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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary
Monday, January 26, 2026 | Yorkville High School Library

Executive Session:

- *After the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., a motion was made to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing "Self Evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member" 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16), "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." 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11).*

Meeting Highlights:

Heart of the Fox:

- Yorkville Grade School
 - Principal Hafenrichter shared the framework for what it means to Lead the Foxes Way.

Public Comments:

- No Public Comments

Consent Agenda:

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
 - Approved minutes from the December 15, 2025, Board of Education Meeting
 - December 15, 2025, Executive Session
 - January 12, 2026, Committee Meeting
 - Activities Fund Report for December 2025

- Bills and Claims for December 2025 for \$9,508,835.10
- Bills and Claims for January 2026 for \$2,147,895.53
- 7 FOIA requests
- Destroy the March 11, 2024, and March 18, 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
 - Review of Executive Session Minutes
 - FY25 Annual Financial Report (AFR)
 - Yorkville Educational Foundation (YEF) Grants

- FY25 Annual Financial Report (AFR)
 - Each year, an independent auditor conducts an examination of the District's financial reports and internal controls in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and governmental accounting principles. Scott Duenser, of Wipfli LLP, presented the results of the FY2025 audit, highlighting key financial data, and responded to Board questions. Yorkville received a 4.0 perfect profile score, with no sufficient findings to report.

District representatives will file the report with the Regional Office of Education and the Illinois State Board of Education to ensure full compliance with state mandates.

The motion was approved as presented.

- Treasurer Report
 - Greg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Treasurer Report: Investment summary for the month end of December 2025, Insurance Fund Statement, December 2025, Treasurer Report, December 2025, Taxes Received, Outstanding State Payments, December 2025, Transition Fees, December 2025, GRES Transition Fees for December 2025, and Revenue Expended in December 2025. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights based on the proposed annual budget:
 - Local revenues are at \$39.4M (49.7%)
 - Investment income is at \$1.6M (48%)
 - State funds are at \$13.9M (39%)
 - Federal Funds are at \$2.16M (56%)
 - FY26 Net Position for Fund 12: -\$738,006.00
 - The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

- Yorkville Educational Foundation (YEF) Grants
 - The Yorkville Educational Foundation (YEF) is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established in 2015. Each year, the Foundation provides grant funding for forward-thinking projects that immerse students in new experiences. Applicants share their proposals with building administrators before submitting.

Applicable district departments also vet grant proposals prior to the YEF selection process. In the Fall 2025 grant cycle, the YEF has awarded \$10,297.63 to support nine grant proposals for which the district is seeking the Board's approval. Selected grants are as follows:

- Erick Nelson: \$180.00 - Chest Freezer
- Ann McCue: \$203.85 - Kindness rock materials for Literacy Night
- Katarina Gallagher: \$1348.00 - Calm down, corner materials for 4 sections
- Megan Johnson: \$2929.50 - Science probe ware
- Cynthia Apantenco: \$1000.00 - Virtual Reality Trunks
- Caroyln Jarot: \$1000.00 - Bow Project materials
- Kristopher Begley: \$930.00 - 1 Nintendo Switch, 1 Gaming Monitor, remainder for controllers
- Erika Martinez: \$250.00 - Calm down, corner supplies
- Jenna Steben: \$1294.92 - 3D Printer & materials
- Linda Bigus: \$1139.76 - Building Thinking Classroom Materials

This \$10,297.63 gift from the YEF will support nine grant proposals in district schools and classrooms.

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 on a semi-annual basis.

The following Executive Session minutes are to be reviewed and released:

- June 9, 2025
- June 23, 2025
- July 14, 2025
- August 4, 2025
- August 25, 2025
- September 8, 2025
- September 22, 2025
- October 27, 2025

The following minutes are to remain closed:

- April 7, 1982
- May 10, 1982
- May 24, 1982
- February 14, 1984
- January 14, 1985

The motion was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Personnel:

- Personnel Committee Report
 - 2026-2027 Co-Curricular Additions
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 - The district and building administration will discuss the co-curricular additions for the 2026-2027 school year. The proposed additions include the following:
 - YHS Musical Set Builder
 - YHS Musical Set Painter
 - YHS Craft Club
 - YHS Fall Play Technical Director
 - YHS Winter Play Technical Director
 - YHS Assistant Speech Coach
 - YHS Assistant Track and Field Coaches (2)
 - YMS Boys Volleyball Coaches (2)

Each year, the staff at Yorkville Middle School and Yorkville High School 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 prior to being brought to the Board of Education for consideration. The additional stipends will cost approximately \$35,000.00 annually. The motion was 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

Board of Education Policy Updates

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 - A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Policy Updates for policies 4.150 - Facility Management and Building Programs, and 6:220 "Bring Your Own Device" (B.Y.O.D.) Guidelines. The motion was approved as presented.

Superintendent Communication:

- Dr. Zediker provided a recap of the Strategic Plan discussion from the Committee meeting. The board expressed a desire for continuity and momentum, a focus on

academic excellence, a review of the vision statement, and a commitment to the current process rather than starting from scratch.

- A learning and grading update will be provided at the committee meeting next month.
- The high school was honored as a Silver AP Honor Roll recipient.
- The district held its first e-learning day last Friday, with strong attendance and positive feedback; a survey will be sent out soon.

Board Comments:

- No board comments.

The regular Board of Education meeting adjourned.

Upcoming meetings:

- The Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Administration Center (800 Game Farm Road).
- The Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Yorkville High School Library.