



Study Session March 13, 2017 - MINUTES

In attendance: M. McClure; D. DiPietro; J. Hackworth, L. Ashbaugh; A. Loeffler; A. DiClaudio; J. Hurt-Robinson (telephone); M. DiNinno, E. Hewitt; N. English; M. Plance; D. Zolkowski; R. Rizzo; T. Good; J. LoAlbo; F. Aughenbaugh; T. Hredzak-Showalter; M. Walsh; Tom Bland; C. DelRosso, M. Franz & HHS DR Engineer

Absent: J. Nehlsen; D. Tompa

Dr. DiNinno thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Ms. Good introduced Matt Franz (architect) who shared details pertaining to bids for sound systems in the auditorium, gymnasium, and a portable system. Mr. Franz, along with an HHS DR engineer, answered various questions asked by the board. Some discussion was held related to costs, timeline, and options related to the bid and the alternate bids. They agreed to break some of the costs out for the board to review. Discussion related to awarding, tabling, or rejecting the bids was held. The topic will be addressed again next month. Dr. DiNinno asked Ms. Good to explain the process of the sound system and who was involved. Ms. Good explained that tonight's presentation was the result of a 3 year discussion on this topic. Over the 3 years, the building music staff, building principal, maintenance supervision, technology supervisor, auditorium manager, and the musical producer were all involved in assessing and analyzing the situation and needs.

Oakmont and Verona Borough representatives, Molly Walsh, Janet LoAlbo, and Tom Bland introduced themselves and shared their perspective on the DCRN grant and a potential partnership with the two boroughs and the school district for hiring a Parks and Recreation Director. Discussion continued with regard to benefits and risks involved. Board members were asked to share any questions or concerns with Mrs. Hurt-Robinson who will be attending the next Tri-Borough meeting.

Mrs. Plance shared samples of the Kindergarten welcome bags (Fish Bags) with the board. All new kindergarten students received these educational bags when they enrolled for kindergarten. The bags are filled with educational activities that are designed to prepare children for kindergarten.

Dr. DiNinno shared that there are currently 19 students enrolled to attend kindergarten next year at Verner and 50 students enrolled to attend kindergarten next year at Tenth Street. Currently there are 32 students in kindergarten at Verner and 47 students enrolled in kindergarten this year at Tenth Street.

Mr. Rizzo shared a summary of a meeting that took place with high school administrators, Dr. DiNinno, himself and Chief Ford regarding the traffic patterns and pedestrian safety near the high school and the Hulton Bridge. Mr. Rizzo shared that there is an increased police presence in the area, which is much

appreciated. Traffic patterns were discussed. Future considerations related to traffic and businesses in the area were also discussed.

Dr. DiNinno and Mr. Hewitt congratulated teacher, Rachelle Poth for her latest recognition by NSBA as a “20 to Watch” teacher in the nation. The title is a result of her innovative approaches to learning and her focus on technology and lifelong learning initiatives.

The following topics were reviewed by administration and presented as potential motions for board approval during next week’s regular voting meeting.

- Board Policy readings - Second, Third (packet)
- Program of Studies – Mr. Hewitt indicated that the teachers have worked closely with him and Mr. English to examine and align math classes to support student needs. Changes to the program of studies are complete and will be reviewed with the Education Committee. These will then be shared with the board. The Program of Studies is approved by the board annually.
- Personnel – Dr. DiNinno discussed the following:
 - Resignations – track, paraprofessional, volleyball
 - Additions to substitute list
 - Athletic Event Workers

Ms. Good provided the following updates related to the Business Office along with potential motions for next Monday:

- Motions:
 - IU Program of Services Budget
 - Eastern Area Jointure agreement extension
 - DART rental (packet)
 - Potential April motions: Metz renewal; Price-lunch equity
- State Audit exit interview details
- ESCO project and capital project needs as well as funding and potential bond. A meeting with TEN will take place at 1:30 on March 24th to review their report.

The meeting ended at 9:49.

An executive session was held from 9:50 to 10:00 to discuss personnel matters.