

Study Session/Student Life Update - MINUTES
September 10, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Tenth Street Library

Dr. DiNinno welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming out in the wet weather. She then shared the following items as potential motions for Board approval during next week's Regular Voting meeting:

Personnel

- Transfer from Custodian to Head Custodian designation, as per RESPA contract
- Hire Custodian to replace open position
- Hire Nurse Aide – RESPA Para position; Dr. DiNinno indicated that she was requesting that the board approve the recommended candidate this evening in order to assist the nurses with organizing and preparing for the year. She indicated that the recommended candidate, Rosita Jordan, was one of several very qualified candidates who were interviewed to perform the role. Dr. DiNinno indicated that Jordan is a registered nurse with degrees from Carlow and the University of Pittsburgh. Jordan, who was in attendance, shared that she has experience as a critical care registered nurse and has worked at UPMC Shadyside Hospital.
- Hire Paraprofessional to replace current opening. Dr. DiNinno indicated that she received a resignation letter from a paraprofessional at Tenth Street this weekend and will be asking the board to replace that person as well.
- Substitutes
- Discussion occurred regarding the position of Auditorium Manager and annual contract renewal. Several board members asked Dr. DiNinno to post the position next year and on a cyclical basis in an effort to follow similar procedures in other areas of the district.
- Supplemental and Athletic Event Workers
- Bus Drivers
- Unpaid leave request: paraprofessional
- Class I Secretary – 30 day demonstration period

Business Office:

- Breakfast/Lunch/Ala Carte Prices
- Inspection and Monitoring Renewals
- Booster Organization Approvals (Raiders Athletics)
- Pay Apps and Change Orders

Agreements:

- Letter of Agreement Western Psych (student assistance); Educational Support Services
- Family Counseling Center of Armstrong County (Partial Hospital Services)
- Title I and Title IIA Nonpublic Schools agreement (Federal Programs mandate)

Contracted Service & Insurance:

- School Dentist
- Dinnin & Parkins – Active Shooter Endorsement & Cyber Liability – several board members asked that the District explore the potential need for additional insurance.

Other:

- Eastern Area School Budget resolution, mail ballot
- Field Trips: Princeton Model UN 11/15-18; John Hopkins Model UN 2/7-10 2019
- Nathan Hart request to attend, 11/4-11/6 Indiana State HPE Teacher Conference in West Field, Indiana – Sunday through Tuesday – no substitute needed, no cost

Board Policies/Governance:

- Comment - PSBA added Code of Student Conduct to our approved Policy 249
- First Reading: Revisions to 806 Child Abuse Policy; 311 Reductions in Staff (code changes); 704 Maintenance (code changes, to include lead) 246 Wellness (code changes-drinking water)
- Third Reading: 008 Organizational Chart, 222/323 Tobacco and Vapor Use
- Wellness-Related Policy Assessment

Mr. DiPietro asked if it was necessary to bring every policy to the board if there was only a required school code change being made to the policy. Discussion about transparency, potential changes to other areas of the policy being impacted, and perhaps changing district practice from three to one reading when only a mandated school code change is being made.

A roll call vote was taken in preparation to act on approval of a motion.

In Attendance:

Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mrs. Aughenbaugh, Mr. DiClaudio, Mr. DiPietro, Dr. Loeffler, Mr. Nehlsen, Mr. Tillman, Dr. McClure, Dr. DiNinno, Mr. Muscante (solicitor)

Absent: Mrs. Hurt-Robinson, Ms. Good

Others in Attendance: Mr. Hewitt, Mr. English, Dr. Monroe, Mr. Rizzo, Mr. Zolkowski, Mrs. Plance, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Stock, Ms. Hanlon, Ms. Shoop, Mr. McAndrew, Ms. DelRosso, Ms. McCurdy, Mr. McCurdy, Ms. Harden, Ms. Dawson, Ms. Rossi, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Gornic

Hearing of Citizens: No comments were offered.

MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Upon the recommendation of the Dr. McClure, Mr. DiClaudio moved that the following personnel item be approved:

MOTION 1:

- Rosita G. Jordan as a Class II Paraprofessional Health Room Aide, effective September 11, 2018, with a sixty (60) working day probationary period at the compensation rate according to the RSD/RESPA CBA pending clearance and health requirements.

Dr. Loeffler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dr. DiNinno asked Mr. Hewitt to provide an update on Cyber Programming. Mr. Hewitt shared that 1 student currently participates full-time, 8 students use the program for credit recovery and 25 students take a cyber class. He said that requests are growing, last year was a pilot year and this year courses will be broken down quarterly. He explained that a Parent Night is planned for the near future, our teachers teach the courses and more support is being provided to students to assist them with strategies for being successful. Several parents asked about scheduling for next year and email communications sent out from the junior high school.

Dr. DiNinno asked the Student Life Committee to provide their report.

Student Life Agenda

- Fall Sports and Events Update – Mr. Hewitt shared a detailed fall activity calendar and explained some adjustments needed to the Homecoming Parade being requested by local police as a result of road closings.
- Band – Mr. Hewitt shared details about the band festival and the Music Department trip.
- Supplemental positions
- Elementary Update – principals shared several parent involvement events taking place at both elementary schools.
- Athletic Program Review – Mr. Hewitt shared that Mr. Rometo is collecting historical and current information pertaining to athletic teams. He will be bringing together a stakeholder group to review the information, assess needs, and plan accordingly moving forward.

Discussion regarding a request for building use and waiving a fee for the American Field Service Plum Chapter – 1-2 hour meeting per month was held. The board agreed that the fee could be waived since the program was a curricular extension and supports areas of the district.

The board led a discussion with the community related to the liquor license application requested by Speedway. Several citizens and board members shared thoughts and concerns. A motion was voted on by the board authorizing the Superintendent to submit a letter to the PLCB sharing information related to distance from school.

Upon the recommendation of the Dr. McClure, Mrs. Ashbaugh moved that the following personnel item be approved:

MOTION 1:

- Authorize the Superintendent to submit a letter on behalf of the Riverview School District Board of School Directors in opposition to transfer of liquor license to Speedway. Dr. Loeffler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

One parent shared concerns about year's band program and Mr. Perrino's ability to continue to provide the necessary support as in the past.

Mrs. Aughenbaugh moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.