



***Study Session / Finance Committee Tax Meeting MINUTES
October 20, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. – Central Office Conference Room***

Dr. DiNinno reviewed and discussed the following agenda items indicating that motions for approval would be included on the following topics during the Regular Voting meeting next week:

- General
 - Music Instrument Grant (Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Musician's Cares Fund, \$2,500, 5% discount Johnstonbaugh's Music, - Thanks to Rhian Kenny and Dori Thompson)
 - Musical Handbook
 - Athletic Handbook
 - Student Teachers – Spring 2015
 - Cheerleading Trip, Annapolis, MD – previously discussed
 - Policy 217 – Graduation Requirements – 2nd Reading – Chapter 4 Regulations – previously discussed
 - Point Park Articulation Agreement – previously discussed
 - Escrow Agreement – Weiss Burkardt Kramer, LLC
 - Budgetary Outlines – Student Clubs and Booster Group
 - Addendum – Children's Institute Agreement
- Personnel
 - Granting of tenure – Verner Elementary Teacher
 - Change of status from probationary period to permanent – Tenth Street Custodian
 - 2014-2015 Substitute Teacher Additions
 - Substitute Bus Drivers
 - Supplemental Positions
 - Musical – Business Manager, Production Coordinator
 - Grade 9 Basketball
 - Key Club
 - Junior and Senior Class Sponsor

Dr. DiNinno – District Updates

- Congratulations: MS. Nix discussed national recognition given to staff at the JHSH as a result of the middle school and 21st Century Life Skills class; Mr. Zolkowski discussed Tenth Street Elementary's Cafeteria designation of a Cafeteria Diamond Award and shared appreciation for employees
- Parent Teacher Conferences: November 4th
- Education Foundation is currently being researched and established.
- Library Grant - Collaborative Effort between District/Library – Verner Community Focused Neighborhood Hub along with Beth Mellor
- Dr. DiNinno provided the board with an overview of Facility Needs and a discussion pertaining to costs associated with programs and resources being included in the proposed Strategic Plan.
- Dr. DiNinno reminded the board that the proposed Strategic Plan is available for public view for 30 days; it will eventually be approved by the board in November, and then needs to be approved by the state. She explained that a

tentative overarching goal has been established using the SPP score as a target. Discussion occurred about potential realistic ways to write the goal. Dr. DiNinno explained that a simplified version of the plan will be created after it is approved by the board and an overarching goal will be finalized at that time. Any revisions to the plan that are made during the Public View time period will be shared prior to board approval in November. At that point, the simplified version will be created.

Several parents expressed their appreciation for the additional support being provided to kindergarten students through high school internships and student teaching experiences. The parents indicated that they continue to monitor class size and support at the kindergarten level and were interested in how the money was allocated in the budget. Several board members indicated that the monies allocated for potential additional support were still in the budget for this year.

- Ms. Good reviewed and discussed the following
 - Section 125 Health Reimbursement Account
 - Food Service contract bid
- **Finance Committee / Tax Meeting** (Ms. Good & Mr. Tillman)
 - Ms. Good shared information pertaining to the following topics. Mr. Tillman also provided additional details pertaining to the development of next year's budget.
 - Local Audit Update
 - Tax Update
 - Current Budget Update
 - Index Update – 2.3% limit; .5162 mils; \$600,000 collected mil
 - Aide Ratio = .4522 which indicates District is becoming wealthier
 - Preliminary Budget will be shared in January

The Study Session adjourned at approximately 9:16. An Executive Session was held until approximately 9:35 to discuss personnel matters.

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 27, 2014 – Regular Voting Meeting
- November 10, 2014 – Study Session
- November 17, 2014 – Regular Voting Meeting
- December 2, 2014 – Reorganization Meeting