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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary Monday, February 26, 2024 | Yorkville High School Library

Meeting Highlights:

Heart of the Fox Recognition - Yorkville Intermediate School:

- Zach Weber, Yorkville Intermediate School Principal, introduced a video showcasing school culture and various school programs, including Building Thinking Classrooms (BTC), Project Based Learning (PBL), and STARS Buddies. The video was produced and edited by students, and those in attendance were introduced by Mr. Weber.

Heart of the Fox Recognition - Yorkville Middle School:

- Bryan Buck, Yorkville Middle School Principal, introduced a video showcasing the clubs, sports, and activities students are involved with throughout the school. The video included interviews of students talking about how being involved in school creates bonds, friendships, leadership skills, and builds confidence.

Public Comments:

- Three members of the public voiced their opinions during the public comment portion of the board meeting. Comments pertained to the book *Just Mercy*, and the Learning and Grading plan.

Committee Reports:

- *Learning & Instruction* - Dr. Shawn Schumacher, Board Secretary, reported that the committee discussed the K-5 English Language Arts and Spanish Language Arts resource proposal, the summer of 2024 programs, the Library Media Programs policy, the amended school calendar, and the Learning and Grading plan.
- *Personnel* - Mike Knoll, Board Member, reported that the committee discussed the Aurora University Cohort program regarding the opportunity for teachers to gain an English Learning endorsement through the Teacher Vacancy Grant.
- *Finance & Infrastructure* - Mike Houston, Board Member, reported that the committee discussed the Health and Life Safety inspection performed by the Regional Office of Education and the Bristol Kendall Fire Protection District.

- *Community Outreach* - Leslie Smogor, Board Member, reported that the committee discussed the new Synergy Student Information System program and communication awareness campaign, a welcome kit for new families, a new mass communication platform, and the unveiling of a new school mascot - Rowdy the Fox.
- *Policy* - Wayland Middendorf, Board Member, reported that the committee will continue to review policies provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Consent Agenda:

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
 - Approved minutes from the January 22, 2024 Board of Education Meeting
 - January 22, 2024 Executive Session
 - January 29, 2024 Special Meeting
 - January 29, 2024 E-Learning Public Hearing
 - February 12, 2024 Committee Meeting
 - February 12, 2024 Executive Session
 - Activities Fund Report for February 2024
 - Bills and Claims for January 2024 in the amount of \$1,244,657.99
 - Bills and Claims for February 2024 in the amount of \$4,031,734.45
 - 13 FOIA requests
- The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Treasurer Report:

- Kreg Wesley, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, presented the Treasurer Report for February 2024 regarding the following: Unaudited Financial Data for January 2024 - Operating expenses - Education, O&M, Transportation, Working Cash, IMRF/SS, and Tort. Mr. Wesley also shared that the district is now 7/12 through the fiscal year, and revenues and expenditures are tracking are targeting 58%. As the district is keeping a watchful eye on current inflation and housing costs, Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights:
 - Local revenues are at \$34M of the \$74M budgeted (46%).
 - Investments are at \$940K of the \$1.7M budgeted (54%).
 - State funds are at \$18.5M of the \$31M budgeted (59%)
 - Federal Funds are at \$2.6M of \$5.2M budgeted (51%)
 - New growth in the community showed 18 permits in January 2024.
 - Fund 12 - Self-insurance shows an improved Net Position Change of \$707,913 when comparing FY23 - FY24.
- The Treasurer Report was approved as presented.

Personnel Recommendations:

- The following Personnel Recommendations were presented:
 - Two co-curricular resignations
 - Four co-curricular hires
 - Six classified hires
 - Four certified hires
 - Six overloads
 - Three resignations

- Two retirements
- Two transfers
- The Personnel Recommendations were approved as presented.

New Business:

- Yorkville High School Early Graduation Appeal
 - A motion was made by the Yorkville High School Administration to approve a student appeal for early graduation upon successful completion of their sixth semester of high school. The motion to approve the Yorkville High School early graduation was approved as presented.
- Yorkville High School Class of 2024 Early Graduates
 - A motion was made to approve 38 members of the Class of 2024 for early graduation. The motion was approved as presented.

Old Business:

- Synergy Student Information System Update and Communication Campaign
 - Brent Edwards, Director of Communications, and Don Ringlestein, Executive Director of Technology, provided an update on the Central Registration progress, Synergy data migration, and Synergy awareness campaign. Mr. Ringlestein recognized the Student Information System team, along with Stephanie Dempsey, Innovation Project Manager, and Cathy Anderson, Superintendent Administrative Assistant, for all their dedication to the project.
- Policy Update: 6:230 Library Media Programs
 - A motion was made to adopt the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights and place Policy 6:230 Library Media Program on review. The motion was approved as presented.
- Kindergarten - Grade 5 English Language Arts / Spanish Language Arts Curriculum Resource Proposal
 - The Learning and Instruction Committee reviewed Benchmark Advance and Benchmark Adelante for Kindergarten-Grade 5, including both monolingual and Dual Language classes, and made a motion to place the Benchmark Advance and Benchmark Adelante curricular resources on display. The motion was approved as presented.
- Summer 2024 Program Proposal
 - A motion was made to approve the following proposed 2024 summer programs:
 - Early Childhood Extended School Year
 - Elementary Extended School Year
 - Middle School/High School Extended School Year
 - Transition Program Extended School Year
 - Yorkville High School Summer School
 - Elementary Summer Experience
 - Middle School Summer Experience
 - Dual Language Summer Experience
 - Camp Acceleration
 - Camp Imagination
 - Kindergarten Dual Language Jump Start

- Transition Jumpstart.
 - The Summer 2024 Programs were approved as presented.
- Amended 2023-2024 School Calendar
 - Due to January 9, 12, and 16, 2024, being taken as emergency days for weather-related reasons, District Administration recommended that the April 26 Teacher Institute Day be reclassified as a student attendance day. The motion to approve the amended 2023-2024 school calendar was approved as presented.
- 2024-2025 Parent-Student Handbook
 - After each school provided parents/guardians with an opportunity to review the draft handbook and offer suggestions, and after undergoing a legal counsel review for legal language and edits, the 2024-2025 Parent-Student Handbook was presented to the board for approval. The 2024-2025 Parent-Student Handbook was approved as presented.
- English Learner Cohort - Memorandum of Understanding
 - Utilizing the Teacher Vacancy Grant funding, the district has partnered with Aurora University to create two D115 English Learner cohorts. To facilitate this opportunity, the board will need to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Yorkville Education Association. The motion to approve the MOU was passed as presented.
- Health and Life Safety Inspection Results
 - Heather DiVerde, Director of Facility Operations, discussed the procedures and results from an inspection conducted by the Regional Office of Education and the Bristol Kendall Fire Protection District during the February 12, 2024, Finance and Infrastructure Committee meeting. There was no further discussion. The results of the Health and Life Safety Inspection were approved as presented.

Superintendent Communication:

- Dr. Tim Kilrea, Interim Superintendent, and Dr. Jim Gay, Interim Superintendent, shared important dates for March 2024 and April 2024.
 - March dates included:
 - Spring Break (March 25 - April 1, 2024),
 - The 5Essentials Parent Survey will close on Friday, March 29, 2024.
 - Kindergarten Registration is scheduled for March 14, 2024
 - April dates included:
 - No School April 1, 2024
 - The Board of Education Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024
 - The regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2024.

The regular Board of Education meeting adjourned and a motion was made to move into Executive Session. The motion was approved as presented. There was no action taken after the Executive Session.

Upcoming meetings:

- The Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Administration Center (800 Game Farm Road).
- The Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Yorkville High School Library.