

**An executive session was held Monday, October 24, 2022, from 6:00 until 7:00 pm and following adjournment from 8:17 until 9:45 pm to discuss personnel and legal matters and receive information.*

**Study Session/Student Life
Tenth Street Elementary Auditorium
November 7, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

In attendance: M. Pallone, M. McClure, J. Miller, W. Wilton, J. Hurt-Robinson, A. Paris, N. English, D. Zolkowski, C. Monroe, R. Rizzo, A. Pater, E. Hewitt, D. Turk, C. Thomas, K. Collins, N. Paradise, E. Keelan, C. Ferguson

Dr. English welcomed everyone in attendance to this evening's meeting. He mentioned that we are now 1/4th of the way through the school year. The students are off both today and tomorrow for parent/teacher conferences and teacher in-service, which falls on voting day. At the November board meeting, we always start by having the administrators give a brief update on student life, as this is a natural break in the year, including the fall season sports wrap-up and the winter preview. It's going to be a busy winter season.

Student Life Update

The administrators each took a turn and provided an overview of the student life events that took place in the first marking period. The Jr-Sr HS took the most time, as they gave an update on every club. Mr. Thomas gave an update on the fall sports, including accolades of individual students. He also provided a preview for the winter sports.

Hearing of Citizens

Discussion/Review of Potential Motions for Approval for Regular Voting Meeting

Personnel

- Sabbatical Request – 2nd Semester 2023, full year 23-24 year
- Long Term Substitute Replacements
- Elementary Administrative Assistants, both Tenth Street & Verner, retirements
- JSHS Administrative Assistant Replacement
- Director of Building and Grounds Replacement
- Precision Substitutes
- Allegheny Transportation Bus/Van/Aide
- Supplemental Athletic Position – Basketball Resignation
- Site Manager - Winter

Dr. English mentioned that in this week's packets, were sabbatical requests for two teachers, one for the second semester, and one for next year. He also clarified PA school code with the board. Teachers can take sabbaticals for medical restoration or professional development reasons. The District has some oversight in terms of professional development, ensuring that coursework is germane to a staff member's primary function, the District must take up to 7 in one calendar year, according to the language in the law.

He added that we have also posted for the long-term sabbatical replacements. The person that we had in place to take the guidance sabbatical told us today that they have been offered a full time position elsewhere. We are sad to report for us, and happy for them, that we have two elementary secretarial retirements, and we will be posting for their replacements as well. In your packet for next week, you will also be approving Mrs. Zatawski's replacement at the high school. We will also be passing on the final candidate for the Director of Building and Grounds. He added that, as usual, we will include any Precision substitutes and van and bus driver additions, as necessary. We also have a resignation for the assistant girls' basketball coach as well as a site manager approval for the winter. Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Catanzaro also have a JV Head Coach lined up as a replacement. Dr. English then moved on to the Board Governance section of the agenda.

Board Governance

- Booster & Supplemental Budgetary Outlines – (RHS Student Council, Verner Student Council, Model UN)

- Policy Manual – Second Reading:
 - Policy 218 – Student Discipline
 - Policy 220 – Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials
 - Policy 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
 - Policy 236.1 – Threat Assessment
 - Policy 237 – Electronic Devices
 - Policy 913 – Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals
 - Policy 808 – Food Services

There are two items under Board Governance this week. The first is the booster and supplemental budgetary outlines for the RHS and Verner Student Councils, as well as Model UN. Also included in your packets will be the second readings of a number of board policies, which you saw last month in the first readings. In an attempt to make this process more streamlined, we did attach a brief description of the revisions for your purview. Dr. English added that these changes are proposed and recommended by our PSBA legal team and our own legal team.

Student Life

- Model UN Conference – University of Michigan (1/12 – 1/15/23) – Replaces Columbia University Conference
- Model UN Conference – University of Toronto (2/9 – 2/12/23)

We will be asking for your approval of the Model UN trips to Michigan (replacing Columbia) and to the University of Toronto. As you know our Model UN program continues to be one of the top programs in the State of PA.

Education

- Athletic Handbook

Dr. English shared that the only item in education this evening are the changes that the high school administration has proposed for the athletic handbook. The old handbook was outdated, and geared toward the staff, as opposed to the students and families. Mr. Turk, who used to be an Athletic Director, has taken the lead on this, and Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Thomas have approved the changes. The new handbook should be more applicable and appropriate for students and families. The HS administration, in an attempt to make it easier for you, has denoted the additions and changes with highlights and strikethroughs, which were included in your packets.

Agreements/Contracts/Resolutions:

- AIU Joint Purchasing Resolution – continued participation
- Watson letter of agreement – 2022-2023 school year
- University of Pittsburgh vaping study letter of support
- UPMC Athletic Training Agreement Service Amendment
- Modern Teacher Renewal

Dr. English then reviewed the agreements, contracts, and resolutions which will be on next week's agenda. He mentioned that we will be asking for your approval for our continued participation in the AIU joint purchasing process to obtain more reasonable prices on school materials, supplies, equipment and services. We also have a letter of agreement for Watson for one of our special needs students. In addition, as you may recall, we have been tentatively agreeing to participate in a vaping study through the University of Pittsburgh. This has been tentative, as they have failed to receive the necessary grant funding. However, they are going to try again this year, and this is a tentative letter of agreement, pending solicitor review and grant funding. We have a UPMC agreement for an additional physician to attend, evaluate, and provide necessary care to ill and/or injured student athletes based on their best interest at high school football games. We feel this will be a positive support to our students. Finally, as was the case last year, as a part of our ESSERS grant funding, we are partnering with Modern Teacher to provide much needed professional development for our staff in regard to personalized instruction and harnessing the power of our digital ecosystem to support student learning, which is also part of our strategic plan. This renewal is for this year, but the grant extends through the 23-24 school year. Dr. English then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Wehner to review the Business/Finance items.

Business/Finance:

- Pay Apps. – Merit Electrical Group, Inc., app. #7 in the amount of \$44,388.58 (change order EC-03 from 2021)
- Western Pennsylvania Electric Consortium 3 year contract extension effective January, 2024
- Not to Exceed Resolution
- Budgetary Transfers

The first item we will be asking for your approval on is a Pay App for Merit Electrical Group. The detail for this pay app was included in your packet. Ms. J. Hurt-Robinson asked a question in regards to the change order for this pay app. Mrs. Wehner explained that the change order was for the Solar Arrays, which was from July of 2021.

Next we will be asking for approval of the Western Pennsylvania Electric Consortium 3-year contract extension effective January 2024. Mrs. Wehner explained that with the current contract expiring in January of 2024 and the volatility in the energy markets, the Electric Consortium Committee wanted to be proactive in securing electric. By approving the extension at our November Board Meeting, the Committee will have up to thirteen months to monitor the market and take advantage of buying opportunities.

She then moved to the next item, the Not to Exceed Resolution. This was discussed at the October 17th Finance Committee/Tax Update meeting. Dr. McClure then clarified that the Riverview School District index for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is 4.1%.

Finally, Mrs. Wehner explained that the Board will be receiving budgetary transfer information in next week's packet for review. We will be asking for board approval of budgetary transfers throughout the year or as needed.

Hearing of Citizens**Adjournment**