

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on
October 12, 2021 at 7:00 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 5:17 p.m.

Board of Education	Present	Absent
Mrs. Kara Caforio - President	x	
Mr. Chris Kocinski – Vice- President	x	
Mrs. Courtenae Trautmann – Secretary		X (present @ 7:15)
Mrs. Athena Arvanitis	x	
Mr. James Collins	x	
Mrs. Elizabeth Hosler	x	
Mrs. Karen Stuefen	x	

President Caforio stated there are 6 board members present, 1 absent when meeting called to order at 5:17 p.m., a quorum is present.

Administration	Present	Absent
Dr. Keisha Campbell - Superintendent	x	
Mr. Rudy Gomez	x	
Mr. Scott Grens	x	
Mr. Luke Pavone	x	
Mr. Kevin Rubenstein	x	
Mr. Chris Whelton	x	

Public Attendance: 13 members of the public attended the board meeting.

Closed Session

President Caforio asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session at 5:20 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 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 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 placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10); 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)

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

Reconvene to Open Session

President Caforio asked for a motion to reconvene to Open Session at 7:15 p.m. Mrs. Arvanitis moved and Mrs. Stuefen 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.

Spotlight/Recognition

Sandburg MS Extra Curricular Spotlight

Sandburg principal, Mrs. Fehrenbacher, celebrated the extra-curricular students of Cross-Country and Student Club. The cross-country conference met. was represented by 120 Sandburg students, with the overall 1st Place conference winners being recognized at the board meeting, 8th grader - Allison Kocinski and 7th grader - Grant Hickman. The students were applauded and congratulated by each of the board members. The next Sandburg celebration recognized 7th grader, Samantha Koerth, for a club proposal to engage the school community in education and awareness opportunities. The month of September celebrated Hispanic Heritage and the month of October celebrates Disability and Mental Health Awareness.

Dr. Grens added that at each board meeting, there will be a spotlight opportunity to Celebrate the Strength and to Demonstrate Pride in D205 Students, Staff and School, which is one of our district goals!

York Podcast Spotlight

Dr. Grens presented the York podcast spotlight. York TV was a recipient of a \$900 grant from the Illinois Press Foundation and the Illinois Farm Bureau to purchase updated professional podcasting equipment, which will be used by our journalism and broadcasting students. York students launched the first ever student podcast called, "In the Halls", along with an administration podcast called, "Duke Cast", which launched earlier this year. Both can be downloaded on Spotify or York's webpage at Thisisyork.org/

On behalf of the board, Mr. Kocinski recognized our school principals to show the Board's gratitude and appreciation for all they do especially for October Principal Appreciation month.

Public Comments

2 guests provided public comment to the Board regarding York social studies curriculum, questions on MAP, and congratulatory remarks about students being in school. 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: September 15, 2021; September 21, 2021

Approval of Closed Session Minutes: July 13, 2021; July 28, 2021; September 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

Student Growth and Achievement Highlights

Dr. Grens provided upcoming plans for additional information on student growth and achievement highlights for upcoming board meetings, such as: October 26, Results from State and National Assessments; and November 16, Growth, Comparisons, Indicators, and School Improvement Plans. The reading and math MAP fall testing window closed at the end of September and was administered to kindergarten – 8th grade students. This is just one student measurement and is an adaptive assessment. Dr. Rubenstein continued with presenting student performance and stated D205 is just beginning to use the comprehensive MAP data system. The district used this comprehensive data in the past and is now expanding the use of the information more often, to include fall, winter, and spring assessment data. The key takeaways of the initial review of the data uses the following performance indicators: 1) Performance of students in reading and math compared to national norms; 2) Percentage of Students performing above the 90th Percentile or below the 10th percentile by grade level; 3) Percentage of students achieving in the average or above average range in reading and math; and 4) Percentage of students in expected growth range in reading and math.

The Board commented that it's good to see the data, happy about moving MAP to three times per year for good consistency to measure growth, wondering about resource allocations, and looking forward to additional data. Dr. Campbell added that she's appreciative of what's happening in our schools to be able to assess our strengths and opportunities but stress this is only one data point. She's also appreciative of the team taking the time to understand and know that this is one of many conversations in our continuous improvement process.

Update of 2021 Summer Capital Maintenance Facilities Projects and Preview 2022 Summer Capital Maintenance Facilities Projects

Mr. Schmidt reviewed the status and budget for the 2021 summer capital facilities maintenance projects, which include: York pool boiler and locker room AHU replacement; York gymnasium area roof replacement; York field turf over city water detention; Hawthorne gym floor replacement/Painting; District wide flooring replacement; Emerson/Hawthorne Cafe table replacement; York Lighting upgrade; 4th grade furniture replacement and some miscellaneous projects. Mr. Schmidt continued with providing budget information on the 2022 summer capital facilities maintenance projects, which include: Hawthorne paving replacement; Jefferson playground surfacing; Replace Churchville gym floor; York fieldhouse roof replacement; Emerson roof replacement; York Library renovation; District wide flooring replacement; York restroom renovation; Jackson cafe table replacement; Replace stadium scoreboard; and some miscellaneous projects. The Board wondered what the renovation of the York library will entail and Mr. Schmidt stated it will include incubator space.

2022-2023 Course Proposals

Dr. Grens presented information to add wind ensemble at York High School, which would create a capstone opportunity in the course of study for the York Band Program. This would provide an extremely rigorous performance opportunity for advanced band students. This course would require the shifting of an existing teacher assigned to Concert Band to the new Wind Ensemble program. Dr. Grens provided course programming clarification stating that D205 offers strong course of study for students and a variety of academic course electives for students in grades 6-12. The offering of elective courses, programs, and the format of course offerings and sections (e.g. traditional, blended, etc.) is dependent upon the design of the course of study and student interest during the registration process. If student interest is limited, it may lead to the cancellation of a course/program. Should there be limited interest that leads to the cancellation of an elective course, every effort will be made for students to receive their top preferences for other courses during the scheduling process.

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Instrument Donation

President Caforio asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: A. Personnel Report and B. Instrument Donation. Mrs. Hosler moved and Mr. Kockinski seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Hosler, Mr. Kocinski, Mrs. Stuefen, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Arvanitis, Mrs. Trautmann, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carries.

Action Item

Approve Demographic Study

Mr. Whelton stated that he and Mr. Collins interviewed three providers of demographic study. Mr. Collins indicated that Cropper will not only pull live birth data but also review Zillow home sales. The report would be presented in January. Board members asked when the last demographic study was completed and who provided the study. Mr. Whelton indicated the last study was completed in 2014 and was Cropper GIS Consulting.

President Caforio asked for a motion to authorize the administration to contract with Cropper GIS Consulting to perform a demographic study. The cost of the demographic study is \$20,000. Mrs. Trautmann moved and Mrs. Hosler seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Trautmann, Mrs. Hosler, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Arvanitis, Mrs. Steufen, Mr. Kocinski, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carries.

Superintendent's Communication

SY 21-22 Moving Forward Together Update and COVID Metrics:

Dr. Campbell stated that updates to the Forward Together microsite continue to be made, usually on Friday. Updated information has been added on what to do if students have symptoms, added some clarification on close contact on district provided transportation, and a lot more detail on ventilation such as air turnover rates and filtration. Beginning the week of September 20, 2021, adults who work in schools were required to either be vaccinated or present a negative COVID test each week. Over 91% of our staff have provided proof of vaccination with more staff in the process of getting vaccinated. On October 20, 2021, D205 will host a

webinar with a panel of medical doctors regarding vaccinations for school aged children. On October 5, 2021, the District's testing partner, North Shore Clinical, began onsite PCR testing twice per week for our unvaccinated staff. Dr. Campbell also provided information on testing for symptomatic students and voluntary testing for students. The Board commented on the win for quarantining fewer students, to continued to use data to ensure quarantining as few students as safely as possible, and thanked the team and nurses in helping parents to navigate the process.

Social Media Highlights: Mr. Gomez highlighted some social media posts, from different social media platforms that included Science Olympiad at Jefferson ES, York HS homecoming, Madison school's fall/winter clothing distribution event with special THANKS to Warm Coats for Kool Kids, Elmhurst Junior Women's Club, We Pop Up, and York Cross Country team for doing a food and household items pop up and finally, Field's ES kindergarten teacher Kristina Heckinger.

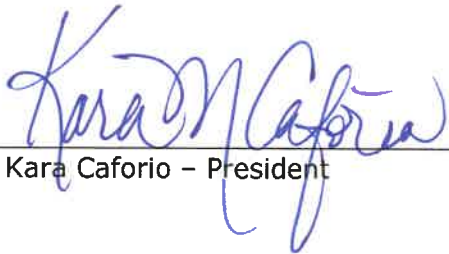
Board Communications: There was no specific communications shares.

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

October 26, 2021 Regular Board of Education Mtg., 7:00 p.m.-District 205 Center, Rooms 215, 216 & 217
November 16, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.-District 205 Center, Rms 215, 216 & 217

Adjournment - End of Meeting: The meeting adjourned at 9:23 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 October 12, 2021, 2021.



Kara Caforio - President



Courtenae Trautmann - Secretary