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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary Monday, April 28, 2025 | Yorkville High School Library

Meeting Highlights:

Heart of the Fox Recognition:

- Autumn Creek Elementary School:
 - Bridget Hankes-Ixpata, Autumn Creek Elementary School Principal, introduced a video regarding the Den Depot program's importance and its positive effects on the students' culture and climate. Mrs. Ixpata was joined by four students who handed out Den Tokens to the Board Members.

Public Comments:

- A member of the public voiced their opinions during the public comment portion of the board meeting. The comments pertained to the importance of transparency and the stance on the National Sex Education Standards for grades 3-5.

Consent Agenda:

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
 - Approved minutes from the March 17, 2025, Board of Education Meeting
 - March 17, 2025, Executive Session
 - April 5, 2025, Special Meeting
 - April 14, 2025, Committee Meeting
 - April 14, 2025, Executive Session
 - Activities Fund Report for March 2025
 - Bills and Claims for March 2025 for \$1,249,596.92
 - Bills and Claims for April 2025 for \$3,781,091.76
 - 5 FOIA requests
 - Destroy the June 1, 2023, June 12, 2023, and June 26, 2023, Executive Session minutes.
- The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Personnel:

- Certified Staff Evaluation Platform

- Throughout the 2024-2025 school year, the Evaluation Committee reviewed multiple evaluation platforms and recommends that the district adopt the EvaluWise platform to replace the current Talent Ed platform. EvaluWise was evaluated based on a locally designed rubric and offered a user-friendly interface, convenient functionality, and positive market references. Dr. Nick Baughman, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, noted the evaluation platform will eventually include non-certified staff. The motion was approved as presented.
- Superintendent Employment Contract
 - The motion to approve the Superintendent's Employment Contract was approved as presented.
- Personnel Report
 - The district requested approval for the Personnel Report. The Personnel Report was approved as presented.
- Summer School Request to Hire
 - The Yorkville CUSD 115 hires for the 24-25 summer school program was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Teaching and Learning:

- Teaching and Learning Committee Report
 - Dr. Shawn Schumacher, Board of Education Treasurer, noted no agenda items on the April Committee Meeting, but the YHS Instructional Resources from the March Committee meeting were on the agenda for approval.
- Yorkville High School Instructional Resources
 - The Yorkville High School team created instructional resource proposals for their annual content area work. Spanish II and German II currently do not have a core instructional resource; resources for Spanish I and German I were approved in May 2024.

Recommended resources are as follows: German II: InterKulturell 2 (1st edition), published in 2025 by Wayside Publishing; and Spanish II: Mundo Real 2 (2nd edition), published in 2020 by Edinumen USA.

The motion was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Finance and Infrastructure:

- Finance and Infrastructure Committee Report
 - Mike Houston, Board Member, reviewed the agenda items discussed at the April Committee Meeting for Finance and Infrastructure:
 - FY24 Audit Review
 - Registration and Residency

■ FY26 Budget Development

- Treasurer Report
 - Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Treasurer Report for March 2025: Investment summary for the month end of March 2025, Insurance Fund Statement, March 2025, Treasurer Report, March 2025, Taxes Received, Outstanding State Payments, March 2025 Transition Fees, March 2025, GRES Transition fees for March 2025, and Revenue Expended in March 2025. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights:
 - Local revenues are at \$38.6M of the \$79.4M budgeted (48%)
 - Investment income is \$2.0M of the \$3.1M budgeted (65%)
 - State funds are at \$25.8M of the \$35.5M budgeted (72%)
 - Federal Funds are at \$3.3M of the \$3.8M budgeted (87%)
 - FY25 Net Position for Fund 12: -\$583,350.00
 - The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Superintendent Communication:

- Superintendent Dr. Matt Zediker recognized student learning by acknowledging the spring assessments across multiple levels, with students in grades K-8 participating in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) and high school juniors taking the ACT. Dr. Zediker also mentioned that we have a record number of students earning the Seal of Biliteracy. 20 students earned the Seal and 47 earned commendations. Dr. Zediker also recognized Board Members, Mike Knoll and Wayland Middendorf, for their service to our staff, students, and community as they leave the Board of Education.

Organization of the Board

- Selection of President Pro Tempore
 - Mr. Crawford nominated Dr. Demas as President Pro Tempore. The motion was approved as presented.
- Administration of Oath of Office to New Board Members
 - Mr. Crawford administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Members: Julie Hart, Joseph Rand, Shawn Schumacher, and Leslie Smogor.
- Adjournment Sine Dine
 - Dr. Demas requested a motion for Adjournment Sine Dine to proceed with the election of officers.
- Election of Board President
 - Dr. Shawn Schumacher was elected Board of Education President
- Election of Board Vice President
 - Leslie Smogor was elected Board of Education Vice President

- Election of Board Secretary
 - Mike Houston was elected Board of Education Secretary
- Designated Dates and Times for Regular Monthly Meetings
 - The designated dates and times for regular monthly meetings were approved as presented.
- District Committees
 - Each committee will have two representatives, with one member as the chair. If each committee does not have two representatives, the President will appoint members to fill the roles. Leslie Smogor, Board of Education Vice President, requested the Teaching & Learning Committee, and Joseph Rand, Board Member, requested the IVVC Committee. The board will continue the discussion of the committee structure at a future meeting.
- Recording Board Secretary
 - A motion was made to appoint the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant as the Recording Board Secretary. The motion was approved as presented.
- SOPPA Officer
 - A motion was made to appoint the Executive Director of Technology or the Superintendent's designee as the District SOPPA officer. The motion was approved as presented.
- Authorized Agent and Alternate Agent for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
 - A motion was made to appoint the Payroll Coordinator as the Authorized Agent for IMRF and the Executive Director of Business Services as the alternate Authorized Agent. The motion was approved as presented.
- Treasurer
 - A motion was made to appoint the Yorkville CUSD 115 Assistant Superintendent of Business Services as the Treasurer. The motion was approved as presented.
- Designation of Signatories
 - A motion was made to appoint the Treasurer/Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and Superintendent to sign checks for District Funds, Imprest Fund, and Activity Fund; and to designate the Superintendent, Treasurer/Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and the Recording Board Secretary as authorized personnel to enter the lockbox at First National Bank of Omaha. The motion was approved as presented.
- Treasurer's Bond
 - A motion was made to approve the School Treasurer's Bond to be set at \$10,000,000. The motion was approved as presented.

The regular Board of Education meeting adjourned, and a motion was approved to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity" 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and "Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). There was no action after the Executive Session.

Upcoming meetings:

- The Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 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, May 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Yorkville High School Library.