

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Date: June 12, 2012

Place: Middle-High School Cafeteria

Members Present: President Lucinda Sutton, Trustees William Peoples, Jr., Michael Knapp, Michelle Terwilliger and Brian Herrington

Members Excused: Trustees Amanda Stuart, Brian Crane

Others: District Clerk Mary Berkan, Superintendent Joseph DioGuardi, Elementary Principal Deborah Flint, Middle-High School Principal Jennifer Crane, Special Education Supervisor Tanya Loomis, Dir. Of Curriculum & Instruction William Howe and Business Administrator Ken Forrester

Guests: Dustin Mitchell, Nick Dartt, Justin Condes, Ashley Sims, Jessica Painter and Joe Palko.

President Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance after explaining the emergency procedure.

To Order

A motion was made by Trustee Peoples, seconded by Trustee Knapp to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Agenda  
Approved

President Sutton turned the meeting over to the Superintendent who introduced the new School Resource Officer Mr. Tom Huffman, who is replacing Mr. Cole. He gave a brief statement about himself and his background. He also said he had shadowed Officer Cole for a few days before he left and he was excited to begin the new position in September. The Board thanked him for coming to the meeting and welcomed him to the district.

New SRO  
Officer  
Introduced

Middle-High School Principal Ms. Crane introduced Science teacher Mr. Joe Palko, who presented the Board with his recommendation to purchase new books for the next school year. He stated that the new books, Interactive Science, serve as a textbook, workbook and notebook all in one. He said the book allows more content area reading and writing which is a paramount consideration in the new common core standards. He reported that the book had been well researched and part of two separate studies evaluating its use and related test score increase. He said he had looked at two other books but one of the books contained information not related to the 8<sup>th</sup>. grade curriculum. The other textbook company was much more expensive and was just that, a textbook that is bulky and heavy as compared to the book he is recommending and at a lower cost. He then passed around to the Board a copy of the recommended book for their perusal. The cost of the workbook is \$25.00/book compared to \$70-80/textbook and is updated as necessary.

Presentation  
Of New Science  
Book Recom-  
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Ms. Crane then introduced 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teachers Ashley Sims and Jessica Painter who proceeded to share with the Board information and their recommendation for a new text also. They reported that the current texts are not aligned with the newly adopted Common Core and the recommended one does. Step-by-step examples of texts, as outlined by the Common Core State Standards, are integrated throughout the curriculum to ensure all the students can meet the rigors of the new principles. Additional learning exercises are included into the program to help students that may be struggling readers, as well as activities for the advanced students. The cost is an estimated \$22,000/25 for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Board thanked everyone for their presentations.

ELA Textbook  
Presentation

At this time, Superintendent DioGuardi asked Mr. Howe to review the first reading for changes to two current policies and one new policy. The current policies were the Code of Conduct on School Property, Policy # 3410 and Civility, Citizenship, and Character Education, Policy # 8242. The new mandated policy is Dignity For All Students Act, Policy # 7554. In keeping with the guidelines for this policy, the district must assign a Coordinator at the Re-organization meeting each year.

First Reading  
Of Policies  
#3410, 8242  
and 7554

Mr. Howe continued with reviewing the revisions and/or additions to the Student Code of Conduct next, noting that after review any corrections would be made and then be put on the Business meeting agenda for approval at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Superintendent DioGuardi handed out copies of the school lunch program prices and discussed the request for increasing them for next year by 10 cents. The Law caps the required increase in the average paid lunch price at 10 cents in any year. By limiting the maximum required annual average price increase to this amount, the Act allows for a gradual increase in paid lunch prices, which minimizes the impact on families with incomes just above the level eligible for reduced price meals.

Lunch Program  
Prices Discussed

Mr. DioGuardi then gave an update from the Facilities Committee meeting held June 2, 2012 and explained the process and how the list of items and costs were determined by each building with the most urgent at the top. The total amount after removing some items and adding a few, came out to be estimated at \$22M. He said that reserves would be used to help with the local cost so that there would be no cost to taxpayers. He handed the Board a pre-referendum report booklet and went through each section. Some of the big ticket items are: the asbestos removal in flooring at Tuscarora, security system, ventilation, new student drop off point. He also discussed the Dininny property purchase and said this would have to be put up for a vote before we could continue with the athletic fields part of phase II and it may be possible that vote could take place in September. At this point nothing has been decided as to the actual number of acres the District is wanting to purchase.

Phase II Project  
Discussion

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Terwilliger and seconded by Trustee Knapp to adjourn at 8:15p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary L. Berkan, Clerk

