



WORK SESSION

08/01/2022 [07:00 PM-09:00 PM]

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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), Jeff Ammerman (Secretary) and Chris Harris (Solicitor).

Community/Staff Attendees are available on the attached list.

3. Health and Safety Plan (Mr. Serfass)

Minutes

Mr. Serfass stated that review of the District's Health and Safety Plan is required to continue to receive Federal ESSER Grants. This attached updated plan supersedes all previous plans and Board resolutions. This update is the result of input from District administration and health care professionals. Clearly stated, the District prioritizes in-person learning as school year 2022-2023 commences. District administration and health care professionals will continue to monitor PDE/DoH guidance as well as COVID case counts. Any change to the plan for in-person learning will require Board action through either a regularly scheduled or Special Meeting of the Board. There is no budget impact.

Mr. Lamay stated that he would like to know what other school districts are doing to limit or discourage the use of masks when there is not a community wide health risk. He also asked if the Health and Safety plan requires the adoption of the 520.1 policy.

Mr. Serfass responded that the 520.1 Policy allows the District to operationalize a remote learning environment and count those days to the state mandated number of instructional days.

Mr. Lamay stated he would like to see in person special education and mental health services that are vital in the case we have to close the school. Mr. Serfass responded that would be consistent with what was done before when the special education students were coming in the building.

The Board discussed the language already in the policy and adding additional language in regards to students with a mental health need.

Mr. Latham stated that there was an Executive Session prior to the meeting.

4. 520.1 - Emergency Instructional Time (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Serfass stated that Section 520.1 of the School Code provides flexibility to meet State mandated minimum instructional time requirements in the event of an emergency that prevents a school entity from providing for the in-person attendance of all pupils or usual hours of classes at the school entity. In the event that Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) considers a global pandemic and an emergency as contemplated by Section 520.1 of PA State Code then this pre-approved Remote Instructional Plan could go into effect. This would be dependent upon a School Board decision to transition to remote learning.

The attached sample schedules are the same ones that were attached to the Emergency Instructional Time template last summer that was approved by the state.

5. PSBA Policy Review Service (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Serfass stated that as part of the District's membership to PSBA, the District is eligible for discounted Policy Maintenance Program services. Through a recent internal audit of current CHSD policies, it has been determined that approximately 100 versions are either outdated or missing in the current manual. The cost would be a one-time fee \$6,900 to have PSBA cross-reference all policies for alignment of regulatory compliance, Federal and State law, an inclusion of best practices.

Mr. Lamay agrees that he agrees we need an outside service to do this. This will take time and the policies will be prioritized. Any policy revision has to be on 2 successive meetings. He suggests for transparency, the revisions are on 2 board meetings, not just a work session and board meeting.

The Board discussed the process of what happens when a policy becomes outdated.

6. Opening Day Guest Speaker (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Serfass stated that the administration is recommending an inspirational guest speaker for the faculty and staff for the morning of opening day, August 24th. Dr. Fauser and Mrs. DeLong heard Chris Heeter, of the Wild Institute, speak at a professional conference in the fall of 2021. They thought she was an excellent speaker with an inspiring message for all educators. She talked about the importance of self-care and teamwork through the metaphor of dogsledding. The Lion Foundation has offered \$2,500 towards the cost of the speaker. The cost to the District is \$2,500 plus travel expenses.

7. Network Upgrade-Network switches and Network Wireless Access Points (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Serfass stated that the technology department, in partnership with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit technology engineers, have identified areas to enhance and improve the District's network. This would increase reliability and capacity of the network in support of District instruction and operations. The budget impact would be \$95,666.98 for the network switches and \$28,737.24 for wireless access points. ESSER funds would be used.

8. Safety & Security Partnership w/Messer & Flint (Mrs. Martin)

Mrs. Martin reported that resident of Camp Hill, Matthew Carpenter, who has a safety and security consulting business, reached out and offered services we may need for safety and security on a pro bono basis. Mr. Serfass, Mrs. Martin, Officer Capers and the Chief of police met with Mr. Carpenter to discuss what they were offering. A non-disclosure agreement was created and reviewed by the District's solicitor.

The Board discussed what the company would be doing for the school district. It will include both physical and procedural. The review done by the state police will be provided to this company for them to review.

9. Lion Foundation Grant - Canadensis Shed (Mrs. Martin)

Mrs. Martin stated that the Lion Foundation has awarded the District a grant to replace the deteriorating Canadensis shed. It will be replaced by a slightly larger pole building at the same place. The quote is attached to the agenda. The Borough is doing the excavation for us which will save us \$5,000 that had been originally quoted to the District.

10. Employee Assistance Program (Mr. Ammerman)

Mr. Ammerman stated that Mrs. Miller received 4 quotes and the recommendation is to go with Sun Life. \$2,500 per year which has been budgeted. This was the lowest cost and the most in person contact. Most school districts have this type of service.

The Board discussed the fact that this same company is our life insurance provider also. The program will be for all employees.

11. State Budget and School Code Update and Impact (Mr. Ammerman)

Mr. Ammerman reviewed the impact of the recently passed State Budget and School Code changes. The budget had included a 2% increase for basic education funding and special education funding and it ends up being closer to 8%. We are not recommending that the District spend that money.

There is a \$200 million statewide for safety and mental health funding. The District's share is \$227,000. The grant request is due August 30. More information will be brought to the Board after it has been reviewed further. This money may not reoccur so we are looking into how we can spend on non-recurring items. The money needs to be spent by July 2024.

There were some school code changes, but most to not affect our District.

The Board discussed the updates including using the money for some of the things that were on the report from the State Police and asking Mr. Carpenter for recommendations. There may be an opportunity to revise the way we use funds. There should be more clarification soon.

As there is no Board meeting before the grant is due, information will be brought to committees.

12. Special Education Transportation Contract and additional agreements (Ms. Reely)

Ms. Reely reviewed the Special Education Transportation contract and additional agreements. The CAIU MOU which is for Title III English Learner students. This is a renewal with no budgetary impact. The Assist Services agreement is for transportation of no other is available. There is no cost unless it is utilized. The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Transportation contract is a renewal with no cost increase. This is for a student

who attends this school. The agreement with Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is regarding elementary school based services programs. There is no cost.

13. Public Session for Comment

No comment

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Work Session Attendees:

Kathryn Speaks
CM
Micki Kautz
Sharon Hanson
Rkefer
Bryan Burton
Dr Jill Stahl
Bryan Burton
Betsy Gayner
Jill Williamson