

An Executive Session was held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

January 28, 2019 – Student Life Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. DiNinno welcomed everyone and explained that the board met in executive session this evening and as a result will be addressing two motions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted followed by a roll call:

In Attendance: M. McClure, L. Ashbaugh, D. DiPietro, T. Schaaf, F. Aughenbaugh, E. Tillman, J. Hurt-Robinson (via telephone), A. DiClaudio, A. Loeffler

Others in attendance: M. DiNinno, F. Muscante (solicitor), E. Hewitt, B. Rizzo, D. Zolkowski, A. Chatkin, W. Wilton, K. Shoop

Public Comment: None

Dr. DiNinno shared the following motions for approval with the board:

Motion to approve voluntary agreement of student X.

Motion to approve adjudication of student Y.

Questions pertaining to the motion were asked and the board went into Executive Session from 7:10 to 7:16 to discuss legal matters.

Motions were then reintroduced by Dr. DiNinno

Upon the recommendation of Dr. DiNinno, Mr. DiPietro moved to approve the voluntary agreement of Student "X". Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) affirmative votes and one (1) abstention (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson).

Upon the recommendation of Dr. DiNinno, Mr. DiPietro moved to approve the adjudication of Student "Y". Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed with seven (7) affirmative votes, one (1) negative vote, and one (1) abstention (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson).

Public Comment: None

Dr. DiNinno announced that Cathy Favo received word that the grant she applied for on behalf of the District, PAsmart Targeted K12 Computer Science and STEM Education grant - \$35,000 was awarded. Dr. DiNinno thanked Cathy, Carrie DelRosso, Raney Zatawski, and others for their time and input regarding the grant. Mrs. Favo will attend the February 4th board meeting to share more details.

Dr. DiNinno provided an update on status of the 2019-2020 Budget indicating that the District received certified county assessments for review, meetings were being held with administrators, and the state should reveal some details of its budget in February. Several

board members indicated that the state numbers often change and make the budgeting process difficult.

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Mr. Hewitt and Mr. DiClaudio led a discussion on the following items with the board.

- Track - Mr. DiClaudio shared that the Borough has requested monies for the track but the District is finding it difficult this year since the money is not in the budget. A meeting was held between the District and the Borough to discuss concluding that the more meetings will need to be held, more discussion is warranted, the needs could be supplemented with grants, and a plan needs to be put in place for renegotiating the agreement. The District must factor the budget process this year into the decision along with its other priorities.
- Mr. Hewitt shared that a History Showcase will be held on 2/19 for students to share their work and solicit feedback in preparation for state competition.
- It was suggested that the facility use fee for the Mystery Lovers STEAM Event be waived since the event will be educationally beneficial and involve many of our students. The board agreed. The event involves an author of books written to inspire STEM related interest for elementary students.
- Mr. Hewitt reported that Fall Sports Evaluations were completed. Several compliments were shared regarding Mr. Rometo and his research and input related to running athletic programs that add great value and are efficient.
 - Mr. DiClaudio shared that the Musical team is working to fill two vacant supplemental positions including the Vocal Coach, which will be filled by Maria Killian and the Pit Orchestra, which the group is still working to fill.
- Discussion regarding providing Stacey Galata with a stipend for her time and assistance with the band this year. Additional discussion around adding a Band Manager position was also held. The board was in favor of both as long as monies could be moved from another unspent area in the budget.
- Mr. Hewitt recommended that the board approve the addition of a new club, GSA. Two teachers have already committed to be sponsors and the committee recommends the board add the club. The board agreed.

Arlene Loeffler announced that Forbes settled their teachers' contract.

Mrs. Chatkin, indicated she has a child entering kindergarten next year and a baby. She asked the board to consider enlisting the YMCA for before and after school programs to accommodate parents who need child care. Dr. DiNinno welcomed her and shared that she and Mr. Zolkowski had met with the YMCA and provided information to the Student Life Committee for discussion. Mr. DiClaudio shared that the committee had discussed it and was obtaining more details and information. The board thanked her for sharing her ideas.

Mrs. Wilton thanked the administration for being proactive and addressing the potential safety matter over the weekend.

Dr. DiNinno shared that these situations are difficult, especially when the details cannot be shared due to confidentiality and additional safety concerns. She thanked Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Rizzo for their assistance and acknowledged the police departments for their support as well.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.