

November 13, 2014 Board Meeting Notes

A public Board meeting was called to order by President Dan Stroup following an Executive Session held for Board Members & Administrators. Items listed below were approved unanimously by all members present except where noted.

Approved:

- The agenda as written with changes noted.
- Minutes from the October 23, 2014 Board meeting.
- The Activity Fund Report.
- Payment of General Fund Bills, Activity Fund Bills and Cafeteria Fund Bills as presented. (Ferraro abstained from voting on the Activity Fund Bills.)
- Danielle Miller & Samantha Chamberlain of Tower City as cafeteria employees for the 2014-15 school year as employed by Chartwells.
- The hiring of the following para-professionals pending all required documentation.
  - Substitute para-professional for the 2014-15 school year on an as needed basis: Ann Mace of Williamstown.
  - Para-professional, effective starting date - November 3, 2014: Amy Kline of Williamstown.
- The resignation of Network Support Specialist Shay Paul, effective November 18, 2014.
- The following guest teachers for the 2014-15 school year: Timothy Brady of Cressona and Adam Konsavage of Orwigsburg.
- The hiring of the following coaches for the 2014-15 school year. (*Salaries as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.*)
  - Head Basketball Cheerleading Coach: Tessa Fry of Tower City.
  - Assistant Basketball Cheerleading Coach: Karestin Davis of Tower City.
  - Volunteer Assistant Archery Coach: Deron Ludwig of Tower City.
  - Jr. High Head Softball Coach: Kristen Palmerio of Tower City.
- A request for leave without pay for Elem. Teacher Amanda Yashinsky (Oct. 31 thru Dec. 23, 2014). Purpose: Maternity Leave.
- The WV Cheerleading Boosters as a Booster Association for the 2014-15 school year.
- Proposals for repairs to be made at the Jr.-Sr. HS as submitted by Ron Bomberger Hardwood Floors, Inc. of Manheim. High School Stage: \$8,085 and Treads & Risers: \$650.
- Rental requests as submitted, waiving rental & custodial fees.
- Field trip requests as submitted at no cost to the district.
- A Letter of Agreement for Student Assistance Program Services between Dauphin County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Program and the Williams Valley School District. (*Effective September 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015.*)
- Fund-raiser/activity requests as submitted by the Music Department and HS Student Council.
- A request for Brian Lacey to attend a co-teaching seminar in Boston, December 1-5, 2014. Costs to be covered by a grant.

Heard:

- End of season reports as presented by Volleyball Coach Judy Schappe and Boys Soccer Coach Seth Shuey. Both coaches noted problems that they had with school equipment such as the volleyball standards and soccer shelters.
- Teacher Curtis Woodford & HS Principal Tracey Weller discuss plans to incorporate into the curriculum for the 2015-16 school year a new course entitled Digital Citizenship. The course will address areas on cyber bullying, sexting, digital footprint & literacy, identity and copyright. (*Board members stressed the need for this course which would make students more aware of what they should not be posting on websites like Facebook, etc.*)
- HS Principal Tracey Weller highlight areas addressed in the Endeavors of Exceptional Educators, a newsletter that she is the editor of and publishes and shares with the HS teachers.
- Superintendent Donald Burkhardt discuss recent Report Card Grades that were released by the Department of Education indicating that he was thrilled that the district came in 4<sup>th</sup> place in comparison to other Schuylkill County schools. He also noted that clocks in the Jr.-Sr. HS and Elem. buildings are being dealt with on a regular basis and that the time has been corrected.
- Board Member Jennifer Kramer discuss the need for the Jr. High Remediation Program and wanted to know if there were signs of improvement in overall grades since the program began.
- Maintenance Supervisor James Heberling give an update on ongoing maintenance projects.
- Jason Sharockman, Member of the WVEA Grievance Committee, indicate that he was at the meeting to discuss two grievances. (*The meeting took place in an executive session and after reconvening the public meeting it was announced that the Board voted "No" on both grievances. If the WVEA would like to negotiate only the specific area of course reimbursement, the Board would be open to that.*)
- Board members discuss the possibility of sharing special ed services and Vo-Tech classes with other schools in Dauphin County.

Entered:

- Into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Noted:

- The Board held an Executive Session Tuesday evening, November 4, 2014 for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Upcoming Meeting:

- The next regularly scheduled public Board meeting will take place on December 4, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the Board Room of the Jr.-Sr. High School. (The Board will reorganize at this meeting.) (An executive session for Board Members and Administrators will begin at 7 PM.)