



...from the April 24, 2018 Board of Education Meeting

RECOGNITION

Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Selectees

Twenty-one York students qualified for the 2017 Illinois Music Educators All-State Convention Festival, held in Peoria from January 25 to January 28, 2018. These exceptional student musicians joined some of the finest high school musicians from the State to perform in the All-State Band, Chorus and Orchestra.

York musicians Nick Agliata (Bassoon), Madeline Buckley (Composition), Grace Clarke (Alto Sax), Matt Dardick (Alto Sax), Emily Dow (Cello), Danielle Fite (Alto), Rylan Johnsen (Viola), Erin Lee (Soprano), Bailey Maguire (Alto), Lauren Makinney (Double Bass), Jacquelyn Meyer (Soprano), Chuck Miller (Tenor Sax), Sebastian Rohn (Tenor), Cece Stumpf (Trumpet), and Tessa Vermeulen (Flute) were awarded All-State recognition in their particular musical specialty and performed in the All-State Band, Chorus and Orchestra Festival on January 24-27, 2018 at the Illinois Music Educators All-State Convention Festival.

York Mock Trial Team Takes Second at State

The York High School Mock Trial Team recently took second place in the state at the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) High School Mock Trial Program. Over a two-day period in Champaign, they were judged on their ability to work as a team, set goals, plan effectively, think on their feet, face challenging obstacles and demonstrate exceptional oral presentation skills.

Hollie Albin, Katy Clugg, Chris Foster, Maya Iyer, Lexi Lukose, Zorian Schiffman, Hui Tey and Grace Tully, along with coaches Amy Mueller and Elizabeth Bircher, represented York Community High School in the State finals, tying for York's top finish of all time.

Additionally, ISBA honored Grace Tully for Best Witness and Best Attorney, Zorian Schiffman for Best Attorney, and awarded Katy Clugg honors for Best Witness.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The old Board was adjourned and the meeting of the new Board of Education was called to order. The election of the new Board officers was then held. Kara Caforio was nominated for President; Margaret Harrell was nominated as Vice President; and Karen Stuefen was nominated as Secretary. Since there were no challengers, these nominations stood and the officers were declared elected.

"Thank you. I am beyond honored to be elected by a group of such highly-respected people who work hard at this Board table to merge the community values with the best in education, to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow," said Mrs. Caforio.

A regular meeting schedule for 2018-19 was established (as posted on [BoardDocs](#)) and the reaffirmation of all existing contracts and policies was confirmed. One additional meeting was

added in November.

Board Committee appointments were announced as follows:

Board Improvement Committee – Kara Caforio, Karen Stuefen, Margaret Harrell
Learning and Teaching Committee Members – Jim Collins, Margaret Harrell, Shannon Ebner
Finance and Operations Committee Members – Chris Blum, John McDonough, Karen Stuefen
Performance Management Committee Members – Chris Blum, Jim Collins, Karen Stuefen
Policy Committee Members – Margaret Harrell, John McDonough, Shannon Ebner
LEND Representative – Karen Stuefen
IASB Delegate – Margaret Harrell
Lizzadro Museum Representative – Karen Stuefen
SASED – Shannon Ebner (Karen Stuefen, alternate)
City/Park/School Representative – John McDonough and Shannon Ebner
O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission – Kara Caforio

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Facilities Scenarios

Craig Siepka and Brad Paulsen, of Wight & Company architects, presented [Master Facility Planning Workshop III](#) to the Board of Education.

“We took information from the Board, the Community Advisory Team and others over time to create these facilities options. The goal is achieving parity across the buildings, while upgrading dated facilities,” said Mr. Siepka.

Four facility scenarios were presented, each with two options, ranging in price from \$26.1M to \$168.5M depending on the items included. Cost estimates were provided by International Contractors, Inc. of Elmhurst, with tax implications calculated by Raymond James Financial.

According to Raymond James, the tax impact estimate is calculated based on the estimated average annual tax rate on the current outstanding debt service (levy years 2017-2024) versus the annual average tax rate from 2017 levy year to the year of final maturity of total debt service including the proposed new bonds. The impact is calculated on a \$500,000 market value home. The bonds are estimated to be issued in three pieces in 2019, 2021 and 2023 in most scenarios and include refunding bonds. Other assumptions on bond issuance timing, bond market conditions and/or assessment changes among other things could change the estimated tax impact on the homeowner.

Option #1a - \$26.1M– all building maintenance needs addressed from existing funds (which are currently not available) by accelerating current maintenance schedule. This would result in a budget shortfall and leave D205 at risk for programmatic and/or staffing cuts. The average tax decrease on a house valued at \$500,000 is estimated to be \$800 once the existing referendum approved bonds are retired after levy year 2024.

Option #1b - \$26.1M – all building maintenance needs addressed by accelerating current maintenance schedule using money from a bond issuance. The average tax decrease on a house valued at \$500,000 is estimated to be \$363.

Option #2a - \$55.4M - all building maintenance needs addressed, plus infrastructure that includes safety and security improvements (Bryan, Churchville, Sandburg, Field, Jackson and Jefferson) and

air conditioning added at Jackson & Jefferson. The average tax decrease on a house valued at \$500,000 is estimated to be \$273.

Option #2b - \$82.7M - all building maintenance needs addressed, plus infrastructure that includes safety and security improvements (Bryan, Churchville, Sandburg, Field, Jackson and Jefferson) and air conditioning added at Jackson & Jefferson and an addition plus significant repairs to Lincoln. (Repairs to Lincoln cost \$26.5M; new Lincoln one-year rebuild costs \$32.5 million.) The average tax decrease on a house valued at \$500,000 is estimated to be \$201.

Option #3a - \$144.3M – Includes all-day kindergarten, balanced class sizes, and future-ready learning spaces. This also includes a new Lincoln, renovating Field, full addition/renovation at Edison, a two-classroom addition at Bryan and upgrades to the York auditorium. The average tax increase on a house valued at \$500,000 is estimated to be \$51.

Option #3b - \$151.7M – Includes all of option #3a improvements and a newly constructed Field School. The average tax increase on a house valued at \$500,000 is estimated to be \$82.

Option #4a - \$161.1M – Includes all projects previously listed and currently under consideration, minus a new Field. In addition, this option includes major renovations at Madison, an auditorium at Churchville and upgrades to the York athletic fields. The average tax increase on a house valued at \$500,000 is estimated to be \$120.

Option #4b - \$168.5M – Includes all projects previously listed and currently under consideration, plus major renovations at Madison, an auditorium at Churchville and upgrades to the York athletic fields, and a new Field School. The average tax increase on a house valued at \$500,000 is estimated to be \$149.

“The community asked us to come up with a long-term plan; that’s what Options 3 & 4 represent. This is a multi-decade plan to get us 20-25 years out and beyond,” said Superintendent Dr. David Moyer, who presented a [Facilities Memo](#) to the Board as part of this report.

Update on Levy, EAV, Tax Extension and Rates

Chris Whelton, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, reported that the 2017 tax levy was determined based on an estimated 7.00% increase in EAV and a more-than-expected estimate of \$67M in new construction EAV. The estimated 2017 extension and rates were based on an estimated 7.00% increase in EAV and an estimated \$42M in new construction EAV.

“We levy enough to cover an additional \$25 million in new construction EAV to provide for the possibility of underestimating. Remember that no matter what amount the District levies, the counties will only extend the increase allowable under the tax cap,” Mr. Whelton explained.

Due to the tax cap, the District is limited to the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) for its increase in operating taxes, regardless of the valuation of property in the District. New construction is the one exception to that.

“Actual new construction came in at \$49,684,554 million which is better than the \$42 million we were estimating in December; that includes \$6.6 million from TIF 2 coming back onto the tax rolls. CPI was 2.1%, and with the additional news construction EAV, the overall tax extension increased by 4.02%” noted Mr. Whelton. “Actual EAV is \$2,531,484,032, which is an increase of 7.71%. The increase in EAV resulted in the 2016 tax rate of 4.7760 to decrease to a 2017 tax rate of 4.6126.”

SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA – CONSENT

With one member missing, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the following items:

- Personnel Reports
- Financial Reports
- 2018-2019 High School Student Fees
- 2018-2019 EC-8 Student Fees
- 2018-2019 Lunch and Breakfast Fees*
- 2018-2019 Facility Rental Fees
- Amended (Final) 2017-2018 Calendar
- High School Instructional Materials
- 2018-2019 School Nurse Contract
- Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Battery Purchase and UPS Battery Installation Service
- Bid #18-04 - Asbestos Contractor Services - Madison Early Childhood Center
- Bid #18-05 - School Activity Bus
- Bid #18-06 - Masonry Restoration - York High School/Emerson Elementary/Jackson Elementary
- Bid #18-07 Roofing Replacement - York High School/Sandburg Middle School
- Appointment of School Treasurer – Adrian Gaerlan

*Elementary and middle school lunches increased from \$3.00 to \$3.10; high school lunches increased from \$3.75 & \$4.25 to \$3.85 and \$4.35; elementary and middle school breakfast increased from \$1.90 to \$1.95; high school breakfast increased from \$2.75 to \$2.80; and the milk fee increased from .50 to .55 per carton at all levels.

The [final calendar of the 2017-18 school year](#) was approved at this meeting. Below is a list of last days and dismissal times. Both the calendar and last days are posted on the District website's [calendar page](#). They are:

- May 24th: Last day of school for Early Childhood students
- May 24th: Last day of school for AM/PM kindergarten students
- May 24th: Last day of school for high school students
- May 25th: Last day of school for elementary school students (11:15 AM dismissal)
- May 25th: Last day of school for middle school students (11:35 AM dismissal)

SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA – ACTION

With one member missing, the Board voted 6-0 to approve/adopt the following items one at a time, with one exception*:

- Phone Equipment Purchase and 36 Month Agreement with Jive Communications for Hosted Voice over IP (VoIP) Phone Service
- Purchase of Chromebooks, Computer Carts, and iPad Cases – *John McDonough voted “present” on this item
- JPMorgan Chase Lease/Purchase Agreement for Chromebooks, desktops, laptops, iPads, and Cisco HyperFlex server and storage equipment
- Resolution of Appointment to DuPage Area Occupational Education System Board of Directors

- SASSED Board of Control/Governing Board Appointment Resolution – Dr. Dave Moyer
- District 205 Foundation’s Thiems Grants
- Donations (Madison, Bryan, Emerson, York)

The Madison PTA donated gym equipment and outdoor irrigation system \$5,053. Bryan’s 8th grade class is converting some outdoor space into an outdoor classroom, and the PTA donated \$2,500 toward this project. The Emerson PTA donated early reading leveled books and provided increased options for flexible seating for a total donation of \$5,125. Elmhurst Airborne donated \$5,000 to the York Girls’ Basketball program.

David Smith, Executive Director of Technology, was happy to report that “The Chromebook cost will actually be \$310, rather than \$325 as reported at the April 10 Board meeting. We ended up selecting a different Lenovo model, which was more competitively priced.”

The Board adopted the "Resolution of Appointment to DuPage Area Occupational Education System (DAOES) Board of Directors" which appoints Dr. Mark Cohen, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Growth, to serve as its representative for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board adopted the resolution appointing David Moyer as representative and Karen Stuefen as alternate to the SASSED Board of Control and Shannon Ebner as representative and Karen Stuefen as alternate to the SASSED Governing Board.

“We appreciate our relationship with the D205 Foundation and thank them for the 26 Thiems grants awarded in spring of 2018 in the amount of \$96,957. As always, we are extremely grateful for the work of the Foundation,” said Dr. Moyer.

“What a morale builder when the teachers get that boost. It’s a great program that continues year in and year out,” said Mr. McDonough. Karen Stuefen and Margaret Harrell also thanked the Foundation for its continued and innovative support of the students and staff of District 205.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

With one member missing, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the following items from closed session:

- Approval of Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations
- Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Reduction in Force and Recall of Educational Support Personnel

Beverly Redmond was named the new District 205 Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations, effective July 1, 2018. Ms. Redmond replaces Melea Smith, who will be retiring at the end of June following eight years of service in Elmhurst.

Bev’s extensive school PR experience includes seven years as the Director of School and Community Relations at two large, highly-ranked school districts in the Bloomington, Indiana area. She also worked as the Assistant Director of Human Resources for the 14th largest school corporation in Indiana for an additional seven years. She has founded two independent public relations ventures and has experience with crisis public relations and social media presence. She holds a BA in Communications, with specialization in radio and television from Ball State University and Purdue University, Calumet.

"Bev is a highly accomplished professional who will combine the ability to support a vision for communications in District 205 and provide leadership consistent with the District's vision as a member of the senior leadership team," said Dr. Moyer.

"I am relieved to find someone of Bev's ability to replace Ms. Smith, who has had a distinguished career in school communications. Bev has been integral in her two previous districts' successful passage of operating fund referendums, and has been a pillar of the communities in which she has served. She also has human resources experience and television, newspaper, and radio experience. Her eclectic background will serve us well as we continue to ensure that D205 is a 'National Leader in Future Ready Learning.'"

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

Future Focused Update

Executive Director of Communications Melea Smith reported that, based on feedback from the Community Advisory team and recent listening sessions, the D205 administration is working to create a presentation that will be shared with the Board of Education on May 8 and in public at the Future Focused meetings on the following dates and locations:

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, York Community High School
Monday, May 14, 2018, 7 – 9 PM, Churchville Middle School
Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 7 – 9 PM, Bryan Middle School
Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 7 – 9 PM, Sandburg Middle School

Each presentation will be the same in content; please mark your calendar for the date that best suits you and plan to join the conversation. All are welcome!

School-specific informational sessions are also planned as follows:

Monday, May 7, Jefferson - 8:30 AM
Monday, May 7, Fischer - 6:30 PM
Monday, May 14, Churchville 6:15 PM
Tuesday, May 15, Hawthorne - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 16, Jackson - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 23, Bryan 6:15 PM
Thursday, May 24, Emerson - 8:30 AM
Wednesday, May 30 Sandburg 6:15 PM

More information is available at www.elmhurst205/masterfacilityplan. She also reported that the new D205 annual report will be arriving in mailboxes soon.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Seven Freedom of Information Act requests were received:

- Two requesting information regarding specific maintenance work, which were granted.
- Two requesting information regarding School Resource Officers, which were granted.
- One requesting information on specific emails, which was granted.
- One requesting information on specific purchase orders, which was granted.
- One requesting information on specific email addresses, which was granted.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent evaluation by the Board will begin on May 21, followed by a session in June.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

May 8 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:30 PM – District 205 Center

May 22 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:30 PM – District 205 Center

June 19 - Board of Education Meeting – 7:30 PM – District 205 Center

NOTE: Video footage of all Board of Education regular meetings is usually posted on 205TV within 48-72 hours. Audio is posted within 24 hours at www.elmhurst205.org/Audio (please click on appropriate meeting date). Past editions of Board Highlights are posted/archived at www.elmhurst205.org/BOE_highlights.