

“Serious Commitment to the Success of Every Student - through Academics, Arts, Athletics, and Opportunities!”



January 11 – Study Session Agenda – Minutes

7:00 p.m. Central Office Conference Room

In attendance: M. McClure, D. DiPietro, J. Hackworth, A. Loeffler, D. Tompa, J. Nehlsen, K. Walker, A. DiClaudio, P. DiNinno, T. Good, T. Nix, E. Hewitt, D. Zolkowski, M. Plance, B. Rizzo, L. Tamburro

Absent: Mrs. Ashbaugh

Dr. DiNinno welcomed the board and administrators. She then congratulated Dr. McClure on being honored as a National Education Finance Conference Distinguished Fellow. She then provided committee members with guidelines related to protocol and responsibilities and discussed the use of time allotments on the agenda.

Dr. DiNinno shared that a survey went out to all employees in the District asking them to reflect on how they are fulfilling the 5 Strategic Plan priorities: Academic Competition, Safe Learning Environment, Customized Learning, Opportunities for kids, and Marketing. After reflecting on where each of them are with meeting these goals this year, each employee was asked to share what supports or resources they felt they needed to better accomplish these goals. The information will be used to support these goals and when making budgeting considerations for next year.

Dr. DiNinno explained that the 2016-2017 budget is currently being developed. Administrators are collecting information from departments and other employees. The Administrators are aligning their budgets with the Strategic Plan priorities and steps to accomplish goals listed in the Strategic Plan. They will then meet individually with the Business Manager to review requests and justify needs.

Ms. Good reviewed the status of the 15-16 budget and explained that the Tax-Revenue Anticipation Loan did not need to be used right now, but we may need to consider it in the future if the State Budget is not finalized.

Ms. Good indicated that the 14-15 audit was complete and no Citations were found. Dr. DiNinno praised Ms. Good, the Finance Committee, and others involved in cleaning up the budget and getting it to this point. All agreed that the hard work and efforts on everyone's part was greatly appreciated and helped to put the District in a good place. The Finance Committee will be invited to meet with Administrators and the auditors to review the audit.

Dr. DiNinno reminded the board of the following items:

- Finance Committee Information Session – 1/18 @ 6:00 p.m. - Monday Megan Ott will be holding an informational session for the Finance Committee on Tax Collections; **all are welcome to attend.**
- School Board Recognition Night – “Next Monday”, January 18th – Board Photo

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- Peer to Peer Grant – Oakmont agreement with Consultant (feasibility study) informational only

The full board discussed ideas and considerations for a District Marketing Plan. It was agreed that this topic would be placed on Study Session agendas in the future. The board will work to obtain data that will assist with creating a District Marketing plan.

Dr. DiNinno shared the following items indicating that they will be presented for board approval at the Regular Voting Meeting on January 18th.

General Motions:

- Outside School Agreements: AIU Alternative Education Agreement (Community School East)
- Electricity Agreement Extension
- RWAN and Internet Agreement (AIU)
- Solicitor RFP
- Interim Solicitor
- PSBA Principles for Governance and Leadership
- Readopt School Property Tax Collection installments
- Construction Pay Applications
- Axis Architecture Invoices
- Boys Basketball Boosters Budgetary Outline
- Pete&C Conference – Rochelle Poth (Student Showcase)
- Board Secretary resolution
- Accept 14-15 audit – (January or February based on auditors completion)
 - Designation of Fund Balance

Personnel Motions:

- K. Lininger and M. Kennedy (finished probation)
- Paraprofessional hires: Tenth Street (computer lab), Verner, JHSH
- Retirement (Athletic Director – Bob Kariotis)
- Supplemental Approvals (including Spring Sports)
- Additions to 15-16 Substitute List
- Long-term substitute teacher; Ashley Duncan, Gr. 5 Verner
- Intermittent FMLA request

Ms. Good provided an update on Interim Tax Collector needs.

Dr. DiNinno indicated that information related to student enrollment and staffing needs for 2016-2017 will be shared during the Education Committee meeting on January 25th.

Dr. Coudriet shared that Kindergarten Registration will be held from March 1 – 3 and screening will be included.

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Dr. Coudriet shared that the Education Committee Meeting on January 25th. A planning session will be held with members of the Committee. Academic Action Plans will be shared during the meeting by building principals. Discussion about sharing information regarding the PA Common Core with board members and parents was also held.

Ms. Nix shared that the Student Life Committee is planning for the Student Life Committee meeting on January 25th.

Ms. Nix invited the board to a “Meet the Special Education Coordinator” evening and indicated that the District has 166 Special Education students, with 70 at the JHSH, 37 at Tenth Street and 43 at Verner. 5 students are currently being evaluated. She is also working with staff to determine if there is a need for a District classroom to assist with including students in their neighborhood schools.

Mr. Rizzo provided the board with an update on the need for enhanced technology infrastructure.

Mr. Hewitt invited the board to the STEAM Showcase on January 13th from 6-8 at the high school.

Mr. Hewitt discussed concerns with students not paying fees they agreed to pay for the Netbook program at the high school.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52.