

Study Session Minutes

June 15, 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, Mrs. Ostrowski, Mrs. Hopple, Mr. Fosco, Ms. Wilton, Ms. Vespi, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Sebastian, Mrs. Migely, Ms. Bauer, Mr. Phillipps, Mr. and Mrs. Deasy, Mr. Wilton, additional unnamed residents

President's Remarks

Mrs. Ashbaugh thanked everyone for coming to this evening's remote meeting. She mentioned that everyone deserved a round of applause due to the challenging year. She congratulated the senior class and congratulated the Administrative team for the creative parade and drive-in solution. She also congratulated the remaining students who are moving to the next grade level, along with the teachers, parents, paras, custodians, and any remaining person she may have missed. This was a year of Serious Success. She reminded all in attendance that tonight we will be voting on the budget – which includes no cuts in programs or staff. We are all looking forward to moving ahead. She also wanted to mention that there was an additional Executive Session held on June 10, 2020, from 6:00 – 7:50 pm, which was inadvertently not listed on the agenda. She then turned the Study Session over to Dr. DiNinno.

Dr. DiNinno echoed gratitude to everyone and the Board as well. No Board in the past has had to deal with this type of situation. Kudos to all. She thanked the Police, Emergency Personnel, Parents, Teachers, Businesses, Residents – everyone involved with graduation. It was truly something to be proud of. Our teachers have been amazing during the COVID closure. She mentioned that the Administrative team is working on a plan to return to school, have passed on a survey to parents and families, and are planning to reach out to teachers and other employees for their input on the plan as well. In addition they are working on a Safety plan for Athletics and finally a Health and Safety Plan. With all that is happening and requirements that must be shared, approved, and submitted to PDE, we may request consideration of moving our next board meeting to an earlier date in July. More to come on that. Finally, Dr. DiNinno again thanked everyone who has played a role, large or small.

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the items which are being presented to the board for approval.

Personnel:

- Fall Student Teachers
- Sabbatical return date change
- Act 93 and Employee Annual Evaluations
- Article XI(b) Child-Bearing/Child-Rearing, Article XI(e) Sabbatical, Article XI(b) Child-Bearing/Child-Rearing extension
- Supplemental Department Chair
- Long-Term Substitutes

Board Governance

- Third 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

Agreements

- Krise Transportation
- AIU Services Agreement & Special Education Pricing Guide
- Special Transportation Agreement
- Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania Transition WORKS
- AIU OT/PT Program Services for 2020-21
- AIU Communication Services Agreement
- Children's Institute (ESY)

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the Personnel, Board Governance, and Agreement section with the Board. The Board thanked Mr. Phillipps with the great job he has been doing with marketing.

Ms. Good reviewed all items regarding Business/Finance

Business/Finance Items

- Pay Apps.
- Forbes Road & Career Center Revenue Anticipation Note
- Supplementals (Auditorium, Athletics, Academics, etc.)
- PAMS update
- Athletic Supplemental Salary Schedule Updates
- Uniforms - Ms. Good explained that Cheerleading and Wrestling uniforms are on hold presently. The influx of football members has resulted in a shortage of uniforms. Additional uniforms will be purchased to cover the shortage. She briefly reviewed the uniform rotation schedule.
- S&P Global Rating
- Oakmont Borough Invoice
- Insurance Renewals
- Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution
- Budget - Ms. Good did the final review of the budget being presented for approval.

Committee Updates

FINANCE – Dr. McClure had nothing additional to report

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Mrs. Hurt-Robinson had nothing new to report. We are moving forward with Eureka. Dr. DiNinno reported that we had four additional Professional Development Days to finish up the year with the focus on remote learning.

STUDENT LIFE – Mrs. Schaaf reported that graduation went off without a hitch. She hopes that we can repeat it in the future. She appreciated the creativity of the parade and drive in. She also complimented the Administrative team for our preparedness dealing with COVID-19. Congrats to everyone. Dr. English was also complimented for the virtual sixth grade step-up day. He did a great job.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Dr. Pallone mentioned that she recently passed on an overview for the board to think about. She asked that the board take a quick look to see what safety touches.

MARKETING – Mrs. Chaparro mentioned that she had received a summary report from Mr. Phillipps. We had some nice coverage in the Tribune Review. Our Facebook followers have increased. “Thank you Eddie”.

LEGISLATIVE/EASTERN AREA – Ms. Miller spoke briefly regarding the bill passed regarding the minimum number of school days, 180. A special thank you to Senator Costa for his assistance in helping to make graduation happen. Some repair work is being completed at Eastern Area (leaks).

FORBES – Dr. Loeffler reported that we have a Riverview Student signed up for the new Veterinarian classes to be offered this coming year.

The Study Session ended at 8:28 p.m.

Move to Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors