest growing programs is the breakfast program at South Middle School.

It is the goal of the Food Service Department to build participation and maintain a high level of service for student lunch. To help speed up service, a Zip line and Grab 'N Go services have been implemented. Also through the use of iPads, cashier stations can be set up anywhere.

Ms. Hines-Newell said family taste testing would take place for first grade students on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Food Service Department plans on being at all nighttime family activities to promote the lunch program and healthy choices.

Ms. Hines-Newell was asked how D25's program is different from other district programs. She said many other programs are managed by a business and have limited fruit and vegetable selections. Their main objective is financial. D25 is very nutrition based. The Board commended Ms. Hines-Newell on her commitment to nutrition, freshness, and options provided in the program.

### **Building and Grounds**

#### **Construction Project Update**

Dr. Bein and Mr. Schulz presented an update on the construction projects at Olive-Mary Stitt Elementary and Ivy Hill Elementary schools. Dr. Bein said bids will go out August 31<sup>st</sup> and will be opened September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A Neighborhood Information session would be held August 19<sup>th</sup>. A Design Commission meeting has been scheduled. A Special Board meeting may be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> for bid approvals.

Fenced areas have been determined at Olive-Mary Stitt Elementary and will be installed on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Construction will not begin until October, but installation of the fence will familiarize staff and families with the changes necessary for drop-off and pick-up.

Fence at Ivy Hill will be installed September 18<sup>th</sup>. Construction will not impact student drop-off and pick-up.

Modular buildings have arrived and will be installed along with decking, ramps, and enclosed walkways. Mr. Schulz said accommodations will be made for staff parking and playground areas for students. Playground space is limited at Olive-Mary Stitt, but the students will use Greens Park. The Park District has shared this information with the immediate neighbors.

Administration have worked with the Arlington Heights Village, the Park District, and the Police Department in making decisions regarding construction traffic, parking, playgrounds, entrance and access to the schools.

#### Summer Projects Update

Mr. Ryan Schulz provided an update on major summer projects.

- The gym floor resurfacing, front office, and exterior landscaping improvements are complete at Dryden. The school logo, funded by the PTA, was painted on the gym floor.
- Greenbrier's completed projects include ADA rubber playground surface and front office renovations. Exterior lighting improvement work is still in progress.
- No major projects were included at Ivy Hill, but summer cleaning is complete.
- A water heater was replaced at Olive-Mary Stitt.
- Roof replacement and exterior door repairs are complete at Patton. An exterior sign is to be installed the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Roof replacement at Westgate will soon be complete. Projects completed include replacement of a water heater and site concrete and asphalt repairs.
- Projects completed at Windsor include carpeting in the LMC, bathroom partition replacement, and exterior doorframe repairs.
- Completed projects at Thomas Middle School projects include site concrete repairs and water heater replacement. The roof replacement is nearly complete.

- South Middle School ongoing projects include generator and transfer switch installation and cabinet replacement in the LMC. The stair flooring replacement is complete.

Mr. Schulz said the repairs at Futabakai had been rescheduled for next year.

**Personnel and Planning** - none

**Superintendent Report**

Allergy Committee Update

Dr. Bein shared a YouTube video clip “What I Wish You Knew About My Food Allergies.” She had met with the Allergy Committee over the summer. They discussed what to do about food allergies, shared different beliefs, and reviewed facts and procedures related to life threatening allergies and students in D25. It was the consensus to work together to educate our community. They created a list suggesting educational experiences for students, staff, families, and communities. Handouts and a video will be shared with families at the beginning of the school year. PTA will partner with the schools in providing healthy, safe snacks at school events. Food Allergy Month will be recognized in May.

Safety Committee Update

Dr. Bein said that one change to improve safety and provide a consistent procedure in all buildings will be the use of door magnets. School personnel will verbally acknowledge visitors, asking their name and purpose for coming prior to being admitted into schools. Additional safety measures about relocation sites are being put in place. Emergency information will continue to be shared with parents through School Messenger.

New procedures for lock down procedures will begin next year. Staff will receive training on the “run, hide, fight” philosophy that is being facilitated by Homeland Security.

District keys are being inventoried and an updated process for tracking will be implemented. Testing is underway for sound systems. Camera systems are being reviewed.

Asked about “run, hide, fight”, Dr. Bein said Homeland Security recommends this procedure. D214 implemented the system this year. The Arlington Heights Police Department does assist with training.

AHSD Park District CAP Program

Dr. Bein said the Park District has worked to provide additional before and after school care for families. Twenty additional students from Olive-Mary Stitt and Westgate families can participate in a new CAP (Children At Play) program at Olympic Park. Parents drop their child at Olympic Park for care and then the children are bused to their school. At the end of the school day the children are

again bused to Olympic Park where parents then pick up their child. This new program helps provide more service and shorten the “wait list” for other families.

**Motion:** C. Williams moved and R. Olejniczak seconded that the Board of Education adjourn. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; R. Olejniczak, yes; D. Page, yes; and C. Williams, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

The Board adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted,

Debbie Williams  
Recording Secretary

Approved: September 17, 2015

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David Page  
President  
Board of Education

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Denise Glasgow  
Secretary  
Board of Education

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