



### ***Study Session - MINUTES***

***April 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – Central Office Conference Room***

In attendance: John Hackworth, Lisa Ashbaugh, Lois Vitti, Heidi Dolan, Ernie Tillman, Dori Tompa, Maureen McClure, Peggy DiNinno, Ashley Coudriet, Tiffany Nix, Eric Hewitt, David Zolkowski, Shawn Ogrodowski (Attendance via telephone conference: Arlene Loeffler, David DiPietro).

Dr. DiNinno commenced the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Information was provided and questions were answered by presenters pertaining to the following topics:

1. Anthony Ditka – Bond Refunding Resolution Document Review (motion intended for April 20<sup>th</sup> agenda). Information pertaining to refunding a 2005 bond and the sale of a 2015 bond was provided. Refunding the 2005 bond and taking advantage of current low interest rates will save the District approximately \$900,000 over the life of the debt. The new bond issue can be wrapped with refunding of the 2005 bond to produce a very minimal impact on the current payments throughout the life of the bond.
2. Dick Jaynes (Architect) – Mr. Jaynes reviewed results of all bids and awards. He also answered questions for the school board and shared that additional bids for school building roof replacements and repairs will be opened on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Various bond amounts were considered after the board discussed various maintenance, facilities and technology needs, including the \$300,000 cost the district incurred when heat exchange units needed to be replaced unexpectedly last fall. Based on these needs the board agreed to obtain a \$3 million dollar bond for the projects.

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the following topics indicating that approval would be sought by the board during the regular voting meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>:

- Acceptance of Foreign Exchange Student
- Approval for students and Mrs. Poth to participate in Field Trip in Harrisburg as a result of PAETEP students' and Mrs. Poth's presentations related to student technology and learning
- Policy Revisions – Reading #1 – Policies: 105,119,124,203.1, 210,235, 235.1,306, 307, 317.1, 609,804, 806, 818, 913, 916, and 919
- Textbook approval –Trigonometry; Geometry; Algebra I, Algebra II, Calculus, AP Psychology
- Personnel:
  - Acceptance of Retirement:
    - HS Reading Teacher
  - Acceptance of Resignation:
    - Custodian
  - Hires:
    - Long-term Substitute Reading – result of retirement
    - Custodian – result of resignation
    - Tenth Street Head Custodian Designation – result of retirement
  - Approval of Extended School Year staffing (teachers, nurse, paraprofessionals)
  - Dr. DiNinno explained that postings for 2015-2016 supplemental positions were in progress and the board would be asked to approve Track and Field workers
  - Approval of an Article XIb approval – Child Rearing/Bearing (K. Davidson)
- Approval of State Audit response with transportation notation

- Approval of AIU Program of Services Budget
- Approval of AIU 2015-2016 Consortium Participation Agreement – IDEA pass through funds
- Approval of Food Service Contract – Metz
- Approval of Lunch Prices - resolution

Ms. Good provided the board with the following updates:

- No additional changes have been made to the 2015-2016 preliminary budget shared at last month's Budget Session meeting.
- Duquesne Light Energy Shut-down test was conducted and the District has the ability to receive up to \$8,066.25 as a result of participating.

Dr. DiNinno provided the board with the following information:

- The board and administration were invited to tour the Kerr Museum at 5:30 on 4/20; please RSVP by this Thursday to Linda Tamburro.
- PSSA Testing is underway in all schools
- **Grade 3 – Tenth Street Ranked #1** – Pittsburgh Business times. This is a great accomplishment; especially since there are over 300 schools in the region.
  - Additional information pertaining to historical PSSA data that was shared in the past and additional historical data and analysis was provided in written form to assist the board with a review and some further analysis of student achievement. Some of these documents had already been shared with the board in the fall.
- **Congratulations to Tenth Street Elementary – SWPBIS Recognition** – The school will be acknowledged in Hershey and receive a banner for their accomplishments.
- **Congratulations to Verner students and families** – The Verner **Odyssey of the Mind Competition** Team won their division at the Regional Event and competed this past weekend at the State Championships; great progress and improvements were made to the original structure. The participants and their facilitators were congratulated.
- **Congratulations to the High School Key Club who won a Gold Banner at the Jefferson Awards – for Students in Action.** The group is earning National Recognition for their service and the manner in which they conduct their organization and provide services.

#### Upcoming Meetings:

- April 20, 2015 – Regular Voting Meeting

The Study Session ended at approximately 8:40 and an executive session was held immediately following the meeting, until approximately 9:10 to review a personnel matter.