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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary
Monday, July 14, 2025 | Yorkville High School Library

Executive Session:

- *After the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., a motion was made 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).*

Meeting Highlights:

Public Comments:

- A member of the public reported that their child no longer feels safe at school and believes the administration has exposed multiple failures in the process of creating a safety plan.

Board Comments:

- Leslie Smogor, Board of Education Vice President, noted that there will be a student performance of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, on August 1st & 2nd.

Consent Agenda:

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
 - Approved minutes from the June 23, 2025, Board of Education Meeting
 - June 23, 2025, Budget Amendment Hearing
 - June 9, 2025, Committee Meeting
 - Activities Fund Report for June 2025
 - Bills and Claims for June 2025 for \$2,356,930.76
 - Bills and Claims for July 2025 for \$5,516,208.02
 - 5 FOIA requests
 - Destroy the September 20, 2023, and September 25, 2023, Executive Session minutes.

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Personnel:

- Personnel Committee Report
 - No report
- Increase of a 1.0 FTE English Language Teacher for District 115
 - Due to projected enrollment increases of EL students, the district is recommending an increase of a 1.0 FTE certified teacher to support students who need English Language services.

When staffing English Learner (EL) teachers, the district takes into account a range of critical factors. These include each EL student's English language proficiency level, whether the student participates in specialized programs such as Special Education or Dual Language, and the number of school buildings a teacher is assigned to serve. The motion was approved as presented.

- Summer School Request to Hire
 - Summer School hires were approved as presented.
- Personnel Report
 - The co-curricular hires, overloads, transfers, resignations, co-curricular resignations, retirements, and leaves of absence were approved as presented.

Consent/Action Teaching and Learning:

- Teaching and Learning Committee Report
 - No report
- Learning & Grading Plan Update
 - The District 115 Learning & Grading Plan was originally implemented in the 2017-18 school year, and an analysis of the plan was conducted in the 2022-23 school year. The findings report from this analysis and the overview were presented to the Board in April 2023, and the Board prompted staff to conduct further engagement in the 2023-24 school year to determine the changes that will be implemented in the plan.

The targeted feedback in the 2023-24 engagement was focused on specific adjustments to the "Academic Behaviors" and "Reteaching and Retaking" components of the plan, as well as the reinstatement of final assessments for high school courses.

The administration shared stakeholder feedback gathered from students, parents, and staff at the end of the 2024-25 school year. The district will continue professional learning and collaboration in the 2025-26 school year regarding: gradebook practices; middle school assessment literacy; and elementary school proficiency and assessment. Three components that will be examined throughout

the first semester of the 2025-26 school year: retakes (higher v. most recent score); percentages assigned to each category and clarity of categories, with specific attention to assignments and checkpoints; and impact of final exam/experience grades on semester grades with full implementation.

- Yorkville 115 FY26 Consolidated District Plan
 - The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires Local Education Agencies accepting federal funds to complete a Consolidated District Plan (CDP). The CDP, which emerged in 2019-20, provides one set of planning questions for multiple federal grants and is developed in collaboration with multiple district departments. Districts must have a CDP approved by the Board of Education prior to submitting Fiscal Year 2026 federal grant applications. After initial submission of the plan, it must be periodically reviewed and may be amended, if needed. The motion was approved as presented.

- FY26 Title I Schoolwide Plans
 - As discussed at the Committee of the Whole in June, schools that qualify for Title I funding can receive support through either targeted assistance or schoolwide programs. Schoolwide programs are available to schools where 40% or more of the student population meets low-income criteria. For FY26, Bristol Grade School meets this criteria, with Yorkville Grade School submitting a waiver to receive schoolwide programming. Schoolwide programs offer greater flexibility in combining federal and local funds to benefit all students in the school.

The Teaching & Learning Department will continue to support principals with schoolwide plans in tandem with their school improvement plans.
The motion was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Finance and Infrastructure:

- Finance and Infrastructure Committee Report
 - No Report

- Treasurer Report
 - Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Treasurer Report for May 2025: Investment summary for the month end of June 2025, Insurance Fund Statement, June 2025, Treasurer Report, June 2025, Taxes Received, Outstanding State Payments, June 2025 Transition Fees, June 2025, GRES Transition fees for June 2025, and Revenue Expended in June 2025. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights:
 - Local revenues are at \$81.9M of the \$79.4M budgeted (102%)
 - Investment income is \$3.4M of the \$3.1M budgeted (107%)
 - State funds are at \$34.3M of the \$35.5M budgeted (96.4%)
 - Federal Funds are at \$4.1M of the \$3.8M budgeted (107%)
 - FY25 Net Position for Fund 12: -\$949,537.00

- The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
- Three-Year Technology Plan
 - As technology continues to evolve, it is essential to have a strategic, long-term approach to ensure the District's infrastructure, devices, and digital tools remain current, effective, and equitable. The proposed Three-Year Technology Plan outlines a phased approach to upgrading equipment, expanding network capacity, enhancing cybersecurity, and supporting staff and student development. This plan is informed by feedback from stakeholders, current technology assessments, and alignment with instructional goals and state/federal guidelines.
- Hazardous Routes Certification (2025-2026)
 - School districts may petition the Illinois Department of Taxes Transportation (IDOT) to designate certain student walking routes as serious safety hazardous transportation routes when traffic volume, speed, or other safety conditions, such as rail crossings, pose significant risks. Upon IDOT approval, districts are permitted to provide reimbursable transportation for students residing within 1.5 miles of school who would otherwise be ineligible.

Each year, District 115 reviews its IDOT-approved hazardous routes to verify continued accuracy and safety. This annual certification process supports the timely identification of new hazards and ensures that all designations remain valid. For the 2025-26 school year, there are no changes to the certified hazardous routes from the 2024-25 list. District staff will continue to monitor developing areas throughout the summer and school year to assess any emerging safety concerns.

Certified Hazardous Routes (2025-26):

Applicable Schools: ACES, BBES, BGS, CCGS, GRES, YGS, YIS, YMS, YHSA, YHS

115-91-1 Rt. 47 from Washington to Van Emmon (K-6)

115-91-2 Rt. 47 Railroad Crossing (K-12)

115-91-3 Rt. 47 from Van Emmon to Orange (K-6)

115-91-4 Rt. 126 from Crooked Creek Drive to Mill St. (K-6)

115-98-3 Fox Road west of Morgan (K-6)

115-98-4 Rt. 126 at Colonial Parkway and Mill St. (K-6)

115-20-1 Rt. 34 at Timber Ridge Drive – ACES (K-6)

115-20-2 Kennedy Rd. at Emerald Lane – ACES (K-6)

115-20-3 Kennedy Rd. at East & West Lexington Circle – ACES (K-6)

115-20-4 Kennedy Rd. at Lakeview Rd./Christy Ln. – ACES (K-6)

115-20-5 Kennedy Rd. at Lillian Lane – ACES (K-6)

115-20-6 Rt. 47 Crossing at Rt. 126 – CCGS/YIS (K-6)

115-20-7 Kennedy Rd. at Bailey Rd. with railroad crossing–GRES (K-6)

115-20-9 Rt. 34 at Center Parkway – YGS (K-3)

115-20-10 Rt. 71 at Candleberry Ln. – YMS (7-8)

The motion was approved as presented.

- Student Meal Pricing 2025-2026

- Federal regulations require School Food Authorities (SFAs) to limit Net Cash Resources to no more than three months of average operating expenditures in their nonprofit school foodservice account. Yorkville CUSD 115 exceeded this threshold due to carryover revenue from the 2022-23 school year.

In response, the District implemented a spend-down plan focused on enhancing meal quality and replacing aging equipment, while maintaining student meal prices at \$2.80 for lunch and \$1.80 for breakfast. This approach has contributed to a reported deficit in the FY25 foodservice account, consistent with our planned use of surplus funds from FY23.

In accordance with USDA guidance and in consultation with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), the District has filed for a Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) exemption for the 2025-26 school year. This exemption allows us to maintain the current meal pricing of \$2.80 for lunch and \$1.80 for breakfast despite increasing operational costs and a net deficit in the 2024-25 school year. The motion was approved as presented.

- Adoption of the FY26 Tentative Budget

- Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the FY26 Tentative Budget. This discussion reviewed key assumptions and funding forecasts in preparation for the final adoption scheduled for September 22, 2025. The Administration's goal remains a structurally balanced Operating Budget.

The Operating Budget includes the Operational Funds: Education, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, IMRF, Working Cash, and Tort. The FY26 Operating Revenue is estimated at \$119.7M. The FY26 Operating Expenditures are estimated at \$119.3. The Aggregate Budget includes the Operating Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and Fire Safety. The Total Budget Revenue is estimated to be \$131.9M, while Aggregate Budget Expenditures are estimated at \$133.2M.

A proposed \$20M transfer from the Education Fund to the Facility Master Plan Fund (61) supports long-term facility priorities. This action aligns with the district's capital improvement roadmap and will be brought forward via board resolution. The motion was approved as presented.

- Power of Attorney

- Beginning in 2019, the District's 403(b) Plan began accepting Roth after-tax elective deferrals. However, due to a payroll processing error, deferrals elected as Roth were misclassified and processed as pre-tax contributions. This

classification error persisted from the inception of the Roth option until its discovery in May 2025.

The error was identified by a plan participant who noticed discrepancies while preparing their taxes. Upon notification, the District's Business Department initiated a thorough investigation and confirmed the error with TSA Consulting Group, the District's third-party plan administrator. Payroll processing was corrected by the June 30, 2025 payroll cycle.

Further review revealed that the Roth deferral option was manually configured in the payroll system by a previous processor who was unaware of the required settings necessary to correctly distinguish Roth contributions. As a result, all contributions were erroneously categorized as pre-tax.

The financial impact is: filing a Voluntary Correction Program (VCP) submission with the IRS: \$3,000; and estimated reimbursement to affected participants for tax services: up to \$29,000 (29 participants x \$1,000 maximum). The motion was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Finance and Infrastructure:

- A motion was approved to affirm the Superintendent's decision regarding the Uniform Grievance and direct the Superintendent to inform the complainant and the accused of findings.

Superintendent Communication:

- Dr. Zediker recognized that summer learning continues, staff learning and professional development continue throughout the summer, and there was an increase in the number of students receiving a three or higher on this year's AP exams.

The regular Board of Education meeting adjourned.

Upcoming meetings:

- The Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 4, 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, August 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Yorkville High School Library.