

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



May 9, 2016 – Study Session/Budget Session #5 MINUTES

An executive session was held to interview legal consultants from 6:00 to 7:11 pm.

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

Solicitor Kate Diersen reminded the board about the importance of allowing public participation at meetings while adhering to clear legal lines. She expressed the importance of redirecting topics to appropriate committees.

Dr. DiNinno thanked parents for attending the Superintendent parent workshop, congratulated the Boys Track team for getting into the playoffs, provided an update on the Football Coach hiring process, Shared several meetings and training programs being facilitated by Mrs. Plance for Special Education parents and reminded the board of several programs on the school calendar to honor students, including graduation on June 2nd.

Mrs. Ashbaugh praised the Girls Softball team and Mr. DiClaudio congratulated the Kocur sisters for their nominations for the Gene Kelly awards.

Some discussion regarding the Hulton Bridge lane opening was held. Consideration of a path along the river, perhaps created by volunteers and the Beacon Light crossing system was also discussed. Student pedestrian education, additional crossing guards and police presence was also discussed.

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the following items, and some board discussion occurred pertaining to these items as motions being presented for approval during next week's regular voting meeting

Personnel:

- Coaching/Supplemental/Athletic Event worker positions – (May and/or June approvals)
- Completions of Probation
- Kindercamp Staff (likely June approvals)
- Summer Workers (May and/or June approvals)
- Leaves
- Targeted Assistance – high school (May/June approvals)
- Teacher of Record for student transition plan – likely retroactive and approved in June
- Substitute Employees
- Bus Drivers
- Summer Custodians (May and/or June)

General Motions:

- Naloxone Policy (in packet)
- Graduation Candidates (in packet)

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- CAP contract for required student placement (Child and Adolescent Partial Hospital) (in packet)
- Children’s Institute ESY Contract (in packet)
- Adopt Proposed Final Budget

Business Office Motions:

- Budgetary Outline (Key club) (in packet)
- Forbes Budget (Email on 5/4/16 - budget summary in packet)
- Budgetary Transfers – these will be in next week’s packet
- Adoption of Proposed Final Budget

Dr. McClure remarked on the status of the 2016-2017 budget sharing information pertaining to Plan Con, Fund Balance priorities, aligning priorities with the strategic plan and examining safety and maintenance items. A discussion pertaining to no tax increase was held. This led to a discussion about keeping up with safety and maintenance issues using fund balance monies, which are one-time expenses.

Ms. Good provided the board with a list of items that are being recommended as fund balance use considerations, including stage and sound needs, storage needs, cafeteria freezer, sewer, concrete, HVAC, safety glass, and boiler replacements. Mr. Rizzo provided the board with a review of technology needs, including server replacement, a phone system, and technology infrastructure needs. Mr. Rizzo validated the infrastructure needs with data collected from staff.

Mr. DiClaudio reviewed stage sound system and band storage needs.

Ms. Good reminded the board of state required budgetary timelines. [She pointed out that the current Board Policy #620](#) adopted on June 18, 2012 states “the school district will strive to maintain an unassigned general fund balance of not less than 5% and not more than 9% of the budgeted expenditures for that fiscal year. If the unassigned portion falls below the board will pursue options to increase it. If the unassigned portion exceeds 9%, the board may utilize a portion of the excess for nonrecurring expenditures. Mr. Good reviewed the PDE 2028 form (proposed final budget) with the entire board.

Ms. Tompa shared special education questions with the board.

The board finalized budget discussions. Some discussion pertaining to an assessment of the district’s facilities, including warranties and consideration of ways to include summer and after school programs for students was held. Ms. Good indicated that a grant may help and offered to forward grant information to concerned board members. Ms. Good also indicated that she would look into the last insurance review of the district.

Dr. DiNinno shared a marketing proposal with ideas for piloting a program and narrowing down a potential focus on things like web page enhancements, Give Back Day, outside marketing sites like Zillow and Great Schools as a place to start. Discussion on this topic was held.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:05

An executive session was held from approximately 10:05 to 10:50 to discuss several personnel matters.