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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary  
Monday, April 27, 2026 | Yorkville High School Library

**Meeting Highlights:**

**Heart of the Fox:**

- Autumn Creek Elementary School
  - Principal Hankes-Ixpata shared information about the ACES Dual Language program's success and growth.

**Public Comments:**

- No Public Comment

**Consent Agenda:**

- The Consent Agenda included the following:
  - Approved minutes from the March 23, 2026, Board of Education Meeting
  - March 23, 2026, Executive Session
  - April 13, 2026, Committee Meeting
  - April 13, 2026 Executive Session
  - Activities Fund Report for March 2026
  - Bills and Claims for March 2026 for \$1,100,434.69
  - Bills and Claims for April 2026 for \$3,512,155.38
  - 7 FOIA requests
  - Destroy the May 7, 2024, Executive Session minutes
  - Destroy the May 20, 2024, Executive Session minutesThe Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

**Consent/Action Personnel:**

- Personnel Committee Report
  - Julie Hart, Board Member, presented the following report
    - Seasonal Maintenance Personnel
    - Personnel Report
- Seasonal Maintenance Personnel

- The Facility Operations Department will need to bring on seasonal workers for the fiscal year 26/27. The department is requesting 15 positions. Some of the hires will be coming from returning seasonal employees.

The seasonal staff will assist District staff, be assigned to a variety of projects and tasks, and provide maintenance on the District's buildings and grounds. Performs and assists in a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled duties, including but not limited to: mowing grass, edging, and pulling weeds; painting (interior and exterior); summer cleaning; and general labor. This will have an approximate impact of \$72,000.00.

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.
- Summer School Request to Hire
  - Summer School hires 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
    - Yorkville High School Mathematics Resource Proposal
    - Benchmark Express Resource Proposal
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  - Yorkville High School Applied Math Division members engaged in the resource review process in order to support the core math curriculum (Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2).

Following a review of multiple resources and the use of a scoring rubric, the team has recommended the adoption of Reveal Math by McGraw Hill. The division requested to enter into a 5-year contract for the online resource. The cost of 5-year digital access and consumables for the 5-year contract duration is \$294,927.54.

The motion was approved as presented.

- Benchmark Express Resource Proposal
  - To address the current lack of a standardized K–5 multilingual curricular resource, Yorkville CUSD 115 team members have evaluated evidence-based resources to strengthen English language development throughout the 2025-26 school year. Since October 2025, a diverse committee of K–12 multilingual specialists and general education teachers has been auditing materials to ensure

high-quality instructional alignment. This selection process is anchored in the updated WIDA English Language Development standards to guarantee rigorous academic achievement. Beyond standards alignment, the team is prioritizing resource quality, digital ease of use, and meaningful differentiation opportunities. Furthermore, the committee is ensuring new materials offer strong connections to the general education classroom and include robust components for family engagement.

The team is recommended to adopt Express! Asset-Based Access to English by Benchmark Education. The division would like to enter into a 4-year contract for the resource to align with the English Language Arts curricular resource Benchmark Advance's contract duration. The cost of the 4-year contract, including teacher materials, student workbooks, and digital licenses, is \$79,417.50.

The motion was approved as presented.

#### **Consent/Action Finance and Infrastructure:**

- Finance and Infrastructure Committee Report
  - Filter Bid
  - Approval of Maintenance Truck Purchase
  - Custodial Supply Bid
  - Ground Fertilization and Herbicide Application Bid
  - Strategic Plan Refinement Selection Process Update
  - Facility Master Plan Financing
  
- Treasurer Report
  - Kreg Wesley, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Treasurer Report: Investment summary for the month end of March 2026, Insurance Fund Statement, March 2026, Treasurer Report, March 2026, Taxes Received, Outstanding State Payments, March 2026, Transition Fees, March 2026, GRES Transition Fees for March 2026, and Revenue Expended in March 2026. Mr. Wesley discussed the following highlights based on the proposed annual budget:
    - Local revenues are at \$40.7M (51.21%)
    - Investment income is at \$2M (64%)
    - State funds are at \$24.3M (68%)
    - Federal Funds are at \$3.1M (81%)
    - FY26 Net Position for Fund 12: -\$559,175.00
  - The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
  
- Authorization to Develop the FY27 Budget
  - The Board of Education must formally approve the district's budget annually to meet statutory requirements. This report initiates the formal development of the FY27 budget. The District Administration's primary financial goal remains the

delivery of a balanced Operating Budget - including the Education, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, IMRF, Working Cash, and Tort funds - to ensure the structural soundness of District finances.

The FY27 budget cycle is beginning with several significant variables that will require conservative projections and careful refinement over the coming months:

#### *Revenue Challenges*

- MCats Funding: The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has indicated that Mandated Categoricals (MCats) will be funded at approximately 66%, representing a reduction of one-third from full funding levels.
- EBF and CPPRT: Administration will continue to monitor and confirm allocation amounts for Evidence-Based Funding and Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax.

#### *Expenditure Pressures*

- Fuel Costs: Volatility in the energy market is significantly impacting utility projections. Specifically, the District is projecting a 50% increase in diesel fuel expenditures for the bus fleet.
- Salary and Benefits: As the District is currently negotiating with the Yorkville Education Association (YEA), the largest expenditure category (Salaries) remains undetermined. Projections will be updated as the impact of the new contract and benefit elections becomes clearer.

The district's financial goal continues to be to develop a balanced Operating Budget for FY27 and future years to ensure the district can provide high-quality instruction and the necessary infrastructure for a student-centered learning environment. Administration will evaluate the scope of planned projects and operational costs to maintain fiscal stability, given rising fuel costs and reduced state categorical funding.

The motion was approved as presented.

- Strategic Plan Refinement Selection Process Update
  - The Yorkville CUSD 115 Administration is currently in the final stages of selecting a Strategic Plan Partner to assist with refining the district's current strategic framework. To ensure a competitive, transparent selection process, the District directly invited four specialized firms to participate and publicly advertised the opportunity on the District website. As a result of these efforts, a total of 15 firms engaged with the RFP process: Performance Fact, Inc.; PWXPress; American Institute for Research; CESO Communications; Bellweather; MGT Impact Solutions, LLC; DeliverEd LLC; New Leaders, Inc.; Accelerate Institute; K12 Coalition; APA Consulting; Student-Centered Services; Education Elements; District Management Group; and School Leadership Advisors.

A total of five firms submitted comprehensive proposals. The selection committee completed a rigorous evaluation of these submissions based on technical experience, alignment with our “Evolution, not Revolution” philosophy, and proven success with similarly sized school districts. Following this review, the committee identified three finalists to proceed with the interview stage: Education Elements, K12 Coalition, and Student-Centered Services.

Interviews were conducted as a high-impact “Facilitation Simulation” to evaluate each firm’s ability to drive consensus and develop concrete metrics with our Administrative Team.

Reference checks were conducted, and the district recommends partnering with K12 Coalition as the district’s Strategic Plan firm. K12 Coalition’s cost is \$32,000 for the base services and \$3,500 for Professional Graphic Design (alternate). The district remains committed to a fiscally responsible refinement of the existing framework rather than a costly “ground-up” overhaul. To maximize value, the district is evaluating firms based on essential facilitation and metric-development services. A graphic design “alternate” was included in the RFP, allowing the district the flexibility to complete the final branding in-house via the Communications Department if it is determined to be the most cost-effective path.

The motion was approved as presented.

- Filter Bid

- The district recently conducted a formal competitive bidding process to establish a comprehensive contract to purchase filters for the district facilities.

To ensure a robust and competitive environment, the district implemented a proactive outreach strategy. This included direct notifications to regional vendors and industry specialists before the official bid posting to maximize awareness and participation. The bid opening date was on March 19, 2026.

The proposed contract carries a recurring quarterly cost of \$13,000.62. The total annualized expenditure for these services is \$52,002.48. This cost has been allocated in the 2026-2027 Operations and Maintenance budget.

The motion was approved as presented.

- Approval of Maintenance Truck Purchase

- The 2025-2026 budget includes the purchase of a maintenance truck.

At this time, Bob Jass Chevrolet in Elburn, Illinois, has a maintenance truck available for immediate purchase with all of the specifications the district would need.

The 2025 Chevy Silverado 2500HD is a 4x4 Regular Cab with an 8-foot bed. This truck has a 6.6-liter V8 engine. The district has researched multiple other dealerships, and Bob Jass Chevrolet can accommodate the district's maintenance truck needs and meet our purchase timeline. In the 2025-2026 Operations and Maintenance budget, \$50,000 has been allocated for the purchase of this vehicle. The cost for the maintenance truck is \$47,215.63, which came in under budget.

The motion was approved as presented.

- Custodial Supply Bid
  - The district recently completed the bidding process for custodial supplies for the 2026/2027 school year. The bid covered 93 essential items used for building maintenance across all facilities. On Thursday, April 12, 2026, eight submittals were opened at the District Administration Center. Following a comprehensive review of all 93 products, the results have been compiled in the attached Custodial Supply Bid Tabulation.

The district's annual custodial supply spending varies with consumption, but it typically spends around \$350,000.00 to maintain the buildings.

The motion was approved as presented.

- Ground Fertilization and Herbicide Application Bid
  - The district has finalized the bidding process for ground fertilization and herbicide application for the 2026/2027 school year. The contract includes three to four scheduled treatments annually for all mulch beds and fence lines. Funds have been allocated annually from the Operations and Maintenance budget for grounds fertilization and herbicide applications.

The motion was approved as presented.

**Superintendent Communication:**

- Dr. Zediker provided celebrations throughout the district.

**Board Comments:**

- Darren Crawford reported on his recent attendance at district events, highlighting the YHS Top 10 recognition and the student musical production of Anything Goes, noting both were exceptional examples of student achievement.
- Leslie Smogor, Vice President, shared updates regarding the Yorkville Educational Foundation (YEF). She announced the success of the Fostering Our Future event, during which 100 individuals were honored. Additionally, she noted that 200 certificates were hand-delivered to staff members.

**Organization of the Board:**

- Selection of President Pro Tempore
  - Mrs. Smogor nominated Mr. Rand as President Pro Tempore. The motion was approved as presented.
- Adjournment Sine Dine
  - Mrs. Smogor requested a motion to Adjournment Sine Dine to proceed with the election of officers.
- Election of Board President
  - Dr. Shawn Schumacher was elected Board of Education President
- Election of Board Vice President
  - Leslie Smogor was elected Board of Education Vice President
- Election of Board Secretary
  - Mike Houston was elected Board of Education Secretary
- Designated Dates and Times for Regular Monthly Meetings
  - The designated dates and times for regular monthly meetings were approved as presented.
- Recording Board Secretary
  - A motion was made to appoint the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant as the Recording Board Secretary. The motion was approved as presented.
- Authorized Agent and Alternate Agent for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
  - A motion was made to appoint the Payroll Coordinator as the Authorized Agent for IMRF and the Executive Director of Business Services as the alternate Authorized Agent. The motion was approved as presented.
- Treasurer
  - A motion was made to appoint the Yorkville CUSD 115 Assistant Superintendent of Business Services as the Treasurer. The motion was approved as presented.
- Designation of Signatories
  - A motion was made to appoint the Treasurer/Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and Superintendent to sign checks for District Funds, Imprest Fund, and Activity Fund; and to designate the Superintendent, Treasurer/Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and the Recording Board Secretary as authorized personnel to enter the lockbox at First National Bank of Omaha. The motion was approved as presented.
- Treasurer's Bond

- A motion was made to approve the School Treasurer's Bond to be set at \$90,000,000. The motion was approved as presented.

The Board of Education meeting adjourned.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- The Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 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, May 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Yorkville High School Library.