

## **Study Session / OPEN BUDGET SESSION - MINUTES**

### **June 10, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Tenth Street Library**

**An Executive Session was held from 6:15 until 6:55 pm to complete mandated Act 44 Review and discuss Personnel Matters.**

#### **In Attendance:**

M. McClure, L. Ashbaugh, F. Aughenbaugh, A. DiClaudio, D. DiPietro, E. Tillman, J. Hurt-Robinson (via phone), A. Loeffler, T. Schaaf, M. DiNinno, T. Good, F. Muscante  
E. Hewitt, M. Plance, C. Monroe, R. Rizzo, D. Zolkowski, N. English, A. Pater, J. Miller, M. Pallone, L. Kline, F. Kline, G. Dull, S. Drabicki-Bell, A. Chatkin, M. Harden, K. Shoop, R. Gross, L. Madden

**Dr. DiNinno welcomed everyone.**

**Representatives from Allegheny Transportation (lowest bidder for transportation bid) provided the board with an overview of their company and shared ways they planned to support student needs.**

**Dr. DiNinno shared the YMCA Parent After School Survey** with the board and reminded them that if such a program was to be implemented in the fall, the board would need to provide some direction for the June board meeting. Dr. DiNinno indicated she would be contacting representatives from the YMCA to share board priorities and concerns pertaining to the potential implementation of the program in the fall. Several board members indicated that while they support this parent resource, it should remain separate from the school district.

The following topics were shared and discussed as motions for approval at next week's regular voting meeting:

#### **General:**

- National History Finals – (Ken Kubistek & students) Washington D.C., University of Maryland, 6/9-6/12.
- R. Poth to attend FETC (Future of Education Technology Conference) as presenter. Miami Florida January 14-17, 2020. Cost of substitute teacher only.
- Disposal and data destruction of old electronic equipment – approx. 75 laptops & 75 desktops

#### **Personnel**

- Leaves: Teacher Sabbatical leave; Paraprofessional Unpaid leave
- Targeted Assistance – summer school staff
- Supplementals: Athletic salary schedule & recommendations; Curricular recommendations
- Substitutes
- Potential Bus Drivers
- Act 93 and Employee Annual Evaluations
- Name Mr. David Zolkowski as Federal Programs Coordinator, Dr. Neil English as Homeless Coordinator for the 2019-2020 school year
- Potential University of Pittsburgh Student Teachers (Fall 2019)

#### **Agreements/Contracts:**

- Lunch Equity
- AIU Services

- PA Educator – teacher recruitment
- Precision – substitute teacher services
- Special Education Contracts: School for the Deaf, PACE, potential ESY and/or placements
- Krise Transportation – special education need for 2019-2020 school year
- Allegheny Transportation
- Potential Healthy eTools (Nurses data management)
- School Physician (UPMC Renaissance) and School Dentist (Dr. DiFilippo)
- Insurance Renewals

**Board Policies/Governance:**

- Policy 008 Exception and Final Approval (Administrative Organizational Chart)
- Policy: First Reading 150 Title One Comparability of Services
- PSBA Voting Delegate Election
- Name Board Treasurer (Linda Tamburro)

**Dr. DiNinno reminded everyone that as a result of summer capital improvement projects the Tenth Street Elementary and Central Office will be temporarily relocated. Those who wish to visit should enter from Ninth Street.**

**Business/Finance:**

- Approval to pay construction pay apps and authorize change orders necessary up to a \$5,000 limit
- Construction Contract ratification
- Misc. Construction details pertaining to capital improvements
- Forbes Revenue Anticipation Note
- Motion to pay summer bills (general fund and construction) and complete any necessary budgetary transfers
- Budget and Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion

Dr. DiNinno shared that the next portion of the agenda would focus on the 2019-2020 budget. She explained that after she and Ms. Good provided the status of the current budget, a hearing of citizens would be held. She indicated that the board would be asked to approve the budget next week.

Dr. DiNinno indicated that the budget being shared tonight is meant to protect instruction. She indicated that it prioritized academics, a safe learning environment, customized student support and expanded opportunities for students.

She explained that adjustments to revenues and expenditures have been made since May and shared that the Federal Government reduced its allocation to Riverview by approximately \$20,000 since May. She stated that reductions to vo-tech tuition, increases to special education, reductions to transportation, and reductions as a result of attrition were made to the expenditure side of the budget since May.

Dr. DiNinno shared that the budget being presented tonight maintains all current programming, includes no furloughs, makes use of attrition in one administrative and one teaching position, permits for the continuation of all athletic teams, provides targeted support for elementary STEM programs and provides for needed math resources.

She shared that the budget includes what is needed in 2019-2020 to meet the needs of our students. She stated that to implement this budget, there is still a need for approximately \$165,000. She stated that she is asking the board to provide those dollars so that student needs can be met.

Dr. DiNinno shared that over the past several years, the administration and the board has not neglected the realities of sustainability. She shared that we have worked very hard to right size the district and provide for the future. She shared that attrition, the renegotiation of contracts, creative use of resources and personnel, a focus on delinquent tax collections, some furloughs, and some tax increases have help to provide for the future of the district.

Ms. Good then reviewed each page of the 2019-2020 budget and answered questions the board asked.

Dr. McClure announced that a HEARING OF CITIZENS was next on the agenda. She reminded the public that this was an opportunity for them to share their thoughts or comments and not a time to interact. She explained that the board would then take all comments under consideration.

One resident indicated that \$165,000 was not very much relative to the entire budget and asked the board not to raise taxes. Mr. Tillman explained that the superintendent has provided the board with a budget that she feels is needed to education the students next year and the board now has 2 options. He explained that the board can cut more programs or raise taxes. He explained that in public education the board is required to balance the budget.

One resident thanked the board for their consideration of a before and after school program provided by the YMCA indicating that many parents are currently on a waiting list with other programs.

One resident asked what implications the budget would have on the average taxpayer. Ms. Good indicated that the average homeowner could pay approximately \$44 dollars more per year.

One resident shared that with such a small graduating class and declining enrollment the board should examine if the district is too top heavy.

The board thanked the public for their comments.

Dr. DiNinno thanked everyone and indicated that the meeting was now moving into the committee report section on the agenda.

Education Committee:

Lisa Ashbaugh provided updates on the math program, the new PLC schedule and congratulated the class of 2019.

Dr. DiNinno shared that the JSJS students went home this summer with their schedules and that all students participated in Step Up day this week which assisted them to get a glimpse of what school will be like next year.

Student Life:

Alex DiClaudio indicated that several recommendations for fall sport and musical supplementals will be provided next week and the student life committee will be held in August.

Finance:

Ms. Good and Mr. DiPietro thanked past and current board members for their assistance with focusing on the energy savings audit and program. They shared that the District received a larger than guaranteed savings, by about \$19,000. Ms. Good indicated that representatives from TEN will attend the board meeting next week to provide an update.

Eastern Area:

Mrs. Aughenbaugh shared that 2 students graduated from Sunrise. She attended the ceremony.

Forbes/Legislation:

Dr. Loeffler shared that 8 Riverview students graduated and she encouraged students to obtain this education since so many employers are in need of employees with who possess these skills.

The meeting ended at 8:55 pm