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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary  
Monday, December 16, 2024 | Yorkville High School Library

**Meeting Highlights:**

**Heart of the Fox Recognition - Yorkville High School:**

- Dr. David Travis, YHS Principal, was accompanied by several YHS staff members to share the successes of implementing the House Teams philosophy at the high school.

**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 student harassment.

**Consent Agenda:**

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
  - Approved minutes from the November 25, 2024 Board of Education Meeting
  - December 9, 2024, Committee Meeting
  - Activities Fund Report for November 2024
  - Bills and Claims for November 2024 in the amount of \$1,232,280.40
  - Bills and Claims for December 2024 in the amount of \$3,682,719.29
  - 3 FOIA request
  - Destroy the February 27, 2023, Executive Session minutes
- The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

**Treasurer Report:**

- Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Treasurer Report for November 2024 regarding the following: Investment summary for the month end of November 2024, Insurance Fund Statement, November 2024, Treasurer Report, November 2024, Taxes Received, Outstanding State Payments, November 2024 Transition Fees, November 2024, GRES Transition fees for November 2024, and Revenue Expended in November 2024. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights:
  - Local revenues are at \$3M of the \$6.1M budgeted (49%)

- Investments income is \$1.17M of the \$3.1M budgeted (38%)
- State funds are at \$12.8M of the \$35.5M budgeted (36%)
- Federal Funds are at \$1.9M of the \$3.8M budgeted (50%)
- FY25 Net Position for Fund 12: -\$333,578.00
- The Treasurer Report was approved as presented.

**Personnel Recommendations:**

- Personnel Report
  - Dr. Nick Baughman, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, thanked the teachers who took on the overloads.  
The Personnel Recommendations were approved as presented.
- Technology Department Temporary Hires
  - The Technology Department requested the ability to hire temporary positions to support the maintenance of student Chromebooks. The position responsibilities include: Chromebook Repairs (keyboard, screen, and exterior), Device Cleaning (damage prevention), and Quality Control (device inspection and assurance that devices are fully operational). Temporary employees would make, on average, approximately \$15.00 per hour, and the total cost annually would be approximately \$40,000.00.  
The motion was approved as presented.

**New Business:**

- Yorkville High School VEX Robotics Travel Proposal
  - Yorkville High School leadership requested Board of Education approval for the Yorkville High School VEX Robotics Team to attend the Northeast Wisconsin Showdown at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin from January 30-31, 2025. Participants will include eight students and two coaches. Registration, transportation by mini-bus, lodging, and meals totaling approximately \$2150 will be covered by program funds. This event will enhance competitive resumes before state and potential World Championship competitions, further develop team unity, and expand top-tier preparation.

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.

**Old Business:**

- 2025-26 School Year Calendar
  - District 115 Administration presented a recommended draft for the 2025-26 school year calendar. Key points are as follows:
    - Please note that ISBE requires 185 total calendar days, which includes 176 days of pupil attendance, 4 teacher institute days, and 5 proposed

emergency days. Parent-teacher conferences and a full-day in-service/SIP day count toward the 176 student attendance days.

- Staff will begin with two institute/ work days on Monday, August 11 and Tuesday, August 12. Other institute and in-service days have been shifted to support instructional efforts and assessment windows; they will occur on Friday, September 26, Monday, January 5, Friday, February 27, and Monday, April 27. A final staff work day will take place on Tuesday, May 26.
- Student attendance will commence on Wednesday, August 13, and conclude on Friday, May 22, provided no emergency days are used. Semester 1 will end prior to Winter Break.
- April 6, the Monday following Spring Break, may be reclassified as a student attendance day if an emergency day is used prior to that date. Additional Emergency Make-up Days, as required to be designated on the calendar, would be on May 26-29.

The motion was approved as presented.

- **Psychologist Hiring Incentive**

- District 115 has five (5) vacant school psychologist positions for the 2024-2025 school year. Contracted vendors are currently completing the job responsibilities of the five (5) vacant positions. School psychologists are an integral part of the evaluation process for students who may qualify for special education services and a key component of the MTSS process in schools.

The contracted vendors cannot perform duties that in-person school psychologists could perform. In addition, contracted personnel are more expensive than hiring district employees. During the 2023-2024 school year, District 115 had six (6) vacant school psychologists. To incentivize qualified candidates, the district administration requested a budget of \$30,000.00 to fund a hiring bonus of \$5,000 for each school psychologist new hire.

The motion was approved as presented.

- **Camera System Intergovernmental Agreement with the United City of Yorkville**

- Heather DiVerde, Executive Director of Facility Operations, reviewed with the Board of Education the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Yorkville Police Department and the Yorkville School District regarding security access to the district cameras. Dr. Jason Demas, Vice President of the Board, questioned about the security of the feeds that are available to the police officer's laptops in the squad cars. Mrs. DiVerde mentioned that spot checks on the camera system have been discussed with Chief Jensen, and timestamps will be shown when the cameras are accessed.

The motion was approved as presented.

- **School Resource Officer Intergovernmental Agreement with the United City of Yorkville**

- Heather DiVerde, Executive Director of Facility Operations, reviewed with the Board of Education the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the United

City of Yorkville and the Yorkville School District regarding the School Resource Officer Program. The District and the United City of Yorkville created the School Resource Officer Program to facilitate a collaborative relationship between local law enforcement and educators, students, and parents residing within the District's community.

The City shall provide one School Resource Officer (SRO) for the District who will primarily be stationed at the Yorkville High School with the understanding that the SRO can float between all District school buildings.

An Intergovernmental Agreement has been drafted and reviewed by both parties' attorneys. The City will cover the officer's salary, insurance, workers compensation, pension, FICA, and Medicare costs. The District will reimburse the City for any overtime costs for the SRO and additional officer services provided by the City to the District for requested overtime events.

The motion was approved as presented.

- HVAC Controls Project
  - The Yorkville School District's existing building automation system (BAS) is currently controlled by Honeywell. A building automation system controls the HVAC mechanical systems throughout the district. The controls for the HVAC systems for the district are out of date. They no longer communicate with the Honeywell server, which, in return, means the district can't control the fluctuations of temperatures in the buildings.

The district has met with three HVAC control companies to research a solution. The replacement/ installation of a whole new system is cost prohibitive. The district is working on a solution to integrate and reuse as many of the existing components as possible to help with cost savings.

The district brought a proposal to the Board of Education. The administration will then move forward with updating the HVAC control systems within the District. The total cost of this project to be completed at the Yorkville High School is \$49,875.00. The funds for this project will be used out of Capital Projects in the fiscal year 24/25.

The motion was approved as presented.

**Superintendent Communication:**

- Superintendent Dr. Matt Zediker recognized all those involved with the 2024 Prism concert. Dr. Zediker mentioned how Prism was a phenomenal showcase of talent. Dr. Zediker mentioned that he witnessed student and staff excitement during the GRES exchange of student 2D artwork drawings and the YMS student artwork 3D models. Dr. Zediker wished everyone Happy Holidays.

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 the resolution authorizing disciplinary action for a student and affirmed the decision regarding a Uniform Grievance appeal.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- The Board of Education Committee Meeting is Monday, January 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Administration Center (800 Game Farm Road)
- The Regular Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. will be at the Yorkville High School Library (797 Game Farm Road).