

Community Unit School District #95 - Board of Education
Committee of the Whole - Regular Meeting
October 8, 2009 – 6:00 PM, Lake Zurich High School Library
Regular Meeting

Board President Kathy Brown called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

A call of the roll showed:

Members Present: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Pietro, Mrs. Wallis, Mr. Burke, Mr. Goldberg, and Mr. Kropf (arriving at 6:50).

Members Absent: Mr. Finn

Public Comments – No members of the community came forward to address the Board.

Assessment Report – Ms. Wirt reviewed the standardized assessments taken by students this past year. For the Illinois Standard Academic Testing: Tested in 2009:

Math, Reading, and Writing for grades 3, 5, 6, 8

Math, Reading, and Science for grades 4, 7

Math, Reading, Science, and Writing for grade 11

The ISAT measures individual student achievement relative to the Illinois learning standards, and results are divided into four categories

Academic Warning (limited knowledge & skills)

Below Standards (basic knowledge & skills)

Meets Standards (proficient knowledge & skills)

Exceeds Standards (advanced knowledge & skills)

She reviewed results for cohort groups over a several year time span showing their improvement over the years. All high school juniors take the PSAT which includes the ACT test which is the score reported for LZHS. The 2009 composite score is 23.9, showing the continued trend upward. Also reviewed was the college readiness scoring which notes the number of students who will do well in their first year of college based on more than the ACT score.

Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) 2 subgroups did not make AYP for this year: the Hispanic subgroup at the district level in reading, in addition to students with disabilities (students with IEP) in reading at MSN, and in reading and math at the high school. Implications of missing AYP for more than one year were reviewed.

Results for student taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes and tests for extra rigor and college credit were also noted. During the last five years the participation and percentage of scores of 3 or more has raised consistently. Multiple data points reveal that CUSD 95 is a high performing district and students are prepared for further schooling and/or entry into the work force.

Next steps were outlined, including the investigation of an appropriate Data Warehouse to combine all assessment data. Ms. Wirt took questions from members on various areas of the test results.

Board and District Goals

Members continued discussion on Board and District goals for the year. They will finalize goals in the areas of Finance, Communication with the Community, Student Improvement, and Technology. Additional work will be done to finalize the goals.

Community Funding of IAQ -

A community member has asked that the District allow an outside firm to come in to review the May Whitney building and make suggestions to whether that firm feels additional testing of environmental conditions is warranted. No plan or details have been brought forward. Noting that the District has done extensive testing of the building, has the "Tools for Schools" plan in place and a partnership with and oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Board directed the community members to meet with Dr. Egan as soon as they have a detailed proposal or plan to bring forward. Dr. Egan will follow up with the community members.

Procurement Cards -

Mr. King outlined that a Board resolution is needed to allow the Asst. Supt. for Business to enter into an agreement to allow the issuance of procurement cards to a specific group of employees. Policy and procedures are already in place. This procedure will save a significant amount of time and money in the processing of purchase orders, allowing those staff to handle higher level projects. He will only issue cards to certain key administrators who currently must approve multiple small purchase orders on a monthly basis. Budgetary controls would be in place and when the linked account is depleted, the card would no longer be valid. There is no cost to the District for this program which is sponsored by the Illinois Assn. of School Business Officials. The resolution will come for adoption on Oct. 22, 2009 at the regular Board meeting.

Additional Information

Strategic Plan – Progress on the last year's listed priorities was reported. Goals for this year were identified.

School Report Card – The ISBE has released the school report card for next year, and it will be made available to the community both on-line and on paper on request at the buildings.

Prevailing Wage – The District is required to serve notice of the prevailing wage rates for public works projects. That notice will be considered for approval at the October Board meeting.

Closed Session – was not needed

As there were no further items on the agenda for the meeting, President Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:51p.m.

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*Respectfully submitted, Marsha Smyser, Board Clerk,
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