

**Study Session Meeting MINUTES**  
**February 4, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Tenth Street Library**

**Attendance:** M. McClure, A. DiClaudio, L. Ashbaugh, D. DiPietro, J. Hurt-Robinson, A. Loeffler, T. Schaaf, F. Aughenbaugh, T. Good, M. DiNinno, F. Muscante, M. Plance, D. Zolkowski, R. Rizzo, E. Hewitt, N. English, C. Monroe, A. Pater, W. Wilton, S. Galata, J. Libell  
Absent: E. Tillman

Dr. DiNinno welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared the following announcements:

Several informational documents were placed at each board member's seat this evening including the 2019-2020 draft school calendar, information for parties interested in running for the AIU open board seats, and the itinerary for the upcoming musical trips.

Snow make-up days for students will be Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> as listed on the school calendar.

The Oakmont Bakery opens tomorrow. Dr. DiNinno thanked all parties involved with planning for an organized and safe drop off in the mornings. The high school administrators shared information with parents to prepare for the day.

Dr. DiNinno introduced Cathy Favo indicating that Cathy was out on an educational sabbatical leave this year and working hard on her Doctorate as well as exploring opportunities in the area of STEM for the District. She reminded the board that Mrs. Favo applied for and was awarded an education sabbatical this year. During this time she applied for and was awarded a \$35,000 grant to focus on STEM and Computer Science. Mrs. Favo provided the board with an overview of the information she was provided with to date regarding the implementation of the grant. She also shared that this aligns with some of the STEM upgrades we want to make at the elementary school level. Dr. DiNinno and members of the board thanked Mrs. Favo for her efforts and her time. Dr. DiNinno indicated that she was impressed with her presentation and appreciated her hard and professional work.

Dr. DiNinno announced that the new teacher contract is ready to be signed by both parties. A motion to approve the contract will be officially made at next week's board meeting along with obtaining signatures and a celebration.

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the recommended 2019-2020 School Calendar with the board seeking their approval next week.

Dr. DiNinno shared that enrollment data is being gathered and enrollment projections for the 19-20 school year will be shared next week during our Education Committee Meeting.

## **Finance Committee / Business Office Update:**

- Ms. Good and Mr. DiPietro shared a Question/Answer resource that will be placed on the District website to assist local homeowners with better understanding tax processes.
- Ms. Good shared a status of variables associated with the 19-20 Budget. A handout was provided to the board. The following details were shared:
  - County assessment numbers and millage rate increase scenarios.
  - Status of Edgewater and Brooks & Blair homes coming on to the market.
  - Expenditures that we are aware of at this point in the budget process including PSERS, Insurance premiums, Athletic Budget, Building Budgets, Playground needs, Science Kit changes, Need for a Box Truck, Several facility needs, a review of the one to one laptop program, and consideration of a demographic/feasibility study. A copy of the report will be uploaded to the Business Office webpage.
- Ms. Good reminded the board that the Local Auditors will be coming to the board meeting next week to review audit

## **The following items were discussed and reviewed as potential motions for approval at the next Regular Voting Meeting:**

### **Targeted Assistance/Enrichment – (Elementary)**

### **Transportation RFP**

### **Personnel**

- FMLA requests
- Article XI Section B Leave (Harvey); Personal Leave request
- Supplementals- JV Softball Head Coach; Transfer from volunteer to JV Softball Head Coach; Athletic Event Workers;
- Musical Vocal Coach
- Honorary stipend of appreciation
- Club-GSA
- Bus Drivers
- PDE summit
- Resignation: Paraprofessional

The board discussed at great length the recognition of Stacey Galata for her services to the band this year. Additional conversation pertaining to various positions that support the musical, and the band, also occurred. Dr. McClure asked the administration to make recommendations regarding next steps.

### **Agreements/Contracts:**

- Cares of Western PA Transition Services Agreement (Special Education)
- Western PA School for the Deaf Agreement (Paraprofessional Services)
- Western PA Gasoline/Diesel Consortium
- UGI Energy Services, LLC (Natural Gas)
- American Red Cross – Verner as Shelter
- CBIZ (Health Care Expense Account)

**Board Policies/Governance:**

- (918) Title One required annual Policy Review (Jan. or Feb.)
- Third Reading: 246 Wellness, 808 Food Service, 810 Transportation, 818 Contracted Services-Personnel
- Second Reading: Homeless (251)
- Budgetary Outlines – Student Clubs – JH Student Council, GSA

**Committee Updates**

**Education:** Dr. DiNinno and Mrs. Ashbaugh shared that a planning session was being held this Wednesday and a meeting will be held next week. Currently the agenda includes: Student Enrollment projections, Strategic Plan values/priorities, Academic Report, Fiscal Realities, Aligning fiscal realities to priorities, Update on new programming this year, and a Curriculum Update

**Finance:** Mr. DiPietro reminded board of Transportation RFP process.

**Student Life:** Mr. DiClaudio indicated that there was nothing else to report.

**Forbes:** Dr. Loeffler shared that the teacher contract was finalized.

**Legislature:** Dr. Loeffler acknowledged Frank Dermody's support.

**Eastern Area:** Mrs. Aughenbaugh shared that 5 RSD students attended Sunrise and the school was still waiting for all sending Districts to approve the Towerco Lease. The school is currently looking into going wireless.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.**