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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary
Monday, May 20, 2024 | Yorkville High School Library

Meeting Highlights:

Heart of the Fox Recognition - Early Childhood Center:

- Cory Mehnert, Early Childhood Center Principal, introduced a slideshow video showcasing the students, teachers, and activities the school participated in throughout the year. The students sang three songs for the Board of Education.

Heart of the Fox Recognition - Yorkville Transition Program:

- Michelle Bodi, Yorkville Transition Program Coordinator, introduced a video showcasing students in the program and provided dog treats to the board members that the students have created within their work program.

Recognition:

- Retirees
 - Darren Crawford, Board President, recognized the following staff members who will be retiring at the end of the school year: Julie Peffley, Laurene St. Germain, and Jill Pfingston.

Public Comments:

- One member of the public voiced their opinion during the public comment portion of the board meeting. Comments pertained to the Y115 curriculum and the book Just Mercy.

Committee Reports:

- *Learning & Instruction* - Dr. Shawn Schumacher, Board Secretary, reported that the committee discussed the Grades 6-8 English Language Arts Resource Adoption, Yorkville High School Instructional Resources, and the Yorkville High School Course Updates for 2025-26.
- *Personnel* - Dr. Nick Baughman, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources and Business Services, reported that the committee discussed the YHS Counselor and Attendance Proposal and the 2024-2025 Staffing Requests.

- *Finance & Infrastructure* - Mike Houston, Board Member, reported that the committee discussed the FY2025 Budget Calendar, budget amendment, approval of the Autumn Creek Elementary School playground, sealcoating and striping contract extension 2024, and the Kendall County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update.
- *Community Outreach* - Leslie Smogor, Board Member, reported that the committee did not meet.
- *Policy* - Jason Demas, Board Vice President, reported that the committee discussed board policy updates.

Consent Agenda:

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
 - Approved minutes from the April 22, 2024 Board of Education Meeting
 - April 22, 2024, Executive Session
 - May 6, 2024 Committee Meeting
 - May 8, 2024, Executive Session
 - Activities Fund Report for May 2024
 - Bills and Claims for April 2024 in the amount of \$82,245.16
 - Bills and Claims for May 2024 in the amount of \$2,878,695.13
 - Destroy the May 9, 2022, and May 23, 2022, Executive Session minutes
 - 4 FOIA requests
- The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Treasurer Report:

- Kreg Wesley, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, presented the Treasurer Report for May 2024 regarding the following: Investment summary for the month end of April 2024, Insurance Fund Statement for April 2024, Treasurer Report for April 2024, Taxes Received, Outstanding State Payments, April 2024 Transition Fees, GRES Transition fees for April 2024, and Revenue Expended in April 2024. Mr. Wesley also shared that the district is now 10/12 through the fiscal year, and revenues and expenditures are tracking and targeting 83%. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights:
 - Local revenues are at \$38M of the \$74M budgeted (50%).
 - Investments are at \$1.73M of the \$1.7M budgeted (135%).
 - State funds are at \$27M of the \$31M budgeted (87%)
 - Federal Funds are at \$5.1M of \$5.2M budgeted (99.8%)
 - New growth in the community showed 27 permits in April 2024. 10 in GRES
 - Fund 12 - Self-insurance shows an improved Net Position Change of \$1,165,740 when comparing FY23 - FY24.
- The Treasurer Report was approved as presented.

Personnel Recommendations:

- The following Personnel Recommendations were presented:
 - 11 co-curricular hires

- Five transfers
- 22 hires
- Eight resignations
- One leave of absence
- The Personnel Recommendations were approved as presented.

New Business:

- Abatement of Working Cash Fund
 - The Board of Education was asked to vote on a budget amendment after the public hearing on June 24, 2024. In FY25, they may also reimburse Fund 70-Working Cash through the Tax Levy, Budget Transfer, or Evidence-Based Funding. The motion was approved as presented.
- Network Installation and Redesign Technical Support Request
 - The district requested approval for the network upgrade for the summer of 2024 to include a wide-scale network architecture review and redesign. This proposal will also include maintenance of existing network gear installations to support better identification and remediation of network issues at the level of physical equipment. The motion was approved as presented.
- HUMANeX Ventures Proposal
 - The district requested approval to partner with HUMANeX Ventures over the next three years in the areas of Leadership Professional Development and Climate and Culture Assessments. The motion was approved as presented.

Old Business:

- Grades 6-8 ELA Resource Adoption
 - The English Language Arts Subject Area Committee (ELS SAC) requested that the HMH Into Literature curriculum resources be adopted for a six-year contract. The curriculum will be displayed for public review and brought for formal approval in June. The motion was approved as presented.
- Yorkville High School Instructional Resources
 - The district requested instructional resource proposals for their annual content area work. Recommended resources are as follows:
 - German I:** InterKulturell (1st edition)
 - Spanish I:** Mundo Real (2nd edition)
 - Health:** Glencoe Health
 - Physics:** Conceptual Physics, 13th Edition
 - Advanced Placement Environmental Science:** Environmental Science for the AP® Course (4th edition)
 - Advanced Placement Literature & Composition:** Literature & Composition: Essential Voices, Essential Skills for the AP® Course (3rd edition)
 The resources will be displayed for public review and brought for formal approval in June. The motion was approved as presented.
- Yorkville High School Course Updates for 2025-2026

- The district requests the following Yorkville High School course updates for 2025-26 as part of their annual content area work. Proposed updates include the following:
 - New course proposals (traditional or blended):** AP Research (blended)
 - Course name changes:** From PLTW: Engineering Design and Development to PLTW Capstone.
 - Archiving courses (removing from course catalog):** Adventure Literature, British Literature, English I Blended, College Math 101, Honors Precalculus, Bio Med, Advanced Biology
 - Reinstatement of archived course:** Advanced Placement Computer Science A; Medical Interventions and Biomedical Innovations shift to one semester each in duration; Anatomy & Physiology shifts from one semester to a full year; and Guitar II- Remove blended component.

The motion was approved as presented.
- YHS Counselor and Attendance Proposal
 - The district proposed a Student Service Department restructuring that included the addition of a 1.0 FTE Guidance Counselor and an additional 1.0 FTE Attendance Interventionist. The motion was approved as presented.
- 2024-2025 Staffing Requests
 - The district requested the following staffing recommendations:
 - **Learning and Instruction** - 1.0 FTE Instructional Technology Specialist.
 - **Student Services** - 1.0 LBS1 to meet the needs of Grande Reserve Elementary School.
 - **Early Childhood** - 2.0 FTE to support the early childhood program. The FTE requests consist of the following: 0.5 FTE Assessment Team Facilitator, 0.5 FTE Student Service Coordinator, 0.5 FTE Preschool for All Coach, and 0.5 FTE Parent Liaison.
- Annual Property Insurance Renewal
 - Kreg Wesley, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, recommended the Property Casualty Insurance Contracts to ISDA (Illinois School District Agency) and the Workers' Compensation Insurance Contract to WCSIT (Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust). The motion was approved as presented.
- FY2025 Budget Calendar
 - At the May 6, 2024, Board of Education Committee meeting, Kreg Wesley, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, proposed the following budget calendar highlight schedule:
 - Preliminary budget presentation on June 24, 2024.
 - Tentative budget presentation on August 5, 2024.
 - Final Budget will be shown on September 23, 2024.
 - The motion was approved as presented.
- Budget Amendment
 - The district proposed a budget amendment authorizing the abatement of a portion of the Working Cash Fund and a transfer from the Education Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. The proposed amended budget will be available for viewing from Tuesday, May 21, through Monday, June 24, 2024. The motion was approved as presented.

- Approval of Autumn Creek Elementary Playground
 - The district requested that the playground structure at Autumn Creek Elementary School (ACES) be replaced. Along with the new equipment, the district has also decided to install pour-in-place rubber flooring under the new playground structure. The motion was approved as presented.
- Sealcoating and Striping Contract Extension 2024
 - The district requested renewing the sealcoating and striping contract for the 2024-2025 school year with Denler, Inc. The contract extension is possible provided costs are not raised by more than the applicable “Consumer Price Index (CPI). The motion was approved as presented.
- Kendall County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption
 - Heather DiVerde, Director of Facility Operations, recommended that District 115 become eligible to apply for and receive federal hazard mitigation funds through the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Kendall County, should there ever be damage to district-owned property from natural or man-made hazards. The motion was approved as presented.
- Amendment to Sublease for the City
 - As a follow-up on the District's lease of Bristol Township property and the recent Board-approved sublease of this property to the United City of Yorkville, which grants access to the property for the completion of the well project, the district recommends the Board approve the amendment to the lease. This document will serve as formal approval of the sublease with the City. This amendment was prepared in conjunction with the Township's counsel, and its purpose is to protect the District. The motion was approved as presented.
- Board Policy Adoptions
 - The district requested the adoption of the following policies:
 - Section 2 - School Board**
2.40 Board Member Qualifications; 2.50 Board Member Term of Office; 2.60 Board Member Removal from Office; 2.140 Communications To and From the Board; 2.140-E Exhibit - Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use; 2.260 Uniform Grievance Procedure; 2.265 Title IX Grievance Procedure; 2.270 Discrimination and Harassment of the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited.
 - Section 4 - Operational Services**
4.20 - Fund Balances; 4.110 – Transportation.
 - Section 5 - Professional Personnel**
5.10 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5.20 - Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5.35 - Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act; 5.40 - Communicable and Chronic Infections Disease; 5.100 - Staff Development Program; 5.300 - Schedules and Employment Year.
 - Section 6 - Instruction**
6.40 - Curriculum Development; 6.60 - Curriculum Content; 6.185 - Remote Education Program.
 - Section 7 - Students**
7.10 - Equal Educational Opportunities; 7.10-E Exhibit - Equal Educational Opportunities Within the School Community; 7.20 - Harassment of Student

Prohibited; and 7.180 - Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.

The motion was approved as presented.

Superintendent Communication:

- Dr. Tim Kilrea, Interim Superintendent, recognized Dr. David Travis, Yorkville High School Principal, and his team for their amazing job executing the Class of 2024 graduation ceremony. Dr. Jim Gay, Interim Superintendent, wished staff members good luck as they complete the school year as it is fast approaching.

The regular Board of Education meeting adjourned, and a motion was approved to move into Executive Session. There was no action as a result of the closed session.

Upcoming meetings:

- The Board of Education Committee Meeting is Monday, June 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Administration Center (800 Game Farm Road)
- The Regular Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. will be at the Yorkville High School Library (797 Game Farm Road).