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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary
Monday, February 24, 2025 | Yorkville High School Library

Meeting Highlights:

Heart of the Fox Recognition:

- Yorkville Intermediate School:
 - Zach Weber, Yorkville Intermediate School Principal, introduced a video showcasing parent engagement opportunities through the Donuts with Grown-ups program. Each board member was invited to the next Donuts with Grown-ups event.
- Yorkville Middle School
 - Bryan Buck, Yorkville Middle School Principal, introduced a video highlighting 50 years of the YMS square dance event. The video included members of staff sharing memories of the event.

Student Recognition - 2025 National Merit Commended Scholars:

- The following students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements:
 - Emily Hart
 - Julia Hosu
 - Everett Joyce
 - Benjamin Kozial
 - Tyler Plank

Public Comments:

- No public comment.

Consent Agenda:

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
 - Approved minutes from the January 27, 2025 Board of Education Meeting
 - January 27, 2025, Executive Session
 - February 10, 2025 Committee Meeting
 - February 10, 2025 Executive Session
 - Activities Fund Report for January 2025

- Bills and Claims for January 2025 for \$1,349,001.64
 - Bills and Claims for February 2025 in the amount of \$3,189,056.23
 - 3 FOIA requests
 - Destroy the April 10, 2023 and April 24, 2023, Executive Session minutes
- The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Personnel:

- 2025-26 Co-Curricular Additions
 - The district requested approval for the Co-Curricular additions. Each year the Yorkville Middle School and Yorkville High School staff evaluate the co-curricular offerings for students. They determine if there is enough interest for a new program, if a program needs to be retired, or if a current program needs to be expanded. Proposals for co-curricular additions or changes are submitted to the building administration and evaluated by a group of staff and administrators before being brought to the Board of Education for consideration. The proposed additions include the following:
 - Yorkville Transition Program: Skulk Society
 - Yorkville High School: Chamber Strings Assistant
 - Yorkville High School: Marching Band Assistant

The motion was approved as presented.

- 2025-2026 EC-8 Staffing Projections
 - The district requested approval for the 2025-2026 EC-8 Staffing Projections. Each year, the district and building administrators review enrollment trends, program offerings, and student IEP needs and make recommendations to increase or decrease staffing levels by building. To project financial costs, the district estimates that a certified staff member would cost approximately \$75,000.00 and a classified staff member would cost approximately \$45,000.00. Yorkville High School recommendations will come later this spring as we are still waiting on course selection data. The proposed additions include the following:
 - Elementary Staffing: Overall net increase of 1.0 FTE
 - Middle School Staffing: Overall net increase of 1.9 FTE
 - 1.0 FTE Guidance Counselor
 - 0.5 FTE Math Teacher
 - 0.4 Administrative Assistant
 - Student Services: Overall net increase of 2.3 FTE
 - 1.0 FTE Speech Language Pathologist
 - 1.0 FTE Social Worker for YIS
 - 0.3 FTE Speech Language Pathologist
 - 0.5 FTE Adaptive Physical Education Teacher
 - -0.5 FTE Occupational Therapist

The motion was approved as presented.

- Personnel Report

- The district requested approval for the Personnel Report. The Personnel Report was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Teaching and Learning:

- SchoolLinks Proposal
 - Yorkville High School and Yorkville Middle School requested approval of SchoolLinks for implementation in the 2025-26 school year. SchoolLinks fulfills a critical component within the Student Services division as it streamlines operational and analytical functions related to student records, academic progress, and postsecondary planning. The Yorkville High School Student Services team engaged in an analysis of functionality and consultation with peer districts. SchoolLinks would replace Naviance. The administration proposed a three-year agreement with SchoolLinks for \$59,059.44. The Perkins grant will contribute \$19,000 for the 2025-2026 school year, with additional financial support in 2026-28 to offset a segment of the local cost. The motion was approved as presented.
- Y115 2025-26 Parent-Student Handbook
 - The district requested approval for the Y115 2025-2026 Parent-Student Handbook. Each year, the Parent-Student Handbook is reviewed and updated to align with current practices, policies, and the latest guidelines from HLERK, the District's attorneys, and PRESS, the policy arm of the Illinois Association of School Boards. This ongoing process ensures the handbook remains a comprehensive and accurate resource for both families and staff. The motion was approved as presented.
- Yorkville High School Step Team Out-of-State Travel Proposal
 - The Yorkville High School Administration is seeking approval for the 2024-2025 Yorkville Stepping Foxes to travel to Ballwin, Missouri, to compete in the Parkway West High School "Watch the Throne" competition. The team would travel by minibus, departing on Saturday, April 26, and returning on Sunday, April 27. Darren Crawford, President of the Board of Education, said this is an excellent opportunity for the students and he fully supports this proposal. The motion was approved as presented.
- Yorkville High School Early Graduates
 - Yorkville High School administration annually presents candidates to be considered high school graduates after completing their 6 or 7 semesters at Yorkville High School. The proposed early graduates included:
 - Avneet Aujla; Katelyn Phillips; Aniya Baker; Meaghan Phillips; Abigail Bueno; Dominick Poggi; Cian Donnelly; Ava Ray; Ava Dvovnar; Ethan Rocha; Madison Elrod; Naylia Rodriguez; Jaleel Fleming; Lizzet Valdez; Sophie Giese; Luis Viramontes; Edgar Gonzalez; Tiffany Washington; Peyton Huitron; Aakenya Woodson; Cameron Kunz; Jackson Linden; Dyllan Malone; Aiden Mejorado; Gia Mendez; Amalia Minalga; Mckinley

Morgan; Kyle Osterloh; Clarissa Munoz; Mason Paprzycki; and Isabella Peterson

The motion was approved as presented.

- Y115 Visiting International Teacher Intergovernmental Agreement
 - The district requested approval on the Y115 Visiting International Teacher Intergovernmental Agreement. The BridgeUSA Program is administered by the U.S. Department of State (DOS). The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has been a designated program sponsor for teacher exchange visitors since 1991. District 115 is in its second year participating in this Visiting International Teacher (VIT) program. District 115 currently hosts two teachers from Spain who serve in the Dual Language Program. The proposed early graduates included:

Consent/Action Finance and Infrastructure:

- Treasurer Report
 - Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Treasurer Report for January 2025: Investment summary for the month end of January 2025, Insurance Fund Statement, January 2025, Treasurer Report, January 2025, Taxes Received, Outstanding State Payments, January 2025 Transition Fees, January 2025, GRES Transition fees for January 2025, and Revenue Expended in January 2025. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights:
 - Local revenues are at \$37.4M of the \$79.4M budgeted (47%)
 - Investments income is \$1.47M of the \$3.1M budgeted (46.4%)
 - State funds are at \$20.1M of the \$35.5M budgeted (56%)
 - Federal Funds are at \$2.2M of the \$3.8M budgeted (58%)
 - FY25 Net Position for Fund 12: -\$371,293.00
 - The Treasurer Report was approved as presented
- Short-term Enrollment Solutions
 - The district requested approval for the short-term enrollment solution. The district is experiencing rapid residential growth, with enrollment increasing by 10.5% in the past four years. This growth is projected to continue, putting a strain on our facilities, particularly in grades pre-K through 8. To address this challenge, the district administration has reviewed several options to accommodate the growing student population. The administration proposes the construction of temporary classroom structures at three buildings, intending to open these classrooms by August. This solution aligns with the district's strategic goal of providing adequate learning spaces for all students. The district will be adding exterior doors to each classroom. The doors will only have hardware on the inside and will be equipped with an alarm. Darren Crawford, President of the Board of Education, requested an alarm be added for lightning detection.
The motion was approved as presented.
- Board Policy 7.30 - Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer

- The district requested approval on Board Policy 7:30 - Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfers. The growth in Yorkville and District 115 is not currently evenly distributed. To support district elementary buildings and to be able to provide the best learning environments possible, the administration is proposing an adjustment to current board policy 7.30. The updates to this policy would cap the number of students that can be enrolled in each grade level at each of our elementary buildings. If a school reached the maximum number, any new students would be assigned to the nearest building with room for that student or students. Leslie Smogor, Board Member, questioned if there are procedures in place when a family signs to purchase new construction but has not closed on the home. The administration responded that central registration has a process they follow to verify residency for all families.
The motion was approved as presented.
- Approval of the Public Relations Firm Contract
 - On January 13, at the Committee of the Whole, Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented an update on the RFP selection process for a Public Relations firm for the Facility Master Plan. The scope of services includes Campaign Strategy and Planning, Messaging and Communication Materials, Media Relations, Community Engagement, and Digital Communications. District leadership team members interviewed three firms. EO Sullivan and Discovery Works were recommended, and Dr. Matt Zediker, Superintendent of Schools, participated in a final interview where EOSullivan was brought to the board as the finalist. The total cost of the project is \$80,000 for consulting plus \$10,000 for surveys. Additional services, such as brochures and mailings, may be added at an estimated cost of \$20,000. The majority of these expenses will be incurred during the FY26 fiscal year.
The motion was approved as presented.
- Review of Executive Session Minutes
 - The Open Meetings Act requires the Board to review the Executive Session Minutes to determine whether they should be made public. The Board subsequently passed a Board Policy authorizing the Superintendent to provide the Board with those minutes semi-annually.
The motion was approved as presented.
- Grande Reserve Elementary School 3D Printer Donation / Grand Reserve PTO Wall Divider Donation / YEF Grants and Gifts
 - GRES received a donation that would allow them to purchase a Bambu Labs P1S 3D Printer - GRES received a donation to gain a wall divider from their PTO - The Yorkville Educational Foundation provides annual opportunities for staff to apply for grants.
 - These three motions were moved and seconded to combine into one motion. The motion was approved as presented.

Superintendent Communication:

- Superintendent Dr. Matt Zediker congratulated all the students for their participation in winter sports, activities, and speech. Dr. Zediker acknowledged the National Merit Scholars that were present at the meeting and reminded the board that the Fine Arts Festival and Kindergarten Registration will be in March. Dr. Zekiker also reminded everyone so spring forward on March 9, 2025.

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. As presented, the Board of Education approved the resolution authorizing disciplinary action for Student 2025-02.

Upcoming meetings:

- The Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2025, 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 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Yorkville High School Library.