

## Study Session Minutes

July 13, 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 Special 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, Mr. Rometo, Mr. Krajca, Ms. Poth, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mr. Stimmel, Mr. Longstreth, Mrs. Loughren, Mr. Shaulis, Ms. Slagle, Mr. Phillipps, Mrs. Zatawski, Mrs. Zangrille, Ms. McIntyre, Mrs. Migely, Mrs. Beynon, Mrs. Vespi, Ms. Susan, Mr. Black, Mr. Beynon, Mr. Kaus, Mrs. Levarse, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Shoop, Ms. Kocur, Mrs. Harden, along with several unidentified residents

#### President's Remarks

Mrs. Ashbaugh welcomed everyone to this evening's remote meeting. She stated that there will be a motion on this evening's agenda to accept the resignation of Dr. DiNinno for retirement purposes. Mrs. Ashbaugh thanked Dr. DiNinno and mentioned that we are in a good place with a solid plan for financial stability. She also noted that Dr. DiNinno will be here until August 20. She has put us in a strong position. More about the rollout will be discussed later. Dr. English is excited to take the helm and wanted to start with a thank you to everyone. She then turned the Study Session over to Dr. DiNinno.

*Dr. DiNinno took a few minutes and stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve the District. We have so many caring people supporting customized education. She is proud of the student body, the teachers, the administrators, and the entire staff. We have such a caring community that includes a very professional board whose focus is on children. She is proud of the eight years she has spent with us and is pleased to provide a smooth transition. In addition, she thanked Linda Tamburro and Tammy Good for the support they have provided during her time here. She thanked the rest of the Central Office Staff, Barb Kumar and Judene Sykes. She also asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the passing of Elissa Miller. She will be greatly missed. Finally, she thanked the board for all of their hard work and tough decisions they have made. "Keep up the great work".*

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the following personnel items with the board

#### Personnel:

- Supplemental Approvals/Athletic Event Workers
- Retirement Resignation
- Appointment
- Act 93 annual compensation adjustment correction

## **Board Governance**

- Flexible Instruction Days (FID) application
- Athletic Resocialization Plan
- Update on Back to School Plan/Status

Dr. DiNinno spoke briefly about the Flexible Instruction Days application for emergency closure to count required school days. Many thanks to Mr. Rometo for his work on the Athletic Resocialization Plan. The Administrators have been working very hard on the Back to School Plan, keeping up with the CDC requirements and all County and Department of Health regulations. She mentioned that we have reached out to staff for their feedback as well. The Administration would like to share a draft with the community and hope to seek board approval at the July 27 meeting.

Mr. Rometo also shared additional information with the board regarding the Athletic Resocialization Plan. He feels the District has a thorough plan. He also commented that we are able to shut the plan down at a moment's notice.

A number of board members commented on both the Back to School and Athletic Resocialization Plans. Mr. Muscante mentioned that the board must be careful regarding the sharing of plan communication as to not violate the Sunshine Act.

## **Agreements/Contract Services**

- Watson Institute
- School Dentist – Dr. Richard DeFilippo
- Interim HealthCare (School for the Blind)
- Phase 4 Learning Center, Inc.
- ESY – Western Pa. School for the Deaf
- ESY – Wesley Schools

## **Business/Finance Items**

- Pay Apps.
- The Wilson Group
- Johnson Controls Fire Protection

Ms. Good mentioned that Mr. Pater is presently reviewing protection for the fire panels. We should have a motion for approval at the July 27 meeting. She also shared information with the board regarding the Wilson Group, the supplier for our copier and print management agreement. More details to follow.

## **Committee Updates**

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Mrs. Hurt-Robinson mentioned that we are just waiting for the transition plan to share with parents and staff. Dr. DiNinno also shared that we were awarded a \$100,000 Farm to School Grant, which will allow us to grow and serve our own produce. A special thanks to Mr. Michael MacConnell and everyone involved with the grant process.

STUDENT LIFE – Mrs. Schaaf thanked Mr. Rometo again for all of his work on the Athletic Resocialization Plan and mentioned that we will be happy to see some sports begin.

MARKETING – Mrs. Chaparro shared Mr. Phillipps report with the Board. She thanked Mr. Phillipps for everything he has been doing for the District.

FINANCE – Dr. McClure had nothing additional to report. Ms. Good added that our local auditors will be stopping by in August to begin this year’s audit.

LEGISLATIVE/EASTERN AREA – Ms. Miller spoke briefly about the State funding during these challenging times. Eastern Area did not hold a meeting this month. Work continues on the feasibility study. She hopes to have more information next month.

FORBES – Dr. Loeffler reported that Forbes will hold a meeting next week. They are getting ready for the upcoming year and again shared that Forbes will be offering Veterinarian classes this coming year.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Dr. Pallone had nothing additional to report.

The Study Session ended at 8:06 pm.

**Move to Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors**