

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Board Rooms 215, 216, & 217
at 126 S. York Street, Elmhurst, IL, DuPage County**

Call to Order: President Caforio called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board of Education	Present	Absent
Mrs. Kara Caforio - President	x	
Mr. Chris Kocinski – Vice- President	x	
Mrs. Courtenae Trautmann – Secretary	x	
Mrs. Athena Arvanitis	x	
Mr. James Collins		x
Mrs. Elizabeth Hosler	x	
Mrs. Karen Stuefen	x	

President Caforio stated there are 6 present and 1 absent board members, we have a quorum present.

Administration	Present	Absent
Dr. Keisha Campbell - Superintendent	x	
Mr. Scott Grens	x	
Mr. Luke Pavone	x	
Mrs. Beverly Redmond	x	
Mr. Kevin Rubenstein	x	
Mr. Chris Whelton	x	

Public Attendance: 24

Closed Session

President Caforio asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:02 p.m to discuss matters relating to The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; AND The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); AND The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6); AND Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21); AND added the following at the meeting, Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); AND Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 12/2(c)(8)

Mrs. Trautmann moved and Mrs. Hosler seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Kocinski, Mrs. Trautmann, Mrs. Steufen, Mrs. Arvanitis, Mrs. Hosler, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Collins was absent.

Reconvene to Open Session

President Caforio entertained a motion to reconvene to Open Session at 7:11 p.m. Mrs. Trautmann moved and Mrs. Caforio seconded the motion session. Voice Vote - the motion was declared and carried.

Pledge of Allegiance: Board members led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition

- Dr. Linda Yonke - Recognized for her service to the District as interim superintendent from the end of March through June. Mrs. Steufen read a proclamation thanking her for her service, along with other board members expressing the vital

role she played until a new superintendent transitioned into the role. Dr. Campbell conveyed her expression of support during her transition. Dr. Yonke expressed her "thank you" and indicated it was a privilege to serve the District.

- Boys Lacrosse Team – Mrs. Trautmann read the a proclamation honoring the York Lacrosse team for their accomplishment of playing in the state finals. Head Coach, Don Canfield, who was named Coach of the Year by the Illinois Boys Lacrosse Coaches Association thanked the Board for supporting athletics, along with thanking the parents, families, and coaches.

- Skills USA – Mrs. Avantis read the proclamation honoring Alex Faulk, York Industrial Technology student who earned a national medal at the National SkillsUSA conference and competition by placing 3rd in the Technical Drafting/CAD Competition. The faculty of Industrial Technology Department thanked the Board, Dr. Campbell and the all the community support.

Public Comments

Six guests provided public comment to the Board. There was up to 30-minutes allocated for public comments with up to three (3) minutes per public comment speaker concerning items on this agenda, as well as communication, petitions, reports from citizens or representatives of other public agencies.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- Approval of Regular Board Minutes: June 15, 2021
- Approval of Closed Session Minutes: June 15, 2021

President Caforio asked if there were any changes to minutes and hearing no changes, the minutes were declared to stand as presented.

Reports and Presentations

Fall 2021 School Opening

Dr. Campbell presented the Fall 2021 School Opening with the focus of: 1) Five Full Days of Instruction for All Students in All Schools; 2) Connection, Communication and Cultivating Positive Relationships Across the D205 School Community; and 3) Celebrate and Demonstrate the Strength & Pride in D205 Students, Staff and Schools. Dr. Campbell announced the upcoming launch of the Moving Forward Together microsite communication tool. Board members made remarks, and asked questions.

Tentative Budget FY22

Dr. Campbell introduced Mr. Whelton to present the tentative FY22 budget. The Funds are broken into Operating Funds (Education, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, IMRF, and Working Cash) and Non-Operating Funds (Debt Service and Capital Projects). The focus of the budget is on the Operating Funds because there is more discretion and these funds provide the core services of District 205. Once the Board adopts the tentative budget for 2021-22, the administration will place the budget on file for public display for a period of not less than 30 days prior to September 21, 2021. The administration will publish a Notice of Public Hearing on the 2021-22 budget to be held on September 21, 2021 at 7:00PM.

Facilities Update

Dr. Campbell introduced Mr. Schmidt to present the facilities update. Mr. Schmidt recapped the summer projects of new construction at Edison, demolition at Lincoln, renovation at the transition center and Emerson, along with significant summer projects at York. Additional details were provided on all the projects. The Board was interested in touring Edison ES.

Summer Programming Highlights

Dr. Campbell introduced Dr. Grens to provide to summer programming highlights. An expanded cohort of programming for our students was offered, which included: 1) Extended School Year Services; 2) K-8 Enrichment Program; 3) Project Lead the Way; 4) Summer School at York High School; 5) Summer Fine Arts; and 6) Summer Athletics. The District provided services to 2454 students and their families. Some of the programs are fee-based with the majority of them paid for through federal grant programs or through generous donations during the school year.

Consent Agenda Items

- Personnel Report
- Financial Reports
- Purchase Nearpod Platform for 21-24
- Purchase Securly Student Safety Platform for 21-22
- Elmhurst Eagles Youth Football Cash Donation for York Football Program

- 2nd Read Section 2: Board of Education, Policy Updates for 2:260; 2:265
- 2nd Read Section 5: Personnel, Policy Updates for 5:10; 5:20; 5:100
- 2nd Read Section 6: Instruction, Policy Updates for 6:60; 6:300
- 2nd Read Section 7: Students, Policy Updates for 7:10; 7:20; 7:180; 7:185; 7:190; 7:270; 7:325
- 2nd Read Section 8: School-Community Relations, Policy Updates for 8:110
- Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes
- Administrative Benefits
- Transition and Consulting Services with Dr. Yonke
- Acceptance and Posting of FY22 Tentative Budget

President Caforio asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: A. Personnel Report; B. Financial Reports; C. Purchase Nearpod Platform for 21-24; D. Purchase Securly Student Safety Platform for 21-22; E. Elmhurst Eagles Youth Football Cash Donation for York HS Football Program; F. 2nd Read Section 2: Board of Education, Policy Updates for 2:260, 2:265; G. 2nd Read Section 5: Personnel, Policy Updates for 5:10, 5:20, 5:100; H. 2nd Read Section 6: Instruction, Policy Updates for 6:60, 6:300; I. 2nd Read Section 7: Students, Policy Updates for 7:10, 7:20, 7:180, 7:185, 7:190, 7:270, 7:325; J. 2nd Read Section 8: School Community Relations, Policy Updates for 8:110; K. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes; L. Administrative Benefits; M. Transition & Consulting Services for Dr. Yonke; and N. Acceptance and Posting of FY22 Tentative Budget.

Mrs. Trautmann moved and Mr. Kocinski seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Steufen, Mr. Kocinski, Mrs. Arvanitis, Mrs. Hosler, Mrs. Trautmann, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carries. Mr. Collins was absent.

Action Item

- Approval of Executive Director of Technology: Dr. Campbell provided the Board with an overview of Mr. Gomez's background and experience. President Caforio asked for a motion to approve Rudy Gomez as the Executive Director of Technology with a base salary of \$140,000, and a start date of July 14, 2021. Mrs. Hosler moved and Mrs. Arvanitis seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Trautmann, Mrs. Hosler, Mrs. Arvanitis and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Mrs. Steufen and Mr. Kocinski abstained. Motion carries. Mr. Collins was absent.
- Action on Settlement Agreement & General Release: President Caforio asked for a motion to adopt the Settlement Agreement and General Release in Case # 20 CV 2961. Mrs. Hosler moved and Mrs. Steufen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Arvanitis, Mrs. Steufen, Mrs. Trautmann, Mr. Kocinski, Mrs. Hosler, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carries. Mr. Collins was absent.
- Approval of the Second Amendment to the 2019 Comprehensive Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst School District 205: President Caforio asked for a motion to approve the Second Amendment to the 2019 Comprehensive Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst School District 205, substantially in the form presented by the Board President, with the completion of the easement and the property transfer documents in the forms approved by the Board's attorneys and the legal descriptions for such documents in the form approved by the District's architects, engineers and surveyors, and to authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the Agreement and the foregoing documents after approval of the Agreement by the City. Mr. Kocinski moved and Mrs. Hosler seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Hosler, Mrs. Steufen, Mr. Kocinski, Mrs. Trautmann, Mrs. Arvanitis, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carries. Mr. Collins was absent.

Superintendent's Communication

- FOIA - Freedom of Information Act Requests: Dr. Campbell report the following FOIA requests, 1) Bid request, not in possession of records; 2) Student enrollment, granted; and 3) Staff resignation, granted.
- Social Media Highlights: Mrs. Redmond highlighted some social media posts, which encompasses many social media platforms.

Board Communications

Mrs. Caforio asked Dr. Campbell to highlight our new Lincoln principal, Ms. Kalissa Smith, which was included in the Personnel Report. Dr. Campbell and Board congratulated and welcomed our new principal.

Upcoming Meetings (anticipating special BOE meeting in a few weeks)

- August 10, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - District 205 Center, Rooms 215, 216, and 217
President Caforio indicated that due to a Special BOE meeting at the end of July, the August 10 BOE meeting will most likely be canceled.
- August 24, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - District 205 Center, Rooms 215, 216, and 217

Adjournment - End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

We certify this document as the correct minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Elmhurst CUSD 205 Board of Education held on July 13, 2021.



Kara Caforio - President



Courtenae Trautmann - Secretary