



WORK SESSION

02/07/2022 [07:00 PM-09:00 PM]

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Latham began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

2. Roll Call

Members in attendance included: Bob Latham (President), Melanie Gurgiolo (Vice President), Josceylon Buchs, Neil Connelly, Randy, Gale, Laurie Kennedy, Karen Mallah, Geoffrey McInroy, Greg Lamay, Dan Serfass (Superintendent) and Jeff Ammerman (Secretary). Laurie Kennedy attended online until joining in person at 7:45 p.m.

Community/Staff Attendees are available on the attached list.

3. Informational Only

Minute

3.a. The Lion Academy Presentation (Mrs. Poorman, Distance Learning Coordinator)

Mrs. Poorman presented on The Lion Academy which is the Camp Hill online cyber option. The presentation is attached to the agenda.

Currently there are 27 full time and 39 part time Lion Academy students. The numbers vary per marking period. Last year the numbers were higher due to COVID.

Lion Academy saves the District money. The average cost of a full time Lion Academy is \$3,000 and the average cost of a full time Cyber Charter student is \$16,000. There is no difference in cost between special education and regular education in the Lion Academy.

Went over the benefits of learning in Lion Academy including customized classes that fit the student's schedule, interests, academic needs, and career goals.

Went over the responsibilities of the Distance Learning Coordinator and growth opportunities.

The Board discussed our Lion Academy compared to other school district's similar programs and ways to spread the word about the program to Cyber families and students that could benefit from it.

3.b. 2021-22 Health and Safety Plan (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Serfass presented updated COVID information including numbers by county, school district and building. The county is still in high spread. The District's numbers went down last week.

The recommended updates for the CHSD Health and Safety Plan are prioritizing in-person learning and pivot to hold a Special Meeting of the School Board when active cases approach the DOH thresholds.

Pilot voluntary diagnostic testing which includes free COVID testing for interested families and staff. Parent or guardian must be present while a student is being tested and must consent to testing in writing. There is no cost to the District or families. Testing deemed worthwhile to continue

The District will provide KN95 masks to students who would like to wear one. Contact tracing and reporting continues per DOH requirements. Mitigation processes remain in place.

Compared masking of other local school districts. Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technical Center will go mask optional when they go below 1% active cases.

Mr. Serfass noted that per discussions with administrators, faculty and staff, the opinion is that mask optional is premature based on county numbers. Main goal is in-person learning.

The Board discussed appropriate possible thresholds for potentially going mask optional, if county or District numbers would be used for that threshold and how to keep from going back and forth between masked and optional. Threshold of 1% was suggested and discussed as was the differences in elementary and secondary student needs. The Board would like to have a resolution ready for the February 14 Board Meeting. Also discussed was the importance of students' social and emotional health.

3.c. 2022-23 CHSD Budget Timeline (Mr. Ammerman)

Mr. Ammerman presented the budget timeline which started in January with the Budget and Finance Committee and meeting with the Leadership Team. The initial budget will be presented to the Board on April 4. The Board did vote to cap the tax index.

The proposed Final Budget will be adopted May 9 and then the Final budget can be adopted at the June Work Session.

3.d. 20-21 Final and 21-22 YTD Financial Results (Mr. Ammerman)

Mr. Ammerman stated that the audit is almost done, though it had been delayed due to the changeover in Business Managers.

The largest assessed valued property sold last year. The District receives .5% of that sale which goes into Fund Balance. That is not expected to happen again. It provided an offset for the Cyber costs.

Benefits were lower than budgeted. The District is self-insured and people did not use their health insurance as much as usual due to COVID.

Ended with a surplus of just under 1.4 million.

Mrs. Kennedy added that they hope to do a budget to actual analysis quarterly for the Board.

3.e. Update on Demolition of 2627 Chestnut Street (Mrs. Martin)

Mrs. Martin reported that the old District office was scheduled to be demolished today but it is waiting for the gas company to turn off the gas. Everything else has been done to prepare the building for demolition. Final

landscaping will be done in the spring. She met with the principals and the landscaper for design. That will be shared with the Building and Grounds Committee at the next meeting.

4. Earl Besch Food Pantry Renovation Project (Mr. Serfass and Frank Marshall, Architect)

Frank Marshall, the architect working on the project, presented the plans for the Camp Hill United Methodist Church Potter's House garage renovation. Currently the Earl Besch is in the chapel so this renovation will allow them to move into the new space. The cost is approximately \$70,000.

They still have to go to the borough for the permit.

The Giant Company donated \$19,654 to CHSD to go towards food insecurity. The administration recommends that this donation be contributed to the Earl Besch Food Pantry renovation project. There is a \$7,500 grant from the Central PA Food Bank and \$10,000 from a private donor. Letters have been submitted to the contractors asking for donated services. Currently approximately \$12,000-\$18,000 short for the project.

5. CHSD Resolution: I-83 South Bridge Project (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Serfass stated that he and the Board are aware of the proposed plan to add a toll to the I-83 bridge. The CHSD resolution calls upon the PA Secretary of Transportation to pause the project until traffic and safety concerns within Camp Hill can be resolved.

The Board discussed the resolution including adding the word 'tolling' to the resolution.

The board discussed how the tolling and traffic changes would affect the school district's walking students including changes in the lights at 32nd Street.

6. 2022-23 School Year Calendar (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Serfass went over the proposed 2022-23 school year calendar which is attached to the agenda. The students will continue to have the first snow day as a day off and the following snow days will be remote learning days.

7. HACC Five Year Sponsorship Agreement (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Serfass stated that Camp Hill is one of 22 sponsoring school districts for HACC. Community colleges in PA must be sponsored by another entity from the community. Each district on the agreement pays financial support to the college. The administration recommends the approval of this agreement.

The budget impact would be \$61,108 next school year. This is the same as the current year. Then there would be a 2.5% increase each year for the next four years.

The Board discussed the consortium of 22 school districts. As long as 12 of the school districts vote yes, Camp Hill will be in the agreement whether we vote yes or no. HACC has expanded into additional counties. The students from those counties pay full tuition since their school districts are not part of the consortium.

8. Co-op with Harrisburg Academy for Softball and Track & Field (Mr. Serfass)

Minutes

Mr. Serfass stated that pending PIAA approval, this co-op would provide for some Harrisburg Academy students to participate in the Camp Hill High School softball and track & Field programs. The two programs will remain in their respective PIAA classifications.

This is the first year there has been a co-op with Harrisburg Academy in these sports. Their students will help us create a more robust team.

9. PA College of Health Sciences Dual Enrollment Agreement Renewal (Mr. Ziegler)

Mr. Ziegler stated that this agreement would enable high school students to enroll in college level courses and early college credit while in high school. There is no cost to the school district. This is a renewal of agreement.

10. 2022-23 High School Educational Planning Guide (Mr. Ziegler)

Mr. Ziegler presented the High School Educational Planning Guide including a summary of changes. He worked with teachers, administrators and the curriculum committee. They would like to offer more student flexibility and student choice.

Changes would include dissolving 9th and 10th grade wheels and moving to semester length electives. Changing the minimum high school credit from 25.1 to 25.0 based on more semester length courses. Changing Career Development from .2 to .5 credits as a required full semester course to be taken in 9th or 10th grade. Changing PE/Health credit requirements from 2.1 to 1.5. Music class would have beginner and more advanced classes. There would be more physical educational options. Driver & Safety Education would be optional. Physical Education internship would be available.

11. 2022-23 CPACTC Budget (Mr. Ammerman)

Mr. Ammerman presented the CPACTC Budget. There is an increase of 37.17% due to the increased number of students our school district sends. The cost is based on a five year rolling average.

12. Conrad Siegel Contract for Affordable Care Act Reporting (Mr. Ammerman)

Mr. Ammerman reported that this is a new consultant to the South Central Insurance Trust. They will manage the information and data associated with the Trust. The attached contract is for them to prepare required reports for the Affordable Care Act. The cost is \$6,200. The deadline for filing is March 2.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that the Budget and Finance Committee is supporting this contract.

13. Building Substitutes (Mrs. Miller)

Minutes

Mrs. Miller reported on some strategies for meeting staffing needs. When the Substitute Teacher Service does not have enough staff to meet our needs, Camp Hill teachers cover those classes. They are paid extra to give up their planning periods to assist.

Administration is recommending the hiring of two additional building substitutes and an increase to the per diem rate for building substitutes from \$135 to \$150. Comparing our rates to other surrounding school districts, ours are not competitive.

ESSER will cover the additional cost for the rest of this year and needs for next year will be reviewed at a later time.

14. Public Session for Comment

Minutes

Jennifer Horne owns a property in Camp Hill, spoke against masking in the school buildings. Feels parents should make the decision whether or not their children wear masks.

Liz Reilly, S. 17th Street, agrees that there should be a change to substitute's rate of pay. Feels there should be a trigger or date for turning mask optional, but that it should be something that would not fluctuate week by week.

Kris Kaleida, Lincoln Street, asked the Board to consider the contracts for learning support staff so they get paid when school is remote. Commended the Board for their respectful masking conversation.

Greg, Lenox Street, spoke against mandated masking. Asked how many students have had COVID and what would that number have to be so we don't have to worry about it anymore. Mentioned that the school district is receiving bids on jobs and asked if the school district is required to get multiple bids.

Caroline Machiraju, Columbia Avenue, asked why there was a Special Board Meeting on January 31 when any of that conversation could have been done at this meeting. Asked who wanted on site COVID testing.

Katy Pearson, N. 25th Street, feels the school is overreaching by having on site COVID testing. She would like religious exemptions to be discussed. Feels the masks make people lose oxygen.

Brian Burton, went over the role of scientists and public policy in addition to the roles of public officials. Cautioned about making decisions based on a single scientist.

15. New Business

Minutes

15.a. Conrad Siegel Contract for Affordable Care Act Reporting

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Conrad Siegel Contract for Affordable Care Act Reporting. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

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February 7, 2022
Laurie Kennedy
Mark Ziegler
Megan Miller
Brian Lownsbery
Megan Wert
Minke Kooistra
Jenn Manlove
Ayesha Ahmed
Ashley Poorman
Aashish Mehta
Alissa Packer
George Diehl
Kris Latham
Eileen Czarnecki
Claire Pelella
Marc A. Scaringi
Leslee DeLong
Tania Brungard
Tawnya Railing
Kris Kaleida
Megan Yost
Arlene Figueroa
James Willshier
Kate Murray
Betsy Gayner
Beth Kern
Tanya Rhen
Autumn Reely
Jennifer Hoover
Micki Kautz
Chance Figueroa
Amy Piro
John Langzettel
Nicole Flynn
Caroline Machiraju
Michael Vogel
Jaclyn Sastre
Erik Novak
Dori Livelsberger
Elizabeth Mathias

Lesly Barnes
Liz Reilly
Tina Langzettel
Jill Stahl
Patrick Brinkerhoff
Jill Hans
Anita Burton
Dana Little
Rendy Knepper
Jennifer Horne
Donna Mshar
Bryan Burton
Anita Burton
Allison Bordlemay
Anna Layman Knox
Gwen Browning
Jill Williamson
Jaclyn Sastre
Officer Moench