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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary
Monday, November 17, 2025 | Yorkville High School Library

Meeting Highlights:

Heart of the Fox:

- Circle Center Grade School
 - Katie Kempinski, the principal of CCGS, presented a short video celebrating how students demonstrate kindness every day and embody their motto, "Kindness Rocks," at CCGS.

Public Comments:

- One member of the public said a prayer for the Board of Education.

Consent Agenda:

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
 - Approved minutes from the October 27, 2025, Board of Education Meeting
 - October 27, 2025, Executive Session
 - November 10, 2025, Committee Meeting
 - Activities Fund Report for October 2025
 - Bills and Claims for October 2025 for \$1,511,289.34
 - Bills and Claims for November 2025 for \$2,439,346.13
 - 1 FOIA requests
 - Destroy the January 9, 2024, and January 10, 2024, Executive Session minutes.The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Personnel:

- Personnel Committee Report
 - Board member, Julie Hart, presented the following report
 - 0.5 FTE Increase LBS 1 - Grande Reserve Elementary School
 - 1.0 FTE Increase Paraprofessional - Bristol Bay Elementary School
 - Floater Campus Monitor Staffing Proposal
- Personnel Report

- The co-curricular hires, overloads, transfers, resignations, co-curricular resignations, retirements, and leaves of absence were approved as presented.
- Floater Campus Monitor Staffing Proposal
 - The District would like to hire an additional full-time "floater" campus monitor to address crucial staffing needs. While existing Campus Monitors are assigned to specific geographical zones within their respective buildings (a system designed for prioritized coverage when staff are absent), the new floater position is greatly needed to ensure consistent coverage for crossing guard duties. A full-time Floater Campus Monitor will work the 174 student attendance days with an hourly rate of \$16.00.
The motion was approved as presented.
- 0.5 FTE Increase LBS 1 - Grande Reserve Elementary School
 - The Student Service Department requested the addition of a 0.5 FTE LBS 1 teacher to support an increase in students with an IEP at Grande Reserve Elementary School. After review, the Student Service Department has determined that a 0.5 FTE LBS1 is necessary to meet the students' needs for the remainder of the year. The additional cost will be approximately \$35,000.00 annually for salary and benefits
The motion was approved as presented.
- 1.0 FTE Increase Paraprofessional - Bristol Bay Elementary School
 - The Student Service Department requested the addition of a 1.0 FTE paraprofessional to support a new kindergarten student with an IEP at Bristol Bay Elementary School. After review, the Student Service Department has determined that a 1.0 FTE paraprofessional is necessary to meet the student's needs for the remainder of the year. The additional cost will be approximately \$50,000.00 annually for salary and benefits.
The motion was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Teaching and Learning:

- Teaching and Learning Committee Report
 - Board Vice President, Leslie Smogor presented the following report
 - Yorkville Middle School and Yorkville High School Curriculum Guides
 - 2026-27 School Year Calendar
 - Yorkville 115 Achievement and Accountability Overview
- Yorkville Middle School and Yorkville High School Curriculum Guides
 - The Yorkville Middle School (YMS) and Yorkville High School (YHS) Curriculum Guides are reviewed annually to reflect updated content, including changes in course offerings and related procedures. These updated guides will soon be accessible on the school website, providing students and families with the opportunity to review them in advance of course selection.
The motion was approved as presented.

- 2026-27 School Year Calendar
 - District 115 Administration presented a recommended draft for the 2026-27 school year calendar. Key points are as follows:
 - 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/workdays on Monday, August 10, and Tuesday, August 11. Other institute and in-service days have been shifted to support instructional efforts and assessment windows; they will take place on Friday, September 25, Monday, January 4, Friday, February 26, Monday, March 15, and Monday, April 26.
 - Student attendance will commence on Wednesday, August 12, and conclude on Monday, May 24, provided no emergency days are used. Semester 1 will end prior to Winter Break.
 - Parent-teacher conferences will be October 29-30, with a non-student attendance day on Monday, November 2, and no school on Tuesday, November 3, for Election Day.
- The motion was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Finance and Infrastructure:

- Teaching and Learning Committee Report
 - Board Secretary, Mike Houston, presented the following report
 - School Year 2026-2027 Course Fees
 - Security Department Quarterly Review

- Treasurer Report
 - Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Treasurer Report for October 2025: Investment summary for the month end of October 2025, Insurance Fund Statement, October 2025, Treasurer Report, October 2025, Taxes Received, Outstanding State Payments, October 2025 Transition Fees, October 2025, GRES Transition Fees for October 2025, and Revenue Expended in October 2025. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights based on the proposed annual budget:
 - Local revenues are at \$37.8M (47%)
 - Investment income is at \$1M (33%)
 - State funds are at \$7.9M (22%)
 - Federal Funds are at \$1.8M (46%)
 - FY26 Net Position for Fund 12: -\$1,258,924

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

- School Year 2026-2027 Course Fees
 - Student fees are evaluated annually as a short-term planning and budget component. The purpose of student fees is to help offset individual building budgets, supplies, and curriculum resources. The annual fee process aligns with Board of Education Policy 4:10 Fiscal and Budget Management.

The motion was approved as presented.

- Approval of the Final 2025 Tax Levy
 - Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the 2025 Tax Levy. The levy for the 2025 tax year must be filed with the County Clerk by the last Tuesday of December (December 30, 2025). The levy calculation is based on a combination of Consumer Price Index (CPI), estimated equalized assessed value (EAV) growth, new construction, and program needs

The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) limits the increase on our existing property tax base to 2.9%, which was the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the previous calendar year and is lower than the 5% ceiling.

After the levy is adopted, it will be filed with the Kendall and Kane County clerks before the December 30th deadline.

Actual tax extension information will not be known until late March 2026. While the total levy amount cannot be changed, adjustments to the levy allocation by fund may be made at that time. Those final allocations by fund are then verified by the Kendall and Kane County Clerks before bills are mailed to taxpayers.

The District is proposing a tentative levy increase of 3.86%. Given that EAV and new construction estimates have been recently received from both Kendall and Kane Counties.

Within Board Policy 4.20 Fund Balances, District 115 seeks to maintain year-end fund balances no less than the range of 25 percent as calculated under the Illinois State Board of Education's School District Financial Profile.

The local property tax levy represents the largest component of the District's annual revenue. The following data represents the financial components relating to the 2025 tax year.

- The District is expected to receive \$3,754,208 (4.98%) in new revenue for the general operating funds (the capped extension) in the 2025 Tax Levy.
- The District is expected to receive \$504,891 less revenue for Bond and Interest Levy funds (the non-capped extension) in the 2025 Tax Levy.
- FY26 Education Fund – beginning fund balance: \$76,696,066, estimated expenditures: \$93,268,130.
- Key tentative levy assumptions are based on the latest updates received from the Kendall County and Kane County Assessor offices at the end of October.
 - New construction of \$31,000,000
 - Rate setting EAV of \$1,602,717,289 (9.27% increase in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV), including new property)

The Property Tax Cap limits the existing local tax base to a 5% increase, based on the December 2024 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), which was 2.9%.

The overall increase in taxes expected to be extended for 2025, including Bond and Interest, is anticipated to be \$3,249,316 (3.86% increase).

The motion was approved as presented.

Board of Education Policies:

- 2.120 - Board Member Development
- 2.150 – Committees
- 2.270 - Discrimination and Harassment on the basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited
- 2.265 - Title IX Grievance Procedure

- 4.10 -Fiscal and Business Management
- 4.30 - Revenue and Investments
- 4.80 - Accounting and Audits
- 4.140 - Waiver of Student Fees
- 4.180 - Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery

- 5.10 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5.90 - Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5.100 - Staff Development Program
- 5.190 - Teacher Qualifications
- 5.200 - Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 5.220 - Substitute Teachers
- 5.280 - Duties and Qualifications
- 5.300 - Schedules and Employment Year

- 6.20 - School Year Calendar and Day
- 6.40 - Curriculum Development
- 6.60 - Curriculum Content
- 6.130 - Program for the Gifted
- 6.160 - English Learners
- 6.210 - Instructional Materials
- 6.220 - "Bring Your Own Device" (B.Y.O.D) Guidelines
- 6.260 - Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- 6.280 - Grading and Promotion
- 6.300 - Graduation Requirements
- 6.310 - High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students
- 6.315 - High School Credit for students in Grade 7 or 8

- 7.10 - Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7.70 - Attendance and Truancy

- 7.150 - Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
- 7.180 - Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment
- 7.190 - Student Behavior
- 7.290 - Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7.310 - Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
- 7.315 - Restrictions on Publications; High School
- 7.340 - Student Records.

The motion was approved as presented.

Superintendent Communication:

- Dr. Zediker noted that November 15th is Illinois School Board Members Day and thanked them for their dedication and support.

Board Comments:

- Mr. Rand thanked YMS for inviting the board to attend their Burger Throw Down Competition.
- Dr. Schumacher thanked the high school Civics class for attending the board meeting and for inviting him and Mrs. Smogor to their class to answer questions.

The regular Board of Education meeting adjourned.

Upcoming meetings:

- The Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 1, 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, December 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Yorkville High School Library.