



Study Session - MINUTES
November 9, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – Administration Conference Room

Dr. DiNinno provided an update on the following topics:

- Parent Conferences: A clerical day was held on Tuesday, November 3rd for teachers. The first nine week grading period is complete. Parent Conferences, K-12, were held on Wednesday, November 4th. Participation was high. Many conferences were held using a team approach with staff at the junior/senior high level. Some teachers are making accommodations to meet with parents who were unable to attend on the 3rd.
- Dr. DiNinno also noted that Mr. Hedderman has made arrangements for a Holocaust survivor to visit with students at the high school this Wednesday.
- Web Site Feedback Sheets – Feedback is being sought regarding web site enhancements with the goal of making the site as reader friendly and useful as possible.

Dr. Coudriet provided an update on PA Common Core/PSSA Analysis, PVAAS, and SPP. She explained that a plan is being created to align curriculum with the new common core through the use of collecting data, analyzing the data, utilizing appropriate instructional strategies and creating RCEPs. She is working with staff to design this plan and will update the board on this topic. Areas of need include middle level math and writing. Areas of strength include PVAAS at the JHSH level. In several grades, Dr. Coudriet demonstrated how RSD students earned higher scores when compared to their peers in Language arts and math.

Dr. DiNinno discussed next steps to implement ALICE Training, including an introduction of the program with small groups of staff at the January Professional Development Day. Collaboration with the Oakmont and Verona Police Departments will assist with developing an implementation plan to provide this training.

Dr. DiNinno indicated that the PSBA has provided districts with a new policy related to Maintaining Professional Student Boundaries. She indicated that the recommended policy contains many details and she would like to examine it with administrators and other staff to assess the new policy and the impact that its implementation could have on the classroom and learning. She explained that she plans to share the new policy, along with feedback with the board. At that point the board can determine how it wants to proceed.

Dr. DiNinno indicated the following motions will be on the agenda for approval at next week's regular voting meeting:

Personnel Motions:

- Substitute Approvals
- Student Teachers
- End of Probationary Period employees
- Supplemental Hires

Other:

- Board Policy 101 – revision based Vision and Mission Statements – Second Reading
- Point Park University Affiliation Agreement

Mr. Jaynes provided an update on the construction project. He indicated that a second notice has been sent to address the noise in the classroom caused by the new air conditioning unit and acoustical treatments are being considered to address the noise. He also indicated that PennDOT has contacted him regarding trees and other foliage along Hulton Road. PennDOT will need to use the high school parking lot again. Mr. Jaynes and Dr. DiNinno will meet with the borough and PennDOT to discuss this topic as well as the placement of the potential sign.

Ms. Good provided information on and discussed the following finance topics and motions:

- Substitute Custodians and possible need for the use of a temp agency
- Budgetary Outlines
- Possible approval of Snow Plowing and Salt Removal RFP
- AIU Joint Purchasing Board status
- Act 1 Homestead/Farmstead Notices
 - The AIU will handle the mailing of these notices for us again this year.
- 2016-2017 Budget Timelines
 - Ms. Good explained that Pursuit to the requirements of Act 1 the Taxpayer Relief Act, the board ***must either adopt a preliminary budget for 2016-2017 prior to the required posting date of January 7th OR adopt a Resolution to NOT raise taxes above the index.*** As Mr. Tillman and Tammy discussed at the October Finance Meeting -- based on the history and future estimates, they feel it is safe for the board **NOT** raise taxes above the index for the 2016-2017 school year. If the board agrees to this, the board will need to pass a resolution at the reorganization meeting in December in order to meet state budget timelines.
- Tax Installment
 - Ms. Good explained that the tax installment resolution is an annual adoption and can be adopted at our January meeting. However, a decision will need to be made to determine if the District will offer tax installments to ALL Businesses and Residents. A resolution can be drafted based on the Board's wishes. The board agreed to readopt the resolution from last school year that is pursuant to the law in Act 1 that allows tax installments for residents with an approved homestead/farmstead exclusion and small businesses with 50 or less employees. The board did not wish to extend tax installments over and above what was allowable under Act 1.
- Tax and Revenue Anticipation Draw-Down Note/Loan – status
 - Ms. Good recommended that an updated Tax Anticipation Loan resolution be passed in November. The loan would be available to the District from Jan 1 to March 31. She reminded the board that if the state does not pass a budget, our cash flow will begin to show a deficit in February. If the State does not pass a budget by March 1, PNC will rewrite the terms of the loan and extend the dollar amount of the line of credit and the maturity date of the loan for 90 days.
- Construction Pay Applications

Mr. Hackworth reviewed the history of board committees. He explained the Chairperson/Co-Chairperson responsibilities including ways that the chairs set agendas, work in gathering information, communicate with the administrative team and present to the board at large so that all are involved in the process. He indicated this has worked well in the past.

Ms. Good thanked Mr. Tillman for his work on the finance committee and for assisting with educating other board members through this process. Mr. Tillman recommended that the School Finance Book written by PASBO be provided to new board members.

An executive session was held from 8:45 until approximately 9:20 to discuss personnel matters.