

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Date: May 10, 2016

Place: Middle-High School Cafeteria

Members Present: President, William Peoples, Jr., Trustees Michelle Terwilliger, Derek Burrell, Brian Crane, Michael Knapp, James Mitchell and Brian Herrington.

Members Excused: Trustees Brian Crane and Mike Knapp

Others: Superintendent Joseph DioGuardi, District Clerk Mary Berkan, High School Principal Jennifer Crane, Middle School Principal Kris Benton, Elementary Principal Debbie Flint, Supervisor of Special Education Tanya Loomis Director of Curriculum & Instruction William Howe and Business Administrator Ken Forrester.

Guests: Carrie Howe, Sarah Vakkas, Jeremy Wheeler, Tammy Hively

President Peoples called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. after the annual Public Hearing for the 2016-2017 school budget, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance after explaining the emergency procedure.

To Order

Motion was made by Trustee Terwilliger and seconded by Trustee Burrell to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Agenda  
Approved

During the Public Forum, Tammy Hively was recognized by President Peoples. She had some questions and concerns regarding the issue of transgender students using the restrooms, etc. Superintendent DioGuardi responded saying that we would have to follow the Federal and State Education law and he would be researching more information on it. President Peoples thanked her for attending the meeting and stating her concerns, noting that all schools is facing the same thing.

Public  
Forum

At this time Mr. DioGuardi asked High School Principal Ms. Crane to introduce the teacher she was recommending for Tenure, Michelle Buchanan, who teaches Visual Arts. Mr. DioGuardi then asked Elementary Principal Mrs. Flint to also introduce teachers she was recommending for Tenure, Mrs. Barbara Arnold, Teaching Assistant at the Valley; Mrs. Andrea Cecce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher; and Miss Brittany Dimick, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. Each gave a short summary of their accomplishments and their goals. The teachers will be submitted to the Board for tenure approval May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent DioGuardi then introduced Jeremy Wheeler and Sarah Vakkas from GST BOCES who gave a presentation regarding P-Tech (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) and the STEM Academy at Corning Community College. This is a partnership of school districts, higher education, and business employers that will prepare student for high-skills jobs of the future in advanced technical manufacturing, clean energy, and health care. This is an up to a six year program

P-Tech  
Presentation

combining high school, college and career training, targeting highly motivated students who will benefit from a non-traditional setting. There are 13 participating districts and this GST STEM Academy will open in September 2016. Students participating must enroll for grades 9-14. Students will receive cost-free Associate of Applied Science degree or the two-year degree that is the industry-recognized standard; they will receive workplace learning that includes 1:1 mentoring, worksite visits, job shadowing, internships and apprenticeships; will have intensive, individualized academic support by K-12 and college faculty that enables students to go through the program at their own pace; and receive a commitment from participating business partners for students to be first in line for job consideration after completion of the program.

P-Tech  
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Students remain enrolled in their home district and will continue to generate state aid in years 5 & 6 until the completion of the program. All districts that send students to participate in the P-Tech program must sign an MOU.

The Board had a couple questions and after some discussion, President Peoples thanked them for their presentation.

Superintendent DioGuardi then introduced Kristina Hamilton, who is Director of Girls on the Run Race. She gave an update on the June 12<sup>th</sup> 5K that will take place at Tuscarora and is designed to celebrate the Girls on the Run participants' dedication to achieving their goals and activating their potential. There are 24 girls from Tuscarora Elementary participating and about 700 runners in Grades 3-5 from several surrounding counties from 9:00 – 1:00. She stated it was exciting to be hosting such an event.

Girls on  
the Run  
Update

At this time the school district's SRO (School Resource Office) Brad Fuerst was introduced and gave a presentation as to what the SRO position is and what a typical day might look like, i.e. he is visible at the beginning and dismissal time of school, maintains visibility during the day in the hallways and cafeteria; supports the Dean and Principal as needed, as well as giving parental/guardian guidance on issues as necessary and is available for students when they just might want someone to listen to their concerns.

His partnership with other agencies such as State Police, 911 Center and ambulance/fire Department for example, is also beneficial in some situations that may occur.

School  
Resource  
Officer  
Report

The Board thanked the Principals and Mr. Fuerst for their report and appreciated their information.

Business Administrator Ken Forrester, gave a report regarding the impact of the new minimum wage increase which over the next five years raises to \$12.50 and then after it will continue to \$15.00/hour. The employees that will be impacted will be the Support Staff and our substitutes. This increase on our 2016-2017 budget will be minimal, however over the course of 5 years, salaries will increase more than \$175,000, FICA more than \$13,000ERS more than \$26,000 and the total costs will exceed \$306,000.

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There being no further business, Trustee Terwilliger made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Herrington seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Adjourn-  
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Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Berkan, Clerk

