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Yorkville CUSD 115 Board of Education Meeting Summary
Monday, October 30, 2023 | Yorkville High School Library

Meeting Highlights:

Oath of Office:

- Newly selected board member, Wayland Middendorf, was seated for his first meeting after being sworn in with the oath of office.

Heart of the Fox Recognition - Bristol Bay Elementary School:

- Grande Reserve Elementary School shared a video about their school programs and activities, and handed out Brag Tags during their Heart of the Fox presentation.

Board Recognition:

- Congratulations to Alexis Barkman, Will Eberhart, Ryan Stockl, and Chase Garner for earning National Merit Scholar recognition. Over 1.3 million junior students took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) last year. Alexis, Will, Ryan, and Chase ranked among the top three percent of those students who entered the competition.

Additionally, Thomas Scott, was named a National Merit Scholar - Semifinalist. Thomas Scott ranked among the top one percent of those students who entered the competition. Thomas Scott is still in consideration for the top level of the program.

- Mark Foster, Shaw Media News Reporter, was recognized on his retirement. Mark has been a great partner with District 115, and has always shown both sides of the story with accurate and timely messages.

Public Comments:

- 11 members of the public, including parents and students, voiced their opinions during the public comment portion of the board meeting. They shared their thoughts on board policies and the book "Just Mercy."

Committee Reports:

- Board members provided updates from their respective committees: Learning & Instruction, Personnel, Finance & Infrastructure, Community Engagement, and Policy.

Consent Agenda:

- The Consent Agenda, which included the approval of minutes and FOIA requests, was approved as presented.

Treasurer Report:

- The Treasurer Report was approved as presented.

New Business:

- Hazard Young Attea (HYA) representatives provided an update on the superintendent search, reviewed the survey results, and shared the leadership profile report.
- The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) committee met in August and reviewed nine proposals that were submitted by districts from all over the state. The Board of Education will discuss the proposals and determine if they agree with the recommendations for each proposal. Voting will take place during the annual Delegate Assembly, held at the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago on November 18, 2023.

Old Business:

- The board approved the motion regarding the reciprocal reporting Intergovernmental Agreement with the United City of Yorkville.
- The addition of a 0.5 FTE LBS 1 teacher to support special education students in the Early Childhood Program was approved as presented.
- Recommended policy changes from IASB were approved as presented.

Personnel Recommendations:

- Co-curricular hires, hires, resignations, and transfers were approved.

Superintendent Communication:

- Dr. Jim Gay celebrated the students who received National Merit Scholar recognition, thanked the team from Grande Reserve Elementary School for sharing their programs and video, shared that the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams are heading to the IHSA State Championship meet, and reminded the board that the Yorkville High School Fall Play takes place November 3-4, 2023.

The meeting adjourned and the board did not move into Executive Session. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2023.