



**Study Session/Open Budget Session Agenda – June 4, 2018  
Tenth Street Elementary School Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.**

**Executive Session – 6:00 to 7:00 – (personnel matters)  
Study Session**

*The Study Session was called to order by Mr. David DiPietro at 7:03 pm following the Executive Session*

Review of construction bids – Ms. Good provided a review of the bids received for the construction project; RD Stewart Company for the General Construction, Shipley Plumbing for Plumbing Construction, and Merit Electrical Group for Electrical Construction.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Dr. Monroe, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. English, Mr. Zolkowski, Mrs. Plance, Mr. Rizzo, Ms. Gardy, Ms. Bell, Ms. Granahan, Dr. Hasselman, Ms. A. Teitelbaum, Ms. Hemingray, Mr. Dull, Ms. McFadden, Ms. Seery, Ms. Fichte, Ms. Roller, Ms. Stimmel, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Gornic, Ms. Rossi, Mr. Miguez, Ms. Wilton, Mr. Tsambis, Mrs. Tsambis, Mrs. Huber, Mr. Huber, Mr. Pagnotta, Ms. Bodnar, Mr. Grystar, Ms. Dudash, Mr. Lyons, Ms. Gourley, Ms. Mayhood, Ms. Collins, Mr. Ambrose, Mr. Proctor, Ms. Kocur, Ms. Abraham, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Jibaro, Ms. C. Mayhood, unsigned residents, unsigned members of the Riverview Education Association

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Members: Mrs. Aughenbaugh, Mr. DiClaudio, Mr. DiPietro, Mrs. Hurt-Robinson, Dr. Loeffler, Mr. Nehlsen (arrival 8:02 pm), Mr. Tillman; Falco Muscante, Solicitor; Dr. DiNinno, Supt.; Ms. Good, Business Manager; Mrs. Tamburro, Recording Secretary  
Absent: Mrs. Ashbaugh, Dr. McClure

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Mr. DiPietro advised everyone in attendance that the first Hearing of Citizens would be specific to the Construction Bid Project.

**Hearing of Citizens – Construction Bids – None**

**Motion for Approval –**

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee (J. Nehlsen/D. DiPietro), Mr. DiClaudio moved that the following item be approved-

**MOTION 1:**

To award the bids as recommended from VEBH Architects for the 2018-2019 districtwide construction project.

Dr. Loeffler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. DiClaudio moved that this portion of the meeting be adjourned. Adjournment at 7:10 pm.

## **Study Session Discussion - continued**

### **Personnel**

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the following personnel/other items to appear on the June 11 agenda:

- Kindercamp paraprofessional; Targeted Assistance staff
- Resignation: Paraprofessional
- Substitute staff

### **Other**

- Designate David Zolkowski as Federal Programs Director (2018 -2019)

### **Finance/Business Office/Agreements**

- Student With Exceptional Abilities Contract (Special Education, Extended School Year) – Ms. Good explained that several contracts will be recommended for approval for the ESY program.
- AIU Education Service Agreement – Community School East (Student)  
Ms. Good explained that the agreement is for an outside student placement at the Community School East Program.
- Forbes Road Anticipation Note  
Ms. Good explained that this is an annual requirement.
- Homestead Farmstead – Ms. Good explained the Homestead Farmstead procedure
- Budgetary Transfers – Ms. Good explained that budgetary transfers will be recommended for approval
- Riverside Park Track Discussion – There was discussion regarding tree damage caused by roots, and a suggestion was made by the District that the Borough obtain additional quotes. The current contract details between the school district and the Borough with regard to use of park, were also questioned. It was noted that athletic programs could be moved to other places and the cost of transportation needs to be considered. The Board also discussed mulching options. Additional complications over the Borough's calendar year and the District's calendar year with regard to financial contribution implications were also discussed. More information will follow as it becomes available from the Borough.

### **Board Governance**

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the board governance recommendations with the board.

- Third Readings: 105 Curriculum; 209.1 Food Allergy; 239 Foreign Exchange Students
- Second Reading: Bully Policy
- First Reading: Food Service
- PSBA Delegate Assembly

### **Committee Reports**

- Education – Mrs. Hurt-Robinson had nothing additional to report. Dr. DiNinno thanked everyone for the beautiful graduation ceremony. Tuesday is a clerical day for teachers. Wednesday will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual IMPACT Day to honor our unsung heroes. She also thanked the teachers and parents.
- Student Life – Mr. DiClaudio mentioned that the Student Life Committee Meeting will be next week.
- Forbes and Legislation – Dr. Loeffler mentioned that Forbes is now finished for the year. Many of their graduates have been able to find jobs. On the legislative front, Dr. Loeffler has been in contact with Mr. Dermody's office
- Eastern Area Schools – Mrs. Aughenbaugh reported that Riverview has 6 students at Sunrise. Projects will be taking place at Sunrise with no additional cost to the district. They have 12 students graduating. Hoping to have a tour this fall.

- Finance - 2018 – 2019 Proposed Final Budget – Mr. DiPietro mentioned that the final budget vote will be next week at the Regular Voting Meeting.

### **Hearing of Citizens - Proposed Final Budget**

Prior to the start of the Hearing of Citizens, Mr. DiPietro explained the process. He mentioned to those in attendance that the Hearing of Citizens is not a question and answer process. Prior to public comment, Mr. DiPietro asked if any member of the board had comments. Mrs. Aughenbaugh mentioned that the budget process began in October of 2017. Cuts and furloughs are difficult decisions. We don't want our buildings to close, and we have to do something. Student enrollment is lower than it has ever been. We love our teachers, but simply raising taxes won't work. Mr. DiClaudio added that the past several weeks have been very stressful as we try to come to terms with the budget. Adjustments must be made. This has been looming. He is disappointed with the manner in which some people have represented the character of other people. The intentions of all are good and he wanted everyone to know that everyone's voice has been heard. He indicated that we can and will continue – all board members wish the very best for the kids. He implored that everyone work together.

A number of residents shared comments with the board including: starting an educational foundation and donating monies to the district, the arts are just as important as math, teachers in the arts are important, we will continue to come to meetings, why can't we put this off for one more year, bullying needs addressed, there is a need to pursue musical abilities, all people need to be represented, transparency, find creative ways, our children are talented, support the strategic plan, music is our way to be exceptional, the arts keep people from moving, appreciation for the board's wise decision in a hostile environment, you have to spend money if you want good things, a review of the school board code of conduct, the value of public education, customized learning, the arts allowed a student to get into a college even though he had a low GPA, future elections, quality of music teachers, more information related to budget specifics, it takes a community, music helps shy children, reduce administrators, why all the furlough letters, guidance and nurses, Grace Notes, friendships through music, not advocating the cuts but appreciate what you are doing, disclosure, and we have a great school district – invest in it.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:26 pm.