



Study Session Agenda – August 14, 2017 – Central Office Conference Room - MINUTES

Dr. DiNinno welcomed everyone and made the following announcements:

- August 16th- First Teacher Day, August 21st – First Student Day
- Enrollment is up at Tenth Street and Verner.
- Niche ratings: Tenth Street = A, Verner = A-, JHSH = B, district = B+; Verner ranks #2 in Pittsburgh as a standout school and #17 in the state as a standout school for achievement with subgroup populations. Food and diversity were areas in the report earning a C.

Education Committee Update/Report:

Dr. DiNinno and Mrs. Ashbaugh provided the following updates:

1. Board members welcome to attend August 16th Opening Day 7:30 a.m. Tenth Street
2. State of District Report will be posted on Web-page on August 15th. The report is formatted with the intention of helping those reading it on their own, and not during a formal presentation to better understand its contents.
3. District Goals for the Year-
 - a. Improving Academic Achievement 5-8, team focus
 - b. Improving and supporting elementary to middle school transition
 - c. Wellness Plans
4. Preliminary PSSA scores being reviewed, waiting for final scores from state, hope to share at Education Committee Meeting in September
5. New Teachers – several were hired and will be involved in Induction Program beginning 8/15 with Mrs. Plance.
 - Currently interviewing to replace Sean Miznear (technology teacher) at JHSH who took a job out of state
6. We've also been interviewing and creating schedules for paraprofessionals at all buildings to support our special education needs
7. New Student Information System in place for the new school year – staff is being trained
8. Some discussion pertaining to wellness activities and the new reading specialist's schedule was also held.

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee – Architect and ESCP update – Ms. Good and Mr. Hackworth provided the board with a summary of research and interviews conducted with architect firms. They plan to recommend VEBH and seek board approval next week. An update on ESCO projects provided over the summer months was also provided.
- Forbes and Legislation – Dr. Loeffler indicated that little progress has been made on the final state budget. Ms. Good indicated that the District should receive, at least, the same monies as last year.

- Eastern Area Schools – no report.

The following items were discussed as potential motions for approval at the next regular voting meeting:

Personnel:

- Resignations: Paraprofessional
- Potential Hires: Paraprofessionals, Supplementals, Other
- Potential retirement

Student Life:

- Swimmer, Band supplemental positions

Agreements:

- Family Services and Wesley Spectrum Agreements (Falco has concerns)
- Potential Cyber agreement (SV)
 - SAP – agreement UPMC

Business Office/Finance:

- Family Services and Wesley Spectrum Agreements (Falco has concerns)
- Potential Cyber agreement (SV)
- Architect

Policy Revisions:

- First and Second Readings

The board then discussed several motions for approval including an unpaid leave, a retirement, the resignation of a paraprofessional, the hiring of a paraprofessional, and additions to the substitute list for the new school year.

Public comment:

- No members of the public wished to discuss or comment on any topics.

A role call vote was taken prior to seeking board approval of the following motions:

Present: M. McClure, J. Hackworth, L. Ashbaugh, D. DiPietro, A. DiClaudio, A. Loeffler, J.H. Robinson (phone). Absent: J. Nehlsen, D. Tompa

Other members present for the meeting included: M. DiNinno, T. Good, C. Monroe, R. Rizzo, E. Hewitt, D. Zolkowski, F. Aughenbaugh, C. DelRosso.

The following motions were presented to the board and voted on:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. DiPietro, Mr. Mr. Hackworth moved that the following items be approved-

MOTION 1:

- Unpaid leave according to Board Policy 339 for Linda Rosenstock for twenty (20) days beginning September 5, 2017, pending satisfactory MOU.
- Accept, with regret, the resignation, for purposes of retirement, of Linda Rosenstock effective October 2, 2017 pending approval per MOU.
- Resignation of Paraprofessional, Robert Gould, effective August 3, 2017
- The following individual as a Class III Paraprofessional effective August 16, 2017, with a 60 working day probationary period at the compensation rate according to the RSD/RESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement pending clearance and health requirements:
 - Megan Lewandroski
- Additions to the 2017-2018 Substitute List pending any necessary clearance and health requirements as follows:
 - Stephanie Kiger Nursing
 - Shane Federici Social Studies
 - Leah Wilson Early Childhood/PK-4/Reading Specialist/Elem K-6
 - Sally Getsy Elem K-6/Mid School Civics, English, Math/Social Studies

Dr. Loeffler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. DiClaudio moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm

An executive session was held following the study session from 9:08 pm until approximately 10:05 pm to discuss personnel matters.