

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



March 7, 2016 – Study Session Agenda - MINUTES

7:00 – 8:15

In attendance:

M. McClure, D. DiPietro, J. Hackworth, L. Ashbaugh, D. Tompa, A. Loeffler, J. Nehlsen (via phone), A. DiClaudio, M. DiNinno, T. Good, T. Nix, E. Hewitt, M. Plance, D. Zolkowski, R. Rizzo

Absent:

K. J. Walker

Visitors:

Mrs. Huffman, Mrs. Dudash

Mr. Jaynes provided the board with an update on the sound issue with the new HVAC Unit at the High School. He also shared details related to a change order that will be on next week's board agenda pertaining to lighting and signage at the high school.

Dr. Coudriet shared potential topics for the March Education Committee Meeting and indicated she will be arranging a meeting with the committee chairs.

Ms. Nix shared potential topics for the March Student Life Committee Meeting and indicated she will be arranging a meeting with the committee chairs.

Dr. DiNinno indicated that over 40 applications were received for the Athletic Director Position and the district will follow established hiring procedures moving forward.

Ms. Good shared that the preliminary budget for 2016-2017 will be presented during the March 21st Budget Session.

A discussion occurred on solicitor RFPs. The board appreciated the matrix being used to evaluate each proposal. Interviews will be scheduled after receiving board input.

Mrs. Huffman and Mrs. Dudash, asked about class sizes for the next school year. Dr. DiNinno indicated that:

- The District is prioritizing small class sizes in kindergarten to third grade.
- Kindergarten registration is going well. Dr. Coudriet has been visiting local preschools and working with their staff to seek out incoming students and prepare new kindergarten students for success. Personal meetings are being held with each parent and new kindergartener. This information is helpful for planning.

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the following personnel motions being presented for approval:

- Supplemental Resignation: Girls/Boys Tennis Coach
- Supplemental Hires: Interim Boys Tennis Coach, Boys Tennis Coach, Vol. Assistant Softball Coach
- Substitute employee additions

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Dr. DiNinno and MS. Good then shared information, answered questions, and held board discussion on the following topics that plan to be on the agenda for approval for the March meeting:

- Grant – Chairs for sound booth in auditorium
- Budgetary Outline/s
- DART Rental Agreement for 2016-2017
- IU Educational Services Agreement
- IU Budget
- Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium board candidate
- School Lunch Price Equity (2016-2017) – Ms. Nix indicated she would share more details in April
- Auditor renewal and agreement
- Assessment Appeals – The Finance Committee shared information and a discussion was held on this topic.
- Sheriff Sales – the Solicitor educated the board on this process and reviewed the information with them.
- Property sale request
- Sound system updates
- ABC Transit Letter/Request

A discussion related to marketing occurred. It included a reminder of the breakdown of cost submitted by the IU and considerations for District Realtor packets.

Executive Session - An executive session was held following the Study Session to discuss personnel matters from approximately 9:45 to 10:40.