

Study Session – Finance Committee Tax Update MINUTES
October 15, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Tenth Street Library

An Executive Session was held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. An additional Executive Session was held from approximately 8:40 until 9:58 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Attendance: M. McClure, A. DiClaudio, L. Ashbaugh, D. DiPietro, , A. Loeffler, E. Tillman, F. Aughenbaugh, T. Good, M. DiNinno, M. Plance, D. Zolkowski, R. Rizzo, E. Hewitt, N. English, C. Monroe, A. Pater, R. Fischer, A. Wellman, J. Ketler, K. Rapp, D. Richards, J. Piontek, S. Galata, M. Harden, K. Migely, A. Sliben, W. Wilton, S. Ciorra, M. McFadden, R. Highberger, D. Tominello, A. Gornic, various members of the community were also present but did not sign in for the meeting

Not in attendance: J. Hurt-Robinson, J. Nehlsen

The meeting commenced at 7:02 PM.

Dr. DiNinno welcomed everyone and shared the following items for discussion and review with the board indicating that each topic would be recommended for board approval during the Regular Voting meeting next week.

Personnel items shared and discussed included:

- Paraprofessional leave of absence
- Conferences: Bob Rizzo - Safe Schools Conference, Nathan Hart (to Disney for competition with student)
- International Model UN
- Substitutes
- Supplemental and Athletic Event Workers
- Bus Drivers

Agreements shared and discussed included:

- Bus Contract
- Wesley Spectrum
- Waterfront Learning
- Wm. McKinley Citizens Center (contract should be in next week's packet)
- MOU

Board Policies/Governance items shared and discussed included:

- Second Reading: Revisions to 806 Child Abuse Policy; 311 Reductions in Staff; 704 Maintenance
- Student Clubs and Budgetary Outlines
- Booster Organization Approval and Local Option Small Games of Chance Act

Student Life:

- Volunteer Gymnastic Coach Approval (Burrell)
- Volunteer Swim Coach Approval (Fox Chapel)

Ms. Good indicated that there would be several Pay Apps and Change Orders

Dr. DiNinno reminded everyone that the Strategic Plan has been on the web page for public review and comment and the board will be asked to approve the plan so that it can be submitted to the Department of Education for final approval.

Dr. DiNinno asked the Finance Committee to provide the scheduled Finance and Tax Update

(See separate Finance Committee Tax Meeting Minutes)

Following the Finance report, Dr. DiNinno reminded everyone to keep all of the documents pertaining to the development of the 2019-2020 budget that were shared this evening for future reference. She explained that they will be great tools as the budget is developed. She also indicated that many of the documents shared during the meeting will be posted on the District webpage for future reference indicating that the documents are very informative since they form the foundation for many of the budget decisions that will need to be made moving forward.

Dr. DiNinno asked board committees to provide any reports/updates.

Education and Student Life

Mrs. Ashbaugh reminded everyone that a joint tour with the Riverview Educational Foundation, several teachers and administrators is scheduled for October 25th at 1:00 at Inventionland. Board members are also welcome to attend. In addition she shared open house dates for the elementary schools, praised the Football team for their win over Springdale, shared that the Bon Fire was a huge success and senior nights will be coming up for Volleyball, Football and Band.

Forbes and Legislation

Dr. Loeffler updated the board on Forbes activities indicating that negotiations there were progressing and they were doing a good job there. She also indicated that an earlier strike authorization vote had been taken. She had no news to report on legislation topics but reminded everyone that Election Day was coming up.

Eastern Area Schools

Mrs. Aughenbaugh indicated that no meeting was held and thus there was no report.

Dr. McClure explained that study session typically do not include a public comment segment since no voting is being conducted. However, she indicated that if someone had questions or comments that they felt were important, she would be willing to take them and the board would listen.

Mr. Fisher indicated that he was aware that the board was early in the budget process and asked the board to consider the challenges faced with the band. He asked what process should be used to communicate with the board and to hear how board members might comment on things. Mr. Tillman explained that a Study Session is meant to provide the board with the opportunity to discuss things in public and share their opinions and input. This is where people can listen and learn what each member is thinking. He also explained that he uses email. He explained that nine people do not always agree but the final vote represents the board's decision.

Dr. McClure, Board President, thanked everyone for attending and indicated that the process of negotiating the contract has been a long one, and has been hard work, but we've been making good progress and tackling a lot of challenging issues. We remain committed to working with our teachers, whom we value, to find a fair deal - a deal that's fair for both the teachers and the taxpayers.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:14 pm.