

September 11, 2014 Board Meeting Notes

A public 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. Michael Minnich was absent.

Approved:

- The agenda as written with changes noted.
- Minutes from the August 28th Board meeting.
- Payment of General Fund Bills.
- A \$1,000 salary increase (*as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement*) for Elem. Teacher Chelsea Artz for obtaining a Master's Degree.
- The addition of Tiffany Shutt of Tower City to the 2014-15 substitute teacher list.
- The hiring of the following coaches for the 2014-15 school year:
 - 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach: Keith Thompson of Lykens. (*Salary as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.*)
 - Volunteer Varsity Boys Basketball Coach: Keith Thompson of Lykens.
 - Volunteer Wrestling Coaches: Chris Cooper of Elysburg, David Minnich of Williamstown, Evan Craig of Lykens & Paul Rebeck of Tower City.
 - Assistant Wrestling Coach: Christian Esterline of Muir. (**85% of the salary listed in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.**)
- A Family and Medical Leave Request for Elementary Teacher Amanda Yashinsky for the time period of approximately Nov. 4, 2014 until January 5, 2015. Reason: Maternity Leave.
- The transfer of five (5) sick leave days from Pine Grove School District for Elementary Teacher Heather Stakem.
- The hiring of David Winters of Williamstown as a weekend custodian, (two 12 hour days Sat/Sun, one 4 hour day through the week) with an effective starting date of September 17, 2014. (*All satisfactory clearances need to be submitted as required.*)
- Recognizing the following as Booster Groups for the 2014-15 school year:
 - Viking Wrestling Club
 - WV Band Boosters
 - WV Lady Viking Basketball Boosters
- The approval and disapproval of adjustments to Delinquent Personal Taxes for Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc. as submitted.
- Transferring the title of the Band Bus back to Dennis Aungst.
- A request from the Jr.-Sr. HS National Honor Society to solicit donations at home sporting events (primarily football games) in memory of Tony Rios.
- Accepting the resignation from Volunteer Football Coach Dylan Smith, effective 9/11/14. Reason: moved from the district. (*Board Member John Mika stated that he wanted it known that Dylan did a great job. He also indicated that he was certain that in the future he could have a position with the district if he so desired.*)
- A rental request as submitted, waiving custodial/rental fees.
- A fund-raiser request from the Class of 2016 to sell Marianna's Hoagies (delivery: 10/15/14). Purpose: Raise funds for the prom.
- A request from elementary teachers to conduct Afternoon Literature Club meetings from October 20-November 19 every Monday and Wednesday from 3:15-4:15 PM for students in grades 4,5 and 6 who have an A in classroom reading and scored advanced on their PSSA test in reading. Parents will provide transportation for their children. The following teachers will be facilitating the program: Wendy Hueston and Jennifer Matz. Substitute will be Edith Tanner.
- A \$1,500 salary increase for the 2014-15 school year for administrators who have not already been given an increase for the current school year.

Tabled:

- Action on the following items until the 9/25 Board meeting:
 - The Pottsville School District Overpayment Refund Resolution.
 - The Schuylkill Technology Center Amendment to the 2014-15 Budget.

Held:

- An Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Heard:

- Technology Director Helen Kohr explain the district's network infrastructure.
- Board Member Tedd Johns
 - discuss his concerns over a teacher's link on a recent You Tube assignment.
 - remind the Board/Administration that McClure Company will meet with them on September 25 at 6:30 PM to discuss energy findings. Note: the public is welcome to attend this meeting.
- Board members
 - question the status of a quotation that should have been received by Ken Drum.
 - discuss the fact that the assistant archery coach will take over the duties of the head archery coach until his return from military leave.
- Board members Tedd Johns and Chris Stroup ask if the district had any provisions for employees to take time away from their jobs to attend functions involving their children.
- Board Member Dave Ferraro question the status of an ice machine for the elementary school. It was noted that a new machine would be purchased for the hs building and the one in the hs building would be relocated to the elementary school.
- Board Member Dan Stroup request that quotations be obtained on re-seaming roofs versus full replacement.
- Board Member Jennifer Kramer comment on the recent 7/8th grade basketball game held with Pottsville indicating that it got out of control. She commended Coaches Yeager & Unger for their professionalism in handling a difficult game.

Upcoming Meeting:

- The next regularly scheduled public Board meeting will take place on September 25, 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.)