



## **Board of School Directors Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

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**Members present:** Nicholas Braccio, William Brong, Janet Flisak, Matt Holliday, Ken Keith, Stephen Nelson, Donna Scheuren, Courtney Barbieri

**Members absent:** Thomas Kwiatkowski

**Others present:** Frank Ball, Frank Gallagher, Christopher Hey, Katie Kennedy-Reilly, Katie McCoy, Jeff Pammer, Brian Pawling and Megan Zweiback

### **1. Education-Personnel Committee**

Mr. Keith called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

Dr. Gallagher opened the meeting by noting that the curriculum revisions were for information only and did not require Board action. He introduced Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Dr. Katie Kennedy-Reilly.

#### 1.1 Middle School ELA Curriculum

#### 1.2 Middle School Art Course Revisions

Dr. Kennedy-Reilly announced that the curriculum revisions were once again timed to commence with the changes being made to the Middle School Schedule. Dr. Kennedy-Reilly reminded the Board that at the April Committee Meeting, revisions to the middle school Family Consumer Science courses and 6th and 7th Grade Business Courses were presented and reviewed. This evening would be an overview of curriculum revisions to the English Language Arts (ELA) program by grade and course title. Dr. Kennedy-Reilly highlighted the individual components of the Reading and Writing Units for each grade level.

Dr. Kennedy-Reilly also stated that the work performed by both the elementary and middle school teachers has been very collaborative, allowing for a cohesive connection from elementary to middle school curriculum. Dr. Kennedy-Reilly also noted that the objectives of all courses are PA Core aligned.

The Middle School Art Curriculum revisions were defined by introductory, intermediate and advanced middle level. Each course providing experiences in and information about design techniques, elements and principles. Students will gain creative experience using various techniques in 2-dimensional and/or 3-dimensional forms. Media may include pencil, marker, colored pencil, chalk pastel, charcoal, watercolor, metal repousse foil, tempera, collage, printmaking, paper, wire and found objects.

Dr. Kennedy-Reilly shared the excitement and enthusiasm from the art teachers as their curriculum and samples of student artwork were presented to the Curriculum Council. Dr. Kennedy-Reilly stated that there were no additional costs associated with the Middle School Business, Family Consumer Science, or Art courses. There will be possible expenditures needed for the Middle School ELA book clubs and classroom libraries.

Mr. Keith noted his appreciation of the overview and commented on the positive interaction between teachers and students that will be facilitated through the new curriculum. Mr. Holliday also commented favorably, keeping the curriculum new and fresh. Other Board members expressed approval. Mrs. Flisak specifically noted the incremental progression of the course work. A brief discussion occurred on the ELA writing units and the expectations of students.

The Education-Committee was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

## 2. Operations Committee

Mr. Brong called the Operations Committee to order at 7:09 P.M.

### 2.1 Approve Board of School Directors 2019-2020 Meeting Calendar

Dr. Gallaghd announced the annual review and approval of the proposed Board Meeting Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. He noted the usual scheduling of Committee and Board Action Meetings, except for holiday scheduling.

The Committee agreed to move forward for Board action.

### 2.2 Review Five-Year Capital Plan

Dr. Gallagher introduced Director of Business Affairs, Mr. Brian Pawling and Supervisor of Operations, Mr. Frank Ball.

Mr. Pawling presented a guideline of Capital Fund Usage, noting expenditures from this fund are limited to capital improvements, replacement of and additions to public works and improvements, for deferred maintenance thereof, for the purchase or the replacement of school buses, and for no other purpose. Mr. Pawling stated that the 5-Year Capital Reserve Utilization Plan may be considered a "road map" to guide the Board and Administration into addressing capital project needs across the District and to pay for these projects in a manner that is fiscally prudent.

Mr. Ball indicated that prior to the preparation of the plan, he met with each of the Building Facilities Managers to discuss the individual building and grounds concerns at each school. Mr. Ball also noted that a District-wide facility study completed by GKO Architects completed in June 2015, was also utilized in the preparation of the Capital Plan.

Several discussions among Board members occurred regarding the proposed mechanical upgrades, and if upgrades are done based upon age, warranty or simple forecasting. Mr. Ball commented that often simply the age of equipment and anticipating its end of use are used for consideration to upgrade. Mr. Ball also commented that this is a fluid document particularly for chillers, boilers, and roof top HVAC units. Mr. Pawling noted that although specific items are identified, that does not necessitate replacement.

LED Lighting and upgrades appeared several times in the document, prompting a discussion about the return on investment for LED lighting. Several questions were asked about a natural gas connection at Indian Crest Middle School and Mr. Ball responded that the availability remains unknown at this time. It was indicated by the Committee that it should be investigated as a viable alternative fuel source if it becomes available.

A discussion occurred about the scope of work for track replacement at Indian Crest versus the scope of work at the High School. Mr. Keith asked about the priority of the items as they appear on the plan and Mr. Ball stated that school safety aside, every effort is made to share the projects goals and dollars throughout the district. Mr. Nelson asked about how the costs are accumulated and Mr. Ball responded that some information came from the GKO report, and some from actual contractors estimates.

Mr. Pawling noted that Indian Crest and Indian Valley Middle Schools will require some long-term renovations, although nothing has been specifically identified beyond the five-year plan. Dr. Gallagher commented that the district enrollment study will be critical for future planning.

### 2.3 High School Turf Field/Track Update

Dr. Gallagher reminded the Board it had previously discussed receiving proposals for the high school turf field replacement and track resurfacing, nothing that the proposals had been due on May 2. Mr. Pawling stated that he and Mr. Ball had received and reviewed the submitted RFP proposals. Upon review, they have been negotiating with vendors *Fieldturf* and *Sprinturf* in an effort to review their pricing to arrive closer to our budget. After further review internally and from ELA Sport, the consultant retained to assist in the creation of the spec, the recommendation is to proceed with Fieldturf to complete the project at a cost of **\$620,000**. The budgeted amount for this project in the capital reserve fund was **\$600,000**.

The recommendation to use Fieldturf is based upon their price, and their warranty, which will cover both turf and track for 10 years, since they would be performing the work on both surfaces. The other vendor Sprinturf, would only perform the work on the turf and would use another vendor for the track work.

Mr. Ball discussed the reasons for decrease in the bid price, noting that full field replacement of stone, does not need to occur. Mr. Ball reiterated the research that he and Mr. Pawling gathered and their confidence in making the recommendation to approve Fieldturf to perform the work. Mr. Braccio asked some questions about the exiting base, the field mix and existing drainage. Mr. Ball noted that the existing pipe (drainage) replacement would not be needed.

A brief discussion occurred about the possibility of turf repair versus turf replacement. Mrs. Flisak and Mrs. Scheuren inquired about a repair extending the life of the existing turf and Mr. Brong and Mr. Ball responded that a repair may extend the life of the field by one year. Mr. Brong commented that in light of the information that has been presented, he did not feel that a repair was in the best interest of the school district.

Mrs. Flisak also asked about the timeline of the project and Mr. Ball noted that good weather projections would put the project completion at approximately one month, during the 8-9 week summer break.

Mr. Keith also asked if there is a clear-cut indicator to assist in the decision-making process and Mr. Braccio spoke about his recent site visit and some of his observations from walking the turf field.

Mr. Braccio asked if the turf field replacement and the track resurface project could be performed separately and Mr. Ball responded that typically they are performed in tandem so as not to negatively impact one or the other as work progresses.

Mr. Brong asked that additional questions be emailed to Administration and responses would include everyone. Mr. Pawling commented that a recommendation would not have been made if the confidence in the vendor quote was not comprehensive.

The Committee agreed to move forward for Board Action.

Mr. Brong adjourned the meeting at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Pawling", written in a cursive style.

Brian R. Pawling  
Board Secretary