



BOARD MEETING

05/08/2023 [07:00 PM-09:00 PM]

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Roll Call

Members in attendance included: Bob Latham (President), Melanie Gurgiolo (Vice President), Josceylon Bucks, Neil Connelly, Randy Gale, Laurie Kennedy, Greg Lamay, Karen Mallah, Geoffrey McInroy, Dan Serfass (Superintendent), Jeff Ammerman (Secretary) and Chris Harris (solicitor).

3. Agenda Approvals

Minutes

3.a. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Previous Meeting Minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.c. Bills List

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Bills List.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.d. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Treasurer's Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report of Officers and Others

Minutes

4.a. President - Mr. Latham

Mr. Latham stated that the Board had an executive session before the meeting about safety and security.

4.b. Secretary - Mr. Ammerman

Mr. Ammerman explained that the CAIU requests signatures from the Board Members who voted for on the CAIU candidates. The form was passed around for signatures.

4.c. Solicitor - Mr. Chris Harris

Thank you for those who came out to our dinner. The handout is available for those Board members who could not attend.

4.d. Superintendent - Mr. Serfass

Mr. Serfass stated that the enrollment report is attached to the agenda. Kindergarten registration continues. 69 are already enrolled, which is already a 4 student increase from this year. Matilda Jr., the middle school musical was a success. Senior Karen Cutler and Ryan Lee were John Travers award nominees. These nominations were received for success in classroom, community service and athletics. PSSAs are complete and AP exams are in progress. keystones start May 18. End of year concerts continue. This Thursday is the Middle School/High School Spring Band Concert. Next Tuesday is Eisenhower's Spring Concert. Next Wednesday is the Senior Honors Banquet and Awards Assembly.

5. Comments from Citizens

No comment

6. Report of Committees

Minutes

6.a. Athletic - Mr. McInroy

Mr. McInroy reported that fall sports signups are underway. The Senior Celebration is May 21 at Siebert Park. Senior Signing Day is May 18.

Track and Field almost doubled their participants from past years. Boys Tennis ended the season with 8 wins/7 losses. At the Tennis Mid-Penn Championships, #1, #2, and #3 singles as well as #2 doubles earned medals at the tournament. Clayton Herb moved on to represent Camp Hill in District Singles.

The baseball team played at the Harrisburg Senators stadium and won. The softball senior recognition event is May 10. Middle School soccer teams competed and show good potential.

Mrs. Gurgiolo thanked Sam Getty for all the amazing pictures of the baseball team.

6.b. Budget and Finance / Personnel - Mrs. Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that most topics were covered at the work session last week. There is another Budget and Finance Committee meeting on May 31 prior to voting on the budget in June.

The Board discussed that there are rumors that the Board is thinking of raising the taxes over the 4.7 index. That is not the case. The discussions have been mostly about raising it to 1.5%, which would be the lowest tax increase since 2016-2017. There was some discussion about if 1.5% would be enough, but the administration's recommendation from the beginning was 1.5%.

Budget information is attached to April 3 work session agenda.

6.c. Building and Grounds - Mr. Gale

Mr. Gale reported that the committee had a meeting with discussion including the following:

- updating the mechanical system at Hoover
- work commenced on the MS/HS cafeteria lift
- donation being made in memory of someone for scoreboard and bench at baseball field
- new Canadensis shed coming together.

6.d. Community Engagement / Governmental Relations - Mrs. Gurgiolo

Mrs. Gurgiolo reported that the committee had a meeting on April 20.

The Canadensis spaghetti dinner was a big hit and raised enough to pay for all the adults going to Canadensis.

CAC for DEI is working on:

- Lion Connection program to help new families in the community
- Developing a website
- Tabletop gaming for Hoover students. To becoming a volunteer, reach out to CAC for DEI leadership.
- Ms. Reely helped organize the Community Sports Expo on April 26 at the West Shore Administration Office. Event was to allow families to make connections with community based support providers.

The Board discussed the offerings at the Expo event and the need for new families in the community to have access to services, especially services and supports for Pre-K. Mrs. Gurgiolo will ask Ms. Reely to speak with the CAC about these ideas.

6.e. Curriculum and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Connelly

Mr. Connelly reported that the committee looked at the Administrative Regulations on how books are looked at and approved.

The next meeting is May 18.

6.f. Policy - Mr. Lamay

Minutes

Mr. Lamay reported that they did have a Policy meeting and the minutes are on the agenda. Three policies are on the agenda for approval. They have gone through the process and there are some policies that are in administrative review that will be coming up soon.

The committee discussed Policies 137, 137.1, 137.2 and 137.3 related to home education. They are clarifying opportunities available to home education students. An example is home education students being able to come into the school for two classes. They will be posted on website for review and will take action on those policies next month. Two of the policies are being updated and the other two are new policies.

7. Report of Board Representatives

Minutes

7.a. Community Recreation - Mrs. Gurgiolo

Mrs. Gurgiolo reported the following:

- Community recreation is still hiring for life guards and snack shack staff
- Kite Festival is on May 21, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Grampa Bubbles will be at the Kite event
- The Memorial Day parade is May 29
- There are still summer camp spaces available

7.b. Cumberland Perry Area Career & Technical Center - Mr. Lamay

Mr. Lamay reported that the CPACTC meetings include student presentations. A student was elected to PA Skills as state officer. The competition is in Atlanta and paid for by the CTC.

One student from West Perry was able to use her CPR training and save someone's life. She found an unresponsive person in a car and was able to revive that person. That student is also going to receive the Mechanicsburg Rotary Award at the ceremony on May 23.

7.c. District / Borough - Mr. Gale

Mr. Gale reported that there was a meeting and these meetings have been good for District/Borough communication.

The meeting included discussions on the following:

- Potential District auxiliary gymnasium
- Borough's contracted crossing guard company, rising cost, and the open crossing guard positions.
- Success of the security table top exercise
- Walking route for Eisenhower going to bid hopefully this summer
- Siebert track refurbishment this summer
- Illegal parking at Siebert tearing up field areas and increased enforcement to avoid damage
- Borough climate action plan

7.d. Harrisburg Area Community College - Mr. Gale

No report

7.e. Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee - Dr. Mallah

Dr. Mallah reported that the committee has a meeting on May 18.

Matilda Jr musical was great. The Apollo awards are on May 21 at Hershey Theater. Haylee Myers is up for Best Actress in *Hello, Dolly!* and Hayden Keich is nominated for a supporting actor award from the fall play. Two CH students are performing in the opening at the awards and the whole cast will perform since *Hello, Dolly!* is up for an award.

7.f. Capital Area Intermediate Unit - Mrs. Gurgiolo

Mrs. Gurgiolo reported that there was a meeting on April 27. The highlights and newsletter are attached.

8. New Business

Minute

8.a. Routine Approvals

Minutes

8.a.a. PSBA Dues

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the PSBA Dues.

The Board discussed Administrative Regulations (ARs) because the dues include an option for assistance with them. The ARs are brought to committee but do not require Board approval. The forms related to the ARs will be posted on the District website with the applicable policy. There was discussion about the Board’s involvement in approving curriculum and being involved in the development of ARs. The policy states that the Board approves textbooks. There may be further discussion on what ARs the Board would want to see. Per Mr. Serfass, many Superintendents say their Board does not approve ARs.

Mr. Harris stated that in most of the school districts they represent, the Board sets policy and the Administration writes ARs. ARs cannot supersede the policy. ARs are designed to provide flexibility. If Board approved, it is harder to have that flexibility.

There will be more discussion at the Board Retreat.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.a.b. Board Retreat

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Board Retreat.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.b. 2023-2024 Support Staff Handbook

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the 2023-2024 Support Staff Handbook.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.c. Mechanical Equipment at Hoover Elementary

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Mechanical Equipment at Hoover Elementary.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.d. 2023-2024 General Fund Budget

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget.

Mr. Ammerman stated for information purposes that the District did get the gambling money. The total is down slightly. The homestead resolution is \$161 per homestead.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.e. Policies

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Policies.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.f. CAIU Agreement

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the CAIU Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.g. Pediatric Therapeutic Services (PTS) Agreement

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Pediatric Therapeutic Services (PTS) Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.h. Stock and Leader Agreement

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Stock and Leader Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.i. INA Security Agreement

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the INA Security Agreement.

Mr. Serfass has been working with Stock and Leader and INA to create the agreement. INA has the agreement and will let us know if there are any last minutes changes. If there were changes, it would go through the vetting process again.

The Board discussed what funds would be used for this and if it is in the budget. Mr. Ammerman confirmed that money is set aside for it.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.j. Personnel Report

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Personnel Report

Mr. Latham abstained from the vote as he is one the list.

The motion passed with 8 Yes and 1 Abstain.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attendees:

Brian Lownsbery
Tonya Ivey
Minke Kooistra
Liz Reilly
Betsy Gayner
Stephanie
Johnson
Slate Johnson
Tanya Rhen
Kerry Martin
Maureen
McHugh
Micki Kautz
Scott
Jonathan Casey
Sharon Hanson
Meredith Bowen
Tawnya Railing