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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary  
Monday, October 28, 2024 | Yorkville High School Library

**Meeting Highlights:**

**Public Comments:**

- Two members of the public voiced their opinions during the public comment portion of the board meeting. The comments pertained to the book Just Mercy and the tennis court construction project.

**Heart of the Fox Recognition - Grande Reserve Elementary School:**

- Michele Breyne, GRES Principal, introduced a video by sharing remarks regarding the history of GRES, the increase in enrollment, and overall growth. The video highlighted students' and staff's greatest memories and thoughts on why GRES is so special.

**Superintendent Communication:**

- Superintendent Dr. Matt Zediker deferred his time to Tim Dutton, Humanex Representative, to present the Humanex survey results that the district participated in. The presentation showed how Humanex measures culture through the “You”, Team, Leader, and Organization process, how they use the Likert Scale (1-5), the process of the culture survey, various dimensions, and the 3x3 culture snapshot. Mr. Dutton also shared that the district had 72% participation. Click the following link to see the presentation slides: [Humanex Survey](#)

**Consent Agenda:**

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
  - Approved minutes from the September 23, 2024 Budget Hearing
  - September 23, 2024, Board of Education Meeting
  - September 23, 2024, Executive Session
  - October 7, 2024 Committee Meeting
  - Activities Fund Report for September 2024
  - Bills and Claims for September 2024 in the amount of \$1,284,920.60
  - Bills and Claims for October 2024 in the amount of \$3,864,225.66

- Destroy the December 12, 2022, Executive Session minutes
- The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Treasurer Report for September 2024 regarding the following: Investment summary for the month end of September 2024, Taxes Received, Outstanding State Payments, September 2024 Transition Fees, GRES Transition fees for September 2024, and Revenue Expended in September 2024. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights:
  - Local revenues are at \$2.05M of the \$6.1M budgeted (33%)
  - Investments income is \$729K of the \$3.1M budgeted (23.5%)
  - State funds are at \$6.04M of the \$35.5M budgeted (17%)
  - Federal Funds are at \$1.4M of the \$3.8M budgeted (37%)
  - FY25 Net Position for Fund 12: \$3,734,718
- The Treasurer Report was approved as presented.

#### **Personnel Recommendations:**

- Personnel Report
  - No discussion
- The Personnel Recommendations were approved as presented.

#### **New Business:**

- Purchasing Cooperatives
  - The district requested approval of the resolutions, agreement, or membership form authorizing the district to utilize Sourcewell, TIPPS, Choice Partners, and Omnia as purchasing cooperatives. Purchasing cooperatives are organizations that leverage the collective buying power of their members (schools, municipalities, and other public entities) to negotiate discounted pricing with vendors. This allows members to access competitive prices on various goods and services while streamlining the procurement process. The motion was approved as presented.

#### **Old Business:**

- Increase of Paraprofessional Support - Yorkville Grade School
  - The district requested approval for a 1.0 FTE paraprofessional to support the needs of the Yorkville Grade School Kindergarten students who require services and support via the special education STARS program. The additional request for paraprofessional support is required to meet the needs of the students when receiving instruction in the general education setting, including elective classes. This position will support both classrooms. The motion was approved as presented.
- Yorkville High School Music Department Travel Proposal
  - The district requested approval for a travel proposal submitted by the Yorkville High School Music Department. Interested band, choir, and orchestra students could travel to New York, New York, from after school on Thursday, March 20, through Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Students would perform at American Dream

and the Cathedral of St. John, engage in clinics led by Broadway musicians, attend Broadway and Off-Broadway productions, and visit other attractions in NYC. Board Policy 6:240: Field Trips and Recreational Class Trips indicates that prior Board of Education approval is necessary for field trips beyond a 200-mile radius of the school or extending overnight. The motion was approved as presented.

- Minivan Purchase

- The district requested approval to purchase a minivan for the Student Services Department. The Student Services Department has received approval from the Illinois State Board of Education to use American Rescue Plan IDEA Part B funds to purchase a minivan. The motion was approved as presented.

- Tentative Tax Levy

- The district requested approval on the 2024 Tentative Tax Levy. In the FY25 budget, local property taxes account for 62% of planned operating revenues. Taxing bodies, including school districts, must levy taxes from their community taxpayers. The levy process includes the following steps:
  - The administration evaluates its operating tax revenue needs on a fund-by-fund basis. The Board tentatively accepts these determinations, most typically in November. These estimates are presented publicly at least 20 days before the formal adoption of the levy.
  - If the total operating levy increases by 5% or more over the previous year, the Board must hold a public hearing for the community to provide input. Public notice of this hearing must appear not more than 14 and not less than 7 days before the hearing's date.
  - The Board adopts the final tax levy calculations, which are filed with the County Clerks by the final Tuesday of the calendar year.
  - In the spring of 2025, prior to tax bills being issued, the counties finalize data and issue tax extensions, which are typically lower than the amounts levied provided the district levied sufficiently to capture all new property assessments.

The motion was approved as presented.

- Demographer Service Contract

- The district requested approval of the recommendation for demographer services to RSP and Associates. The district requires comprehensive demographic services to support the facility master planning, including enrollment analysis, building utilization, and capacity analysis. RSP and Associates submitted a competitive proposal outlining the scope of work and costs. RSP and Associates has extensive experience in demographic services for school districts and provided positive references from area school districts. The motion was approved as presented.

- Tennis Court Project Budget

- The district requested approval of the budget for the tennis court project. Ms. DiVerde, Executive Director of Facility Operations, gave an update on the tennis court project. The tennis court project will begin this fall with a targeted completion date of the end of March 2025. The budgeted cost for this project will be approximately \$1,638,550.00. This budget includes all architectural design fees, construction, nets, bleachers, fencing, and storage. This amount does not include lighting. Mr. Yodelis, Director of Facility Operations, is meeting with an electrical engineer and Comed to map out what is needed and to order a transformer to provide electricity to the tennis courts. This is a capital project, and the district will use funds from the 2025 fiscal year. The motion was approved as presented.
  - Board Policy Updates
    - The district requested the adoption of the following policies:
      - Section 2 - School Board**  
2.260 - Uniform Grievance Procedure; 2.265 - Title IX Grievance Procedure
      - Section 5 - Professional Personnel**  
5.100 - Staff Development Program
      - Section 7 - Students**  
7.20 - Harassment of Students Prohibited; and 7.185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- The motion was approved as presented.

The regular Board of Education meeting adjourned.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- The Board of Education Committee Meeting is Monday, November 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Administration Center (800 Game Farm Road)
- The Regular Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. will be at the Yorkville High School Library (797 Game Farm Road).