

Study Session Notes – July 9, 2012

7:00 p.m. – 8:43 p.m. – Central Office Conference Room

Board members in attendance:

J. Hackworth D. Kadylak, L. Ashbaugh, H. Dolan, A. Loeffler, M. McClure, E. Tillman, D. Tompa

Administrators in attendance:

M. DiNinno, F. Thompson, L. Black, B. Dunkle, J. Moser, T. Nix, J. Shoaf

Others in attendance:

The meeting included a review/discussion of all agenda items including:

- Contracts for Patricia Osan's Physical Therapy services for the 2012-13 school year, Milestone Centers to provide RSD SAP, Leader Services for School Based Access processing. It was noted that ACCESS billing generates approximately \$150,000 for the district each year.
- Permission to purchase assistive devices for a special needs student through the Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 joint purchasing program. The purchase will aid in meeting the student's needs and offset district costs.
- Candidate for kindergarten teacher position and long-term substitute high school English position. Mrs. DiNinno explained that the kindergarten position is not an additional position being added to the planned 2012-2013 budget, but it is a position created as a result of a retirement and movement of other staff to different positions after the board approved the addition of a Grade 6 teacher.
- Additional hours for Elissa Miller, RSD webmaster to assist with construction of new website. Bob Dunkle explained that the web page is almost ready to be launched and training is going to take place this week to assist with this process. Discussion occurred regarding the priority of launching the site when everything is ready, and making sure that it contains important calendar information to assist parents.
- Compensation for two (2) computer technicians to increase by 45 cents per hour and bus aide to increase by 25 cents per hour for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Dunkle commended the individual employees for their skill sets, work ethic, and loyalty to the district.

Mr. Thompson explained:

- As a result of not having a candidate run for tax collector in Verona, and Central Tax no longer being in business, PA municipal will now print Verona tax bills. This means PA Municipal will assist with tax collection processes in both Verona and Oakmont.
- The JHS locker room project is on schedule. Mr. Moser explained that he was pleased with the progress. Discussion occurred regarding possible backup plans for issues associated with the JSHS cooler freezer, including locating potential storage space for frozen food items.

- The status of the scholarship accounts as of June 2012 - the June 30, 2012 ending balance is \$60,467.77.

Mrs. DiNinno indicated that the PSSA scores have been received at the district and are currently being collected and analyzed by administration. The district is waiting for additional information from the state and further analysis of the data by administrators to be sure that accurate details can be shared with the board and the public. Parent PSSA letters are currently being collected and organized to meet the goal of mailing the information to parents by approximately July 16th.

Mrs. DiNinno also explained that she is in the process of conducting round table discussions with administrators and sorting through survey feedback and other data to determine and recommend 2012-2013 goals for the school district, which will be shared with, reviewed by, and approved by the board in the future. Additionally Mrs. DiNinno explained that Mrs. Black will be working with stakeholders to examine the Language Arts, Music, and Art curriculum this year as part of the curriculum cycle. These curriculums can be analyzed and revised based on achievement data and student needs.

Mrs. DiNinno also thanked the board and community for welcoming her and for placing her in the role of superintendent.

Mrs. Black explained:

- PSSA preliminary data is being collected and reviewed.
- The RHS Math Summer Institute occurred in June with serious discussions occurring regarding class assignments, assessment, class participation and homework. Another day is scheduled in August to review differentiation components for students as they learn the math curriculum.
- Various professional development programs are scheduled over the summer months including SWPBIS training which is scheduled for Thursday, July 12th
- New teacher induction will begin and take place on Friday, August 17th.

Mrs. DiNinno provided the following updates:

- As soon as the RSD Board Policy manual is received from PSBA, it will be posted on the web page.
- RESPA collective bargaining begins in January 2013.
- Articles for the Riverview Reporter are due in electronic form to Linda Tamburro by July 17th.

Mr. Thompson indicated that the district will likely end up receiving what it expected it would receive (from the state) when the preliminary for 2012-2013 was created. He indicated that the basic subsidy is about the same, special education allotment is about the same, the old formula for social security and transportation will continue, and the district will receive about \$49,000 in ABG funding.

Mr. Thompson also shared that 18 homes are on the tax roles for the month of June- including 6 in the Edgewater community.