

Official Proceedings of the GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, October 3, 2022 - Education Center

Board Members in Attendance - Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, Mrs. Caryn Friedlander, Mrs. Dawn Palange, Mr. Andrew Pannafino, Dr. Lisa Peterson, Dr. Michele Roby, Mr. James Ulrich, Mrs. Christina Worley - 8. Absent - Mr. Jeffrey Haggerty - 1.

Administrators in Attendance - Mr. William McKay, Superintendent; Dr. Lisa Hess, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Diane Richards, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. David Argentati, Director of Pupil Services; Mr. Tim Ziegler, Director of Operations; Mr. Pat Tulley, Athletic Director; Mrs. Trish Seifert, Supervisor of Elementary Special Education; Mr. Gregg Stanley, Director of Technology; Mr. Aaron Kopetsky, Principal, Brecknock Elementary; Ms. Carissa Harley, Associate Principal, Intermediate School; Ms. Melissa Taylor, Associate Principal, High School.

Others in Attendance - Ms. Sharon Patton, Board Recording Secretary; Miss Lydia Kitsch, Student Board Representative; professional staff and citizens.

The Meeting was **Called to Order** at 7:05pm by Mr. James Ulrich, Board President, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Mr. Ulrich announced that the Board held an **Executive Session** prior to the meeting for a student discipline matter.

Presentation - Dr. Lisa Hess, Assistant Superintendent, presented an update on the Total Experience Learning (TEL) program, which included testimonials from trained TEL teachers and students who shared the excitement of their experiences.

Citizens Requests

Mr. Jeffrey Wolfe shared his thoughts on childhood gender identity.

BOARD BUSINESS

The Board received an update on the progress of the Secondary Campus construction project.

FINANCE

Mrs. Diane Richards, CFO, provided the Board with an overview of the 2023-2024 Budget planning process, including the timeline and discussion of the Act 1 Index.

ATHLETIC/CO-CURRICULAR

Mr. Pat Tulley, Athletic Director presented on the growth and success of the Girls Wrestling team. Mr. Kevin Ochs, Girls Wrestling coach shared his enthusiasm on the forward movement of the program and senior Abbie Koch spoke to her personal experience as a female wrestler.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

There was discussion around the Greater Governor Mifflin League's request to move the July, 2023 Community Days event from the High School campus to the Intermediate School campus, due to the secondary campus construction project making the normal location unavailable. The Board gave its verbal blessing for the GGML to move forward.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. McKay was happy to report that the Adult English Classes being held two evenings a week at the high school have been successful, with over 30 people attending who are all excited about advancing their English proficiency. He also shared that the Comprehensive Planning process is beginning, under the direction of Dr. Lisa Hess, Assistant Superintendent, and urged anyone interested in participating to contact her. Mr. McKay said that the October 1st Homecoming event was great, despite the rainy weather, and the Homecoming dance was hugely successful, with over 800 students in attendance.

Prior to adjournment, Dr. Lisa Peterson took a moment to clarify accessibility of Board agendas. Board policy/intent is to have all Board agendas posted on the website, as well as made available in the administrative office in advance of the meetings. She pointed out that, as we all know, technology is not always perfect and technological difficulties/glitches *can* occur. In the event this happens, the district does its best to remedy the situation as quickly as possible and, meanwhile, a hard copy of the agenda is always available for review in the administrative office.

No voting activity took place during this meeting.

Motion by Peterson and second by Roby to **Adjourn the Meeting** at 8:40pm.



Sharon L. Patton
Board Recording Secretary