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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary
Monday, February 23, 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:

- Bristol Grade School
 - Principal Perez shared their "Building with Care" video, during the Heart of the Fox presentation.
- Yorkville Intermediate School
 - Principal Weber shared the benefits of the SEL curriculum program during the Heart of the Fox presentation.

Public Comments:

- One member of the public raised concerns regarding the student walkout event, noting parents received a message that the district will not be supporting the walkout, but the message did not mention that students will receive a suspension.

Consent Agenda:

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
 - Approved minutes from the January 26, 2026, Board of Education Meeting
 - January 26, 2026, Executive Session
 - February 9, 2026, Committee Meeting
 - Activities Fund Report for January 2026
 - Bills and Claims for January 2026 for \$1,201,646.22
 - Bills and Claims for February 2026 for \$3,248,641.19
 - 2 FOIA requests

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Personnel:

- Personnel Committee Report
 - Julie Hart, Board Member, presented the following report
 - Math Intervention Paraprofessional
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 - In the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, the district funded math paraprofessionals at elementary schools qualifying for Title I funding. While Circle Center Grade School does not currently qualify for Title I, it does receive support through the Title I, Part A Section 1003 School Improvement Grant. Following the allocation of \$31,668 in additional grant funds for Circle Center in January, the district recommends adding a Math Intervention Paraprofessional at Circle Center for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year. The estimated cost for the balance of the school year is approximately \$ 17,000 and will vary based on the benefits selected by the candidate of choice.

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
 - Leslie Smogor, Board of Education Vice President, presented the following report
 - Learning & Grading Plan Update
 - Y115 Summer 2026 Programming
 - Yorkville High School Early Graduates
 - Yorkville High School Out-of-State Travel
 - Sixth Amended Joint Agreement for Participation in the Indian Valley Vocational Center
 - Y115 2026-27 Student Handbook
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 - Each year, the Parent-Student Handbook is reviewed and updated to align with current practices, policies, and the latest guidelines from HLERK, the District's

attorneys, and PRESS, the policy arm of the Illinois Association of School Boards. This ongoing process ensures the handbook remains a comprehensive and accurate resource for both families and staff.

The motion was approved as presented.

- Yorkville High School Out-of-State Travel
 - Yorkville High School has proposed an out-of-state travel opportunity for the Yorkville Stepping Foxes. Pending approval, the team will travel to Manchester, Missouri, to compete in the Parkway South High School “Watch the Throne” competition. They would depart on Saturday, April 25, 2026, and return on Sunday, April 26, 2026. Expenses will be covered by the program's budgeted funds.
The motion was approved as presented.

- Sixth Amended Joint Agreement for Participation in the Indian Valley Vocational Center
 - Dr. Zediker presented a red-lined draft Sixth Amended Joint Agreement for participation in the Indian Valley Vocational Center. This agreement defines the rights, duties, and obligations for providing vocational programs for 11th- and 12th-grade high school students.
The motion was approved as presented.

- Yorkville High School Early Graduates
 - Yorkville High School administration annually presents candidates for consideration as high school graduates after completing 6 or 7 semesters at Yorkville High School. Candidates for Early Graduation are brought forward in alignment with Board Policy 6:300: Graduation Requirements.
The motion was approved as presented.

Consent/Action Finance and Infrastructure:

- Finance and Infrastructure Committee Report
 - Mike Houston, Board of Education Secretary, presented the following report
 - Humanex Ventures Contract Renewal
 - E-Rate Update
 - Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) Selection Update

- Treasurer Report
 - Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Treasurer Report: Investment summary for the month end of January 2026, Insurance Fund Statement, January 2026, Treasurer Report, January 2026, Taxes Received, Outstanding State Payments, January 2026, Transition Fees, January 2026, GRES Transition Fees for January 2026, and Revenue Expended in January 2026. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights based on the proposed annual budget:
 - Local revenues are at \$39.8M (50.19%)
 - Investment income is at \$1.7M (53%)

- State funds are at \$18.3M (51%)
 - Federal Funds are at \$2.8M (74%)
 - FY26 Net Position for Fund 12: -\$743,465.00
 - The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
- Humanex Ventures Contract Renewal
 - Y115 has partnered with Humanex since the 24-25 school year. Humanex has supported the district with employee engagement and satisfaction, leadership development through talent identification, and team building. This contract continues the partnership and adds a component for a profile builder to support our hiring practices, and it allows three district leaders to be trained on feedback surrounding talent and leadership identification. The motion was approved as presented.
- E-Rate Update
 - Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided an update on the E-Rate Program. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established the E-Rate Program to make telecommunications and information services more affordable for schools and libraries. Eligible schools can receive discounted services, including telecommunications, internal broadband, fiber-optic wide-area networks, internet connectivity, and essential maintenance of internal connections.

Yorkville School District qualifies for a 50% discount. Funding is divided into two categories:

The District's Category 1 services include Internet connectivity for all school buildings provided through a Metronet Internet connection at YHS, which is then distributed to the other schools via additional connections secured at no cost through the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology. The Department of Innovation and Technology also supplies an additional internet connection at YHS, at no cost to the district. The district would like to extend Metronet's contract for 36 months at \$1,950 per month.

The District's Category 2 needs for the FY27 school year include purchasing 33 new network switches. These switches are necessary to replace outdated equipment that is no longer compatible with the District's network management system, which was implemented as part of the FY26 wireless network upgrade. The new switches will be installed at Yorkville High School and the recently constructed temporary structures at Autumn Creek, Bristol Bay, and Grande Reserve Elementary Schools, completing the network upgrade process that began in FY23.

The anticipated start date would be April 1, 2026, and completion is expected by August 1, 2026. The project will be scheduled to accommodate the District's summer school and events schedule.

The motion was approved as presented.

- Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Selection Update
 - The District recently conducted a formal selection process for Construction Manager at-Risk (CMAR) services to oversee upcoming capital projects. The goal of this process was to identify a qualified professional partner to ensure the structural soundness of District finances while delivering critical infrastructure improvements.

To ensure a competitive, transparent selection, the District issued Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) to 10 professional firms.

A selection committee performed a comprehensive evaluation of the submitted qualifications and conducted detailed reference checks. Following this review, three finalists—Gilbane, F.H. Paschen, and Bulley & Andrews—were invited to participate in formal interviews on February 10, 2026.

Based on the committee's evaluation of professional qualifications and interview performance, Bulley & Andrews has been identified as the firm best suited to partner with the District.

The motion was approved as presented.

Superintendent Communication:

- Dr. Zediker provided celebrations throughout the district.

Board Comments:

- Leslie Smogor, Board of Education Vice President, mentioned that the Fine Arts Festival is on March 14th.

The regular Board of Education meeting adjourned.

Upcoming meetings:

- The Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 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, March 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Yorkville High School Library.