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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary  
Monday, March 18, 2024 | Yorkville High School Library

**Meeting Highlights:**

**Heart of the Fox Recognition - Bristol Grade School:**

- Victor Perez, Bristol Grade School Principal, introduced a video showcasing what it means to be caught Being Bristol. The video highlighted students talking about being safe, respectful, and responsible, which are the traits needed to be Bristol.

**Recognition:**

- The following students were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments:
  - National Merit Scholarship Program
    - Thomas Scott
  - All-State Speech
    - Lily Smogor, 4th Place in IHSA State in Extemporaneous Speaking
  - All-State Musicians
    - Hayden Rutherford - 3rd place electronic remix composition
    - Jayden Blair - All-State Band
    - Jasmine Doyle - All-State Honors Band
    - Mason Madej - All-State Honors Band
    - Kelsey McGregor - All-State Honors Band
    - Danny Mokolke - All-State Honors Orchestra
    - Liam O'Connor - All-State Honors Band
    - Ellis Olson - All-State Honors Orchestra
    - Felipe Pulgarin-Rendon - All-State Honors Band
    - Sophia Schuster - All-State Honors Band
  - IHSA All-State Academic Team Nominees
    - Dominic Vashkelis-Benson, IHSA All-State Academic Team Honorable Mention
    - Allegra Triner, IHSA All-State Academic Team First Team Member
  - Girls Wrestling All-State
    - Yami Aguirre, 4th Place in IHSA State in Girls Wrestling
  - Varsity Boys Wrestling Team, 2nd Place in IHSA State Class 3A

- LJ Petty
  - Landon Jenkins
  - Josh Stockl
  - Daniel Martino
  - Van Rosauer
  - Owen Middleton
  - Donncha Souza
  - Xavion Ulloa
  - Ramsey Barton
  - Caleb Viscogliosi
  - Liam Fenoglio
  - Nathan Craft
  - Dominic Recchia
  - Luke Chrisse - 5th in IHSA State, All-State
  - Jack Ferguson - 5th in IHSA State, All-State
  - Ryder Janeczko - 6th in IHSA State, All-State
  - Luke Zook - 5th in IHSA State, All-State
  - Cam Peach
  - Sebastian Westphal
  - Mikey Bass
  - Dominic Coronado
  - Ryan Stockl
  - Ben Alvarez - 3rd in IHSA State. All-State
- Music Boosters Presentation
    - Joe Rand, Yorkville Music Booster President, presented the need for additional space for practice and storage throughout the school district, a new athletic field house, and building a performance center.

**Public Comments:**

- No public comments.

**Committee Reports:**

- *Learning & Instruction* - Dr. Shawn Schumacher, Board Secretary, reported that the committee discussed the Learning & Grading plan update, the Yorkville High School spring testing schedule, the adapted minivan purchase, the Yorkville Transition Program Next Up Curriculum request, and the Step Team travel proposal.
- *Personnel* - Mike Knoll, Board Member, reported that the committee discussed the District Staffing Projections, 2024-2025 Co-curricular Plan, summer maintenance personnel approval, summer technology personnel, and Title 1 Paraprofessionals.
- *Finance & Infrastructure* - Mike Houston, Board Member, reported that the committee discussed the request to waive an impact fee for a new, 50 and older, housing development, administrative staff compensation for 2024-2025, non-YEA non-certified staff compensation for 2024-2025, a physical access control Request for Information

(RFI), the VirTra System Intergovernmental Agreement with the Yorkville Police Department, and a food service update.

- *Community Outreach* - Leslie Smogor, Board Member, reported that the committee discussed six-month social media growth and the new district welcome kit.
- *Policy* - No Policy Committee report.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
  - Approved minutes from the February 26, 2024 Board of Education Meeting
  - February 26, 2024 Executive Session
  - March 11, 2024 Committee Meeting
  - March 11, 2024 Executive Session
  - Activities Fund Report for March 2024
  - Bills and Claims for March 2024 in the amount of \$3,200,190.08
  - Yorkville Educational Foundation Grant donations of \$27,247.39
  - Destroy the March 14, 2022 and March 28, 2022 Executive Session minutes
  - 2 FOIA requests
- The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- Kreg Wesley, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, presented the Treasurer Report for March 2024 regarding the following: Unaudited Financial Data for February 2024 - Operating expenses - Education, O&M, Transportation, Working Cash, IMRF/SS, and Tort. Mr. Wesley also shared that the district is now 8/12 through the fiscal year, and revenues and expenditures are tracking and targeting 66%. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights:
  - Local revenues are at \$35.8M of the \$74M budgeted (48%).
  - Investments are at \$1.35M of the \$1.7M budgeted (78%).
  - State funds are at \$23.1M of the \$31M budgeted (74%)
  - Federal Funds are at \$4.4M of \$5.2M budgeted (85%)
  - New growth in the community showed 16 permits in February 2024. 7 in GRES
  - Fund 12 - Self-insurance shows an improved Net Position Change of \$1,158,863 when comparing FY23 - FY24.
- The Treasurer Report was approved as presented.

#### **Personnel Recommendations:**

- The following Personnel Recommendations were presented:
  - Three co-curricular hires
  - Seven resignations
  - One resolution for dismissing a second-year probationary teacher for reasons other than reduction-in-force. (Dr. Shawn Schumacher, Board Secretary, abstained)
  - One hire
  - Two retirements

- The Personnel Recommendations were approved as presented.

### **New Business:**

- Illinois High School Association Membership 2024-2025
  - The district requested approval to renew the membership for the IHSA. The membership confirms that Yorkville High School will continue to be recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education. The motion was approved as presented.

### **Old Business:**

- Administrative Staff Compensation for 2024-2025
  - The district requested an additional \$276,326.03 to be added to the 2024-2025 budget to fund the compensation increases for 40 administrators. Each year, administrative salaries are determined by three criteria: administrative performance, comparative districts, and salary adjustments for targeted positions. The motion was approved as presented.
- Support Staff Compensation for 2024-2025
  - The district requested \$160,240.06 to distribute to support staff to fund compensation increases during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The motion was approved as presented.
- Approval of Summer Maintenance Personnel
  - The district is requesting 10 summer staff positions for temporary summer maintenance assistance. The motion was approved as presented.
- Approval of Summer Technology Personnel
  - The district is requesting the hiring of four full-time summer employees to support the district's 1:1 initiative and various technology duties. The motion was approved as presented.
- Approval of the 2024-2025 Co-curricular Plan
  - The district is requesting the approval of the co-curricular plan for the 2024-2025 school year, which will improve or expand student opportunities. The following stipend positions for athletic coaches and co-curricular positions were modified and added:
    - Speech Team Assistant Coach
    - Musical Choreographer
    - German Honors Society
    - German Club
    - Student Ambassadors
    - Jazz Band
    - Step Team
    - Handbell Choir
    - Pop Choir
    - E-Sports
    - Key Club Assistant
    - Baseball Assistant Coach
    - Cheerleading Assistant Coach
    - Middle School Cheerleading Coach
    - Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach

- Girls Flag Football
- Kindergarten - Grade 5 English Language Arts/Spanish Language Arts Curriculum Resource Proposal
  - The district requested approval to purchase and adopt Benchmark Advance and Benchmark Adelante as the primary resource for K-5 English Language Arts and Spanish Language Arts. The motion was approved as presented.
- Learning and Grading Plan
  - The district administration seeks support to update the Learning and Grading plan to continue operational work. The board will receive regular updates on progress and planning, staff professional learning focus related to assignment and assessment creation and feedback, advisory planning to prepare students and communication plans for impacted stakeholders. The adjustments to the Learning and Grading Plan were approved as presented.
- Step Team Travel Proposal
  - The Yorkville Step Team requested approval to travel to Ballwin, Missouri, to compete in the Parkway West High School "Watch the Throne" competition. The Step Team travel proposal was approved as presented.
- Yorkville Transition Program Next Up Curriculum Request
  - The Yorkville Transition Program requested an additional curriculum resource called Next Up to support vocational education and job training skills. Additionally, Next Up provides tools for administrators, teachers, students, and guardians to help develop students' skills and reach IEP and post-secondary goals. The motion to display the Yorkville Transition Program Next Up Curriculum was approved as presented.
- Adapted Minivan Purchase
  - The Student Services Department seeks approval to purchase an adaptive minivan for the Yorkville Transition Program. The Student Services Department has received approval from the Illinois State Board of Education to use IDEA Flowthrough funds to purchase an adapted minivan. The adapted minivan is essential for the Yorkville Transition Program to transport students into the community daily. The motion to purchase the adaptive minivan was approved as presented.
- Approval of Architect Contract
  - The process of selecting a new architect for District 115 began in September of 2023 when the Finance and Operations Department created a Request for Qualifications. After conducting interviews and site visits, with the support of the district's law firm, the district is requesting approval of the contract with Studio GC as the district's architect. The motion to approve the contract with Studio GC was approved as presented.
- Request to Waive Impact Fee
  - The District Administration has been approached by the developer of Northpointe Development requesting a waiver of development fees, which are collected on behalf of the District by the United City of Yorkville. This request is predicated on this new development being an age-restricted community without impacting student enrollment. The motion to waive the impact fee was approved as presented.

- VirTra System Intergovernmental Agreement with the Yorkville Police Department
  - The Yorkville Police Department was awarded a de-escalation grant from the Department of Justice to provide law enforcement training to meet the mandated requirements of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Heather DiVerde, Director of Facility Operations, will review the proposal and the usage of the VirTra Scenario-based system with the Board as a training tool for the District's security personnel. The motion to approve the VirTra System Intergovernmental Agreement with the Yorkville Police Department was approved as presented.
- Physical Access Control Request for Information (RFI)
  - The administration requested approval of the ITR proposal to install and integrate replacing the current control systems. Replacing networking equipment requires replacing the existing Access Control System - (fob system). The motion to approve ITR as the selected vendor for the access control system installation was approved as presented.

**Superintendent Communication:**

- Dr. Tim Kilrea, Interim Superintendent, shared how great it is to recognize many outstanding students and teachers in front of the Board of Education. Dr. Kilrea acknowledged Joe Rand, Music Booster President, and his team in their presentation to expand the resources needed for a growing music and art program. Dr. Kilrea reminded everyone that Spring Break is from March 25 to April 1, 2024. Dr. Kilrea mentioned that after spring break, ceremonies, spring sports, and other activities will happen as the district moves toward the end of the year.

The regular Board of Education meeting adjourned, and a motion was approved to move into Executive Session. There was action as a result of the closed session. The Board of Education approved a motion to uphold a student's suspension and approved the resolution authorizing disciplinary action for the student.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- The Board of Education Committee Meeting is Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Administration Center (800 Game Farm Road)
- The Regular Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. will be at the Yorkville High School Library (797 Game Farm Road).