



Study Session / Education Committee Update Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – Administration Conference Room

In Attendance: J. Hackworth, L. Ashbaugh, M. McClure, L. Vitti, E. Tillman, A. Loeffler, D. Tompa, M. DiNinno, T. Good, T. Nix, E. Hewitt, M. Plance, D. Zolkowski, B. Rizzo, D. Jaynes

Not attending: D. DiPietro, H. Dolan

Mr. Jaynes provided an update on the status of the construction projects and work change orders.

Dr. DiNinno, with input from Dr. McClure, then led the board in an **Education Committee Meeting**.

Topics of discussion included:

Assessment Data:

- PA Common Core Baseline Assessment test and its lack of alignment with previous assessments.
- The scores are not definitive and do not correlate with past assessments. This will make it challenging for parents and children to understand. Teachers will be able to use the information only as a source of data for planning purposes.
- Discussion pertaining to the continuous moving target presented to school districts was held.
- Dr. DiNinno indicated that Keystone test scores improved in Math and Biology, but the scores went down slightly in literature. AP scores also showed improvement with students earning higher scores.

Reading Series:

- Dr. DiNinno indicated that a new Reading Series will be implemented this year.

Summer School:

- Mrs. Plance shared the positive results of the Summer pre-kindergarten Summer Success Camp. M s. Nix and Mr. Hewitt shared the positive impact of new procedures being following in the online version of summer school at the secondary level.

Pop-Up Library

- Mrs. Plance indicated that things are in place and a great working relationship has been established with Beth Mellor and the Carnegie Library staff so that the new pop-up library can begin on September 15th. Flyers will be provided to share the news.

Student Enrollment:

- Updated enrollment data was provided with total enrollment to date at 989. Several enrollment historical data charts with comparisons of actual enrollment and PDE projections were provided and discussed.

Professional Development and First Student Day

- The board was invited to attend the Professional Development morning on August 18th. Dr. DiNinno provided the board with highlights of the training for the first three professional development days and reminded the board that students arrive for their first day of school on August 24th.

The following general motions for approval were reviewed by Dr. DiNinno and discussed with the board as part of the Study Session:

- Personnel Update
 - Art Teacher (Glen Garrison – Masters, Step 11, Label 10; \$55,526)
 - Reading Teacher (Hannah Thomas – Masters, Step 19, Label 18; \$47,526)
 - Paraprofessionals
 - Supplemental Positions
 - University of Pittsburgh Placements
 - Substitute Teachers and Paraprofessionals
 - Retirement: Sandi Savinda/Laurie Williams
- Bus Drivers
- Bus Aide Compensation
- A La Carte Food Prices
- Booster Group 15-16 Recognition
- Agreements
 - School Dentist and School Physician
 - Schindler Elevator
 - Pa. Educator Agreement
- Policies
 - First Readings, Second Readings, Third Readings
- Business Office/Bills
 - Pay Applications – Construction Projects
 - Change Orders
 - Tennis Backboard for Tennis Courts
 - S-125 Retiree Premium Reimbursement Plan Services CBIZ

The meeting ended at 9:25. No executive session was held.