

Study Session Minutes

May 11, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Remote Access via ZOOM
as a result of necessity due to coronavirus pandemic sanctions

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Members: Mrs. Chaparro, Mr. Hawk, Mrs. Hurt-Robinson, Dr. Loeffler, Dr. McClure, Ms. Miller, Dr. Pallone, Mrs. Schaaf, Mrs. Ashbaugh; Falco Muscante, Solicitor; Dr. DiNinno, Supt.; Ms. Good, Business Manager; Mrs. Tamburro, Recording Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT

Mr. Hewitt, Dr. English, Mr. Zolkowski, Dr. Monroe, Mr. Rizzo, Mr. Pater, Ms. Henry, Mr. Didtka, Mrs. Wilton, Mr. Phillipps, Mr. Krajca, Mrs. Tsambis, Mrs. Tomlinson, several unidentified residents

President's Remarks

Mrs. Ashbaugh welcomed everyone to this evening's remote meeting. She thanked everyone for everything they are doing. Everyone has been wonderful. She heard that the principals delivered signs and t-shirts to the seniors. The awards ceremony was very nice and much appreciated. Everyone is working very hard on graduation at the drive-in. She then turned the Study Session over to Dr. DiNinno.

Dr. DiNinno wanted to thank the board for being flexible and helpful. This has been a team effort. She agreed wholeheartedly with Mrs. Ashbaugh's remarks. We are getting everything done.

Class of 2020

- 2020 Graduation Candidates – Dr. DiNinno asked the board to take a look in their packets for a list of the candidates in the Class of 2020 as meeting all requirements for graduation.
- Graduation/Senior Acknowledgements/Supports – Mr. Hewitt mentioned that it is their hope that the seniors have a good and memorable experience based on the circumstances. Right now, it is not looking good for prom. They have asked the seniors to decorate their homes and take pictures for the yearbook. Teachers have been asked to log in and write nice memories about the seniors. The awards ceremony was amazing. A special thank you to Embroidery of the Heart for the t-shirt donation. He and Dr. English will be delivering new signs shortly. Mr. Hewitt continued by providing an update regarding the Riverside Drive-In, parade information, etc. Dr. DiNinno thanked Ms. Miller for all of her help and to reaching out to Senator Costa for making this happen. A second ceremony is planned for July 17th if restrictions are lifted.

Grading Plan (due to Pandemic/At Home Learning)

Revised 2020 School Calendar - to support At Home Learning needs

Math Program Recommendation – Dr. English and Mr. Zolkowski provided a summary of the math program being recommended. Dr. English mentioned that the steering committee had looked into several programs. Surveys were given. Mr. Zolkowski added that they wanted to be sure that the

teachers were involved in the process. At the end, they felt Eureka met the needs of K-8 students. The teachers are excited. Dr. DiNinno added that the teachers talked to each other, explored the programs, and are pleased to ask the Board to approve the Eureka program.

Extended School Year Programming (IDEA) – Given the circumstances, the ESY Program will be done online with continued teacher and para support.

Targeted Assistance - Mr. Hewitt mentioned that summer school will be 100% online this year.

Personnel: Fall Student Teachers, Article XI(b) return date change

Confidential Mandated Annual Safety Summary – Mr. Rizzo shared information regarding the annual safety summary. Dr. DiNinno asked that the principals also pull together mental health information to share with the board.

Board Governance

- Second Reading, Policy 209, Health Examinations/Screenings; Policy 222, Tobacco and Vaping Products (Student); Policy 233, Suspension and Expulsion; Policy 323, Tobacco and Vaping Products (Employee); Policy 333, Professional Development; Policy 705, Facilities and Workplace Safety; Policy 709, Building Security; Policy 805.1, Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies; Policy 904 Public Attendance at School Events
- PSBA Delegate Assembly – Dr. DiNinno advised the board that last year, the board was not interested in nominating a delegate

Agreements

- Vogel Disposal Service, Inc.
- Riverside Drive-In

Business/Finance Items

- Pay Apps.
- Verner MakerSpace Bids
- Bond Items
- Act 13
- Weiss Burkhardt Kramer, LLC – 2019 Real Estate Tax Liens
- Keystone Collections Group
- Nationwide Waiver of Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessments
- Homestead Farmstead Act 1
- Forbes Budget
- ESSER Funds
- WPIAL Letter
- Proposed Final Budget

Ms. Good reminded the board that the Proposed Final Budget will include an adjustment for the bond issue premium, an adjusted budgetary reserve, a decrease in federal revenue allocations, an adjustment to the property tax relief line, and basic education and special education funding at last year's funding level. There is still much uncertainty related to the CARES funding. The budget will not include a tax increase. The state is currently looking at a potential 6 month budget. The district is capable of honoring the budget into the fall and may need to make adjustments if funding sources do not come through later in the school year.

Committee Updates

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Rizzo mentioned that Technology has been very time consuming. Presently everything is up to date. Dr. Pallone hopes that a summer plan may include student calls in the future. She also mentioned a document to share with the Board prior to the next meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Mrs. Hurt-Robinson had nothing additional to report.

STUDENT LIFE – Mrs. Schaaf mentioned all of the senior happenings and had nothing additional to report. She mentioned how nice the senior signs looked throughout the District.

MARKETING – Mrs. Chaparro mentioned that she had received an update from Mr. Phillipps, which was received right before the start of the meeting. The marketing contract will be put out to bid for the new school year. Dr. DiNinno added that Mr. Phillipps has done a very good job for the district. Hopefully, something will be able to be approved in June.

FINANCE – Dr. McClure had nothing additional to report

LEGISLATIVE/EASTERN AREA – Ms. Miller spoke briefly about the property tax issue. Eastern Area held a meeting last month. The feasibility study is on hold right now due to COVID19. Mold testing was also completed and the numbers came back in the allowable areas.

FORBES – Dr. Loeffler reported that Forbes will be offering Veterinarian classes this coming year.

The Study Session ended at 9:44 pm.

Move to Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors