

May 22, 2014 Board Meeting Notes

Items listed below were approved unanimously by all members present except where noted.

Approved:

- The agenda as written. **(Minnich absent from voting.)**
- Minutes from the May 8, 2014 meeting. **(Minnich absent from voting.)**
- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills as presented.
- A Family and Medical Leave request for Elementary Teacher Mary Ellen Oxenrider for May 13, 2014.
- The rate of \$11.00/hr. for drivers of the Band Bus on an as needed basis.
- The hiring of Dylan Smith of Williamstown as an Event Staff Member for the 2013-14 school year.
- The hiring of Shawna McClellan of Elizabethtown as a substitute teacher for the 2013-14 school year. Certification: K-4
- Not renewing the yearly contract for Maintenance Supervisor, Edward Kubeika.
- The hiring of the following coaches for the 2014-15 school year:
 - Volunteer Weight Lifting Coach: Dylan Smith of Williamstown.
 - Volunteer Assistant Weight Lifting Coach: John (Jake) Mika of Tower City.
 - Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coaches: Charles Culton & Dennis Kasper, Jr. of Williamstown.
 - Volunteer Assistant Boys Soccer Coaches: Paul Hill, Harry Raudenbush, Robert Carl & Randolph Kolva of Tower City and Curt Dietrich of Wiconisco.
 - Volunteer Assistant Girls Soccer Coaches: Cassondra Smith & Cameron Smith, Jr. of Williamstown and Carl Klinger & Alyssa DeFrank of Tower City.
 - Assistant Girls Soccer Coach: Zachary Reichert of Pottsville. (*Salary as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.*)
 - Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach: Lauren Rees of Lykens.
- Awarding diplomas to members of the Class of 2014 who have successfully met the requirements for graduation.
- Replacing the following items thru Slough Flooring of Harrisburg:
 - Carpet in Elementary Room #272. Cost: \$5,843.19
 - Floor tile in the HS Band Room. Cost: \$12,171
- A rental request as submitted, waiving rental/custodial fees.
- The purchase of three 30,000 BTU heat pump units from Graingers. Cost: \$9,957.75.
- The Athletic Schedules for the 2014-15 school year.
- The preliminary 2014-15 General Fund Budget for the period July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015, with expenditures in the amount of \$14,925,897 and revenues in the amount of \$14,467,203. (All tax resolutions are part of and accompany this budget. The Real Estate Tax Resolution reflects a rebalancing of the rates utilizing the market values of each county and reflects the rates of 15.62 in Dauphin County and 33.19 in Schuylkill County.) (PP 29-34)
- Usage of the CSIU accounting and payroll software for the 2014-15 school year.
 - Accounting - \$3.88 per student – Approx. Cost: \$4,075
 - Payroll - \$4.47 per student – Approx. Cost: \$4,694
- The approval and disapproval of adjustments to Delinquent Personal Taxes for Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc. as submitted.
- Acceptance of the donation of a Janssen Upright Piano from Steve Alexander of Tower City. The piano will be used in the district's music classroom.
- Disposing of the 10 yr. old Nevco Scoreboard previously located in the HS Gym.
- Advertising for bids for Diesel Fuel for the 2014-15 school year.
- Applying for Cohort 3 RTII thru IU #29 for grades K-2 at no cost to the district.

Re-Elected:

- Christopher Stroup to the position of School Board Treasurer for the period July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015.

Recognized:

- Retirees Heidi Kleckner, Mary Ellen Oxenrider & Donna Williard for their years of service with the district. Pewter plates were presented to all retirees. Heidi and Donna were not able to attend the meeting.

Heard:

- Archery Coach Adam Kravatz present an end of season report. He also asked that consideration be given to purchasing uniforms (polo shirts) for the team.
- Board Member Tedd Johns voice concerns that a 504 Plan, which called for the installation of the heat pump units (air conditioners) in certain classrooms, will not be fulfilled by the May 23, 2014 deadline and that there was a possibility that a grievance would be filed.
- Superintendent Donald Burkhardt discuss:
 - the recent audit completed by a PSSA Monitor. He indicated that the district did an outstanding job in testing and commended Assistant to the Superintendent Jolene Smith for her outstanding job performance in this area.
 - Pottsville's incorrect reporting of attendance data having a negative impact on IU #29's budget that could effect other districts' contributions.
- Board Members:
 - Tedd Johns, Daniel Stroup & Michael Minnich discuss alternate ways for the installation of the heat pump units and suggested contacts be made with local electrical contractors.
 - Tracey Minnich question the recent lawn tractor purchase and why the purchase was not made via a local business offering the sale at the same price.
- Elementary Principal Caitlin Mohl briefly explain the Cohort 3 RTII Program for the upcoming school year and indicating that a current elementary teacher has agreed to participate in the program.

Held:

- An executive session to discuss student issues.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The next regularly scheduled public Board meeting will take place on June 12, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the Board Room of the Jr.-Sr. High School. (An executive session for Board Members and Administrators will begin at 7 PM.)
- Meeting to discuss the proposed addition to the Weight Room – June 12, 2014 -- 6:30 PM – Jr.-Sr. HS Board Room