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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary  
Monday, December 15, 2025 | Yorkville High School Library

**Executive Session:**

- *After the meeting was called to order at 6:30 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:**

**Student Recognition:**

- The following students were recognized by the Board of Education for their athletic and musical achievements:
  - Owen Horeni, Cross Country, 3rd Place in IHSA Class 3A
  - Jack Beetham, Football, 7A All-State Honorable Mention
  - Danny Mokolke - All-State Orchestra
  - Reagan Morgart - All-State Orchestra
  - Caleb Johnson - All-State Composition Track

**Heart of the Fox:**

- Yorkville High School
  - Dr. David Travis, YHS Principal, and Nathan Schroll, Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning, presented information on Yorkville's Regional AP Summit and data associated with the AP courses offered at the high school.

**Public Comments:**

- Illinois State Representative of the 75th District, Jed Davis, commented that Kendall County is one of the top 10 counties with the highest taxes in Illinois. He is committed to developing collaboration and partnerships to find solutions without raising taxes.

**Consent Agenda:**

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
  - Approved minutes from the November 17, 2025, Board of Education Meeting
  - November 18, 2025, Special Meeting
  - December 1, 2025, Committee Meeting
  - Activities Fund Report for November 2025
  - Bills and Claims for November 2025 for \$1,499,037.24
  - Bills and Claims for December 2025 for \$3,680,522.18
  - 4 FOIA requests
  - Destroy the January 22, 2024, and February 26, 2024, Executive Session minutes.

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

**Consent/Action Finance and Infrastructure:**

- Finance and Infrastructure Committee Report
  - Mike Houston, Board of Education Secretary, presented the following report
    - School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG)
    - Food Service Update
    - Proposed Referendum Language
- Treasurer Report
  - Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Treasurer Report: Investment summary for the month end of November 2025, Insurance Fund Statement, November 2025, Treasurer Report, November 2025, Taxes Received, Outstanding State Payments, November 2025, Transition Fees, November 2025, GRES Transition Fees for November 2025, and Revenue Expended in November 2025. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights based on the proposed annual budget:
    - Local revenues are at \$38.8M (48.4%)
    - Investment income is at \$1.2M (39%)
    - State funds are at \$10.8M (30%)
    - Federal Funds are at \$1.9M (51%)
    - FY26 Net Position for Fund 12: -\$1,418,797.00
  - The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
- School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG)
  - The School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) is a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant program that provides awards of up to \$50,000 to grantees exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. Approximately \$40 million is available for the FY26 SMPG. All project activities must be expended or legally obligated within two years of disbursement by the State.
    - The State has identified five purposes for awarding the SMPG in the following order of priority: A) Emergency Projects are projects made necessary by a disaster

- Health/Life Safety Projects are projects to remodel or improve an existing structure to correct a violation of the Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools
- State Priority Projects are projects necessary for energy conservation or that adapt a building or structure to better serve students in a specific program
- Permanent Improvement Projects are projects designed to upgrade or install building systems
- Other projects do not fit in any above categories.

The school administration would like to apply for a grant to help offset the costs associated with purchasing and installing new boilers at Yorkville Intermediate School. The district anticipates completing this project in early fiscal year 2027. The motion was approved as presented.

- Proposed – Election Resolution
  - Following a comprehensive Facility Master Plan process driven by increasing enrollment and aging infrastructure, the District has identified critical needs to maintain educational quality for Yorkville School District 115.

District officials, in collaboration with the community steering committee, have determined that a referendum is necessary to fund these improvements. The administration has worked with Bob Lewis (PTMA) and Anjali Vij (Chapman and Cutler) to develop the funding structure and the precise legal language required for the ballot.

The proposed scope of work includes:

- Construction of two new school buildings to address capacity.
- Additions to Yorkville High School (Academic Wing, Performing Arts Center, Fieldhouse).
- District-wide safety, infrastructure, and mechanical updates.

"Shall the Board of Education of Yorkville Community Unit School District Number 115, Kendall and Kane Counties, Illinois, build and equip two school buildings; build and equip additions to the Yorkville High School Building, including construction of an academic wing, a performing arts center, and a fieldhouse; alter, repair and equip existing school buildings and facilities, including construction of additional classrooms and teacher and student support spaces, and improvements to safety, infrastructure and mechanical systems; improve school sites; and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$275,143,683 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?"

If approved by voters at the March 17, 2026, Illinois General Primary Election, the District will issue bonds totaling \$275,143,683.

Based on current market conditions estimated by PTMA:

- Impact on Homeowner: For a home with a Market Value of \$323,700 (the district median), the estimated tax impact is \$577 annually.
- Monthly Breakdown: This equates to approximately \$48.08 per month.

The board shared some comments regarding the Proposed Election Resolution:

Darren Crawford, Board Member, advocated for a zero-tax referendum by separating the needs from the wants. He suggested phasing construction to save money and emphasized transparency by requesting that bond prices be clearly listed at the top of the ballot language.

Joe Rand, Board Member, noted that the current list of priorities was shaped by extensive feedback from students, staff, and the community. EOSullivan provided a recommendation based on all of the feedback they received. The community will make a decision in March on whether to support the referendum.

Dr. Jason Demas, Board Member, is concerned about the 30-year financial commitment. He noted the district still has two years of payments left on a previous referendum and warned that there wasn't an overwhelming gap in the community preference between "Option 1" and "Option 3." The board and district need to be transparent.

Julie Hart, Board Member, acknowledged that she is not taking this lightly, what we are asking from our community, but we need to do it right the first time. She highlighted that different student groups have different essential needs—such as an auditorium for fine arts and a field house for athletics.

Leslie Smogor, Board of Education Vice President, emphasized that the primary goal is to provide the community with an opportunity to vote and decide the district's direction.

Mike Houston, Board of Education Secretary, expressed support for the phased construction model as a way to manage cost.

Dr. Shawn Schumacher, Board of Education President, thanked the board for their comments and Dr. Zediker for his transparency and for hosting all of the community events.

The motion was approved as presented.

**Consent/Action Personnel:**

- Personnel Committee Report
  - No Report
- 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

**Superintendent Communication:**

- Dr. Zediker shared that this is finals week at the high school, and Dr. Melton will provide an update in January. Dr. Zediker mentioned that January 5, 2026, is a teacher institute day, and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

**Board Comments:**

- Mr. Rand congratulated the over 500 students who performed at the 2025 Prism Concert. He also thanked all the staff and volunteers who made the Prism concert a success.

The regular Board of Education meeting adjourned.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- The Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 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, January 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Yorkville High School Library.