

## Study Session / Student Life Committee

### MINUTES

September 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Tenth Street Library

An Executive Session was held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The meeting commenced at 7:03 p.m.

#### **In Attendance:**

Dr. McClure, Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mrs. Aughenbaugh, Mr. DiClaudio, Mr. DiPietro, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Hurt-Robinson (via phone), Dr. Loeffler, Mrs. Schaaf, Dr. DiNinno, Ms. Good, Mr. Muscante

Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Rizzo, Mr. Zolkowski, Dr. English, Dr. Monroe, Mr. Pater, Ms. Tomlinson, Ms. Miller, Ms. DeVita

Dr. DiNinno welcomed everyone to the September Study Session meeting reminding everyone that the meeting is a time to review any motions being recommended for approval for next week and that time for a more detailed update from the Student Life Committee would also be on the agenda for the evening.

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the following topics and motions with the board indicating that they are currently scheduled as recommendations for approval at next week's Regular Voting Meeting:

#### **Discussion Items /Review of Motions for Approval for Regular Voting Meeting**

##### **Personnel**

- Supplementals: Resignation (Tenth St. Student Council); Athletic Event Workers
- Unpaid Leave request (paraprofessional)
- Substitutes
- Bus Drivers
- Auditorium Manager – Mr. DiPietro asked for clarification on who the manager would report to. Dr. DiNinno shared that the position would report to Mr. Zolkowski as the principal of the building and at times other administrators would need to be called on to support particular circumstances related to school activities.
- FMLA request

##### **Agreements/Contracts:**

- Creekside Park Soccer Field Agreement
- UPMC Western Psychiatric Agreement – Verner Elementary
- Eastern University Affiliation Agreement – Certified School Nurse cooperative education interns; Some discussion regarding changes to the wording of the contract was held. Dr. DiNinno shared that the District's solicitors had made the recommendations.
- Title I and II (AIU) nonpublic services agreement
- Special Education Agreements: Watson Institute, Goodwill transition services
- Mr. Zolkowski: iPad Research Program – kindergarten – University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Zolkowski shared that the students would be provided with an app. that supports learning math facts at both Tenth Street and Verner.

##### **Board Policies/Governance:**

- Third Reading: (105) Comparability of Services (Title I)
- Second Reading: 201 (Admission of Students) 208 (Withdrawal from School)
- Eastern Area Special Schools Joint Committee Approved Officers

**Other:**

- Model UN: Princeton (11/14-17); Johns Hopkins (2/6-2/9)
- Poth – Digital Book World Conference, Nashville Tennessee (District Cost: Substitute Only)
- WIDA ESL – Rhode Island for ESL teacher Barb Stuart – funded through the AIU

**Business/Finance:**

- Ms. Good and Mr. Pater shared a facility update including an update on the Tenth Street window replacements, sewer line, playground.
- Ms. Good reviewed current Pay Apps and Change Orders
- Ms. Good reminded everyone that the Food Service Contract ends this year, the local audit is currently scheduled for September and the 2020-2021 Index data from the State will be coming out soon.

**Student Life Committee - Update****Mr. DiClaudio and Mr. Hewitt shared the following updates:**

Construction no longer impacts any athletic events.

A meeting will be held hopefully in November to discuss the Tenth Street gym floor, but it is currently being used.

Spring coach evaluations have been completed and all are being recommended by the Athletic Director to continue.

Track team is doing well and the borough continues to look for monies to repair the track in preparation for track season.

The musical will take place over one weekend from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> with audition in November.

Open houses will take place on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the JSHS, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Verner and October 17<sup>th</sup> at Tenth Street.

A Financial Aide session is planned for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Bonfire will take place in Verona this year on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Night games will be held for Soccer on Thursday and Football on Friday that week.

Band Festivals are scheduled at Allegheny Valley and Hempfield.

A meeting is being scheduled to review policies and Booster Group paperwork processes.

The Orchestra can host an event via a teacher meeting and parent activity. Some discussion about examining a music booster group was also held.

Mr. Garrison will be returning soon and plans to finalize the Hulton Bridge Sculpture should be implemented soon.

Mr. Zolkowski shared a calendar of special events taking place over the next month or so at both elementary schools. He also shared the excitement of having over 400 grandparents attend Grandparents Day at Tenth Street last week.

**Committee Updates****Education committee:**

Mrs. Ashbaugh shared that a formal meeting will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Zolkowski and Dr. DiNinno shared that the YMCA after school program at Tenth Street is going well.

Mrs. Ashbaugh shared that a Superintendent Parent Meeting will be held this Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in Central Office. Dr. DiNinno added that the agenda for the workshop will be built based on parent topics.

**Eastern Area Schools:**

Mrs. Aughenbaugh shared she is on the board and enjoying the people and school.

**Forbes/Legislation:**

Dr. Loeffler shared that a meeting will take place soon at Forbes and encouraged everyone to contact legislators regarding charter schools.

Ms. Hurt-Robinson reminded everyone that Verona Community Day is Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 7 pm. and the Verner PTO will have a booth at the event.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**