

**BURRELL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Burrell School District Board of Directors Agenda Meeting was held in the High School Board Room and called to order at 7:06 PM by President Shank.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Shank asked all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The following responded to Roll Call: Dr. Rachel Linderman, Mrs. Jane A. Kinter, Mr. James D. Kunkle, Mrs. Gretchen V. Beveridge, Mr. Rick Kaczor, Mrs. Pam Key, Mrs. Genia Koziarski, Mr. Christopher S. Wojcik and Ms. Tricia Shank. Also in attendance were: Dr. Shannon L. Wagner, Superintendent, Dr. Gregory Egnor, Director of Student Services, and Mrs. Jennifer S. Callahan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 – 6:45 PM AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING –  
PERSONNEL AGENDA**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 – 7:00 PM – PERSONNEL AGENDA**

Ms. Shank announced the Board's Executive Sessions.

The Board reviewed items scheduled for the regular meeting to be held on September 17, 2019.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ONLY**

There were no comments from the public.

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

**SUPERINTENDENT – DR. WAGNER:**

**STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION**

**APPROVAL OF KENNYWOOD CONTRACT FOR SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020**

**APPROVAL OF SPEAKER AGREEMENT WITH JESSE LEWIS CHOOSE LOVE MOVEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

Dr. Wagner stated this is for speaker Scarlett Lewis, mother of Jesse Lewis killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School, to return to the District to meet with parents because her presentation is powerful. Her story is full of courage, forgiveness, gratitude and compassion and focuses on those pillars with our students. Dr. Wagner stated we are excited to have her return.

Ms. Shank asked if Ms. Lewis is working with other school districts.

Dr. Wagner responded yes, she is working with Armstrong School District and possibly others.

**PERMISSION TO PLACE A MATHEMATICS 7-12 STUDENT TEACHER FROM DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY IN BURRELL HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2020**

Dr. Wagner stated she will be adding a guidance intern at Bon Air for next week's agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH BURRELL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PILOT SCHEDULE**

Dr. Wagner stated that this change allows the District to deliver the Social Emotion Learning (SEL) program to students with the Union agreeing it is not a teaching period and is provided during academic support time.

The Choose Love Movement is a free curriculum being implemented with students. Children learn that Choosing Love means choosing to live a life with Courage and Gratitude, practicing Forgiveness, and being Compassionate individuals. Teachers will be supporting the program with students.

Ms. Shank asked if another MOA is needed regarding the schedule.

Dr. Wagner responded no. The one prior change was incorporated into the current contract as it exists.

**APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF POLICY 113.2 – BEHAVIOR SUPPORT**

Dr. Wagner stated this is beginning of Special Education policies being introduced over the next few months. She added this is part of the status review prior to Special Education audit.

Dr. Egnor added that these policies further define our Special Education program and ensure that our practices are following the law. He stated time was spent developing policies to implement. Dr. Egnor indicated he will have three more policies for revision to consider next month.

Mrs. Beveridge asked when last audit occurred.

Dr. Egnor stated six years prior for Compliance monitoring.

**APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF POLICY 113.3 – SCREENING AND EVALUATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

**APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF POLICY 113.4 – CONFIDENTIALITY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT INFORMATION**

**RATIFICATION OF BON AIR SOFTBALL FIELD RESTORATION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER GC-2 FOR W.G. LAND COMPANY, LLC IN AMOUNT OF (\$1,980) DEDUCT**

Dr. Wagner summarized last month the Board approved a Change Order increase of \$1,836 to deal with soft spots in the field. This Change Order includes three items. Dr. Wagner explained the adjustments for the following items: labor and materials to install 3” stone layer rather than 6” in amount of Deduct \$5,400; labor and materials to redress the infield in amount of \$4,850; and adjustment for unused field quantity allowances in amount of Deduct \$1,430. The resulting total amount of this Change Order is amount of \$1,980 DEDUCT.

Dr. Wagner stated the total contract will come in \$144 less than the original award.

Motion by: Mr. Kaczor

Seconded by: Mrs. Koziarski

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION TERMINATING CUSTODIAN’S EMPLOYMENT AS PRESENTED**

Motion by: Mr. Kaczor

Seconded by: Mrs. Kinter

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES – DR. EGNOR:**

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER OF ARMSTRONG COUNTY FOR STUDENT SERVICES**

Dr. Egnor stated the facility is located in Leechburg and provides partial hospitalization services for students during the school year as needed.

**PERSONNEL – MS. SHANK**

**NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER REPORT – MR. WOJCIK/DR. LINDERMAN**

**WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – MRS. BEVERIDGE**

**PSBA LIAISON REPORT – MRS. KEY**

**BUSINESS – MRS. CALLAHAN:**

**APPROVAL OF PSBA ELECTION VOTING FOR THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES AS PSBA OFFICERS/TRUSTEES: PRESIDENT-ELECT: ART LEVINOWITZ; VICE PRESIDENT: DAVID HEIN; PSBA INSURANCE TRUST TRUSTEES: KATHY SWOPE AND MARK B. MILLER**

Mrs. Callahan stated that as a member of Pennsylvania School Board Association, the Board is asked to vote on the PSBA positions each term. The documentation identifies the candidates who are running. The Board will be asked to officially elect candidates next week and then the results will be submitted to PSBA as our District's vote.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCURRING OF NONELECTORAL DEBT BY ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$21,375,000) AND SAVINGS TO BE AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000); COVENANTING TO PAY, AND PLEDGING ALL AVAILABLE TAXING POWER FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; ESTABLISHING A SINKING FUND AND APPOINTING A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; FIXING THE FORM, MAXIMUM INTEREST RATES, MATURITY DATES, REDEMPTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; COVENANTING TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING A FILING OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; RATIFYING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS OF**

**OFFICERS; AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS AND PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE BONDS**

Mrs. Callahan explained at last months' meetings that the District has an opportunity to refund some of our outstanding bonds for a substantial savings to the District. As discussed last month, the District has outstanding debt in the form of bonds which is issued to fund construction projects over time. She stated these outstanding bonds were originally from the Middle School construction project in 2005. The District currently has outstanding bonds of 2013 and 2014 that are now callable and able to be refunded.

Mrs. Callahan stated that depending on the market, bond payment structure, and debt payments remaining, there is not always the opportunity to generate savings by refunding. Our underwriter, PNC Capital Markets, monitors our debt and the market to provide us with information so that we can take advantage of opportunities at the best time.

Mrs. Callahan stated that last month we looked at various worksheets with savings estimates at that time. The market changes daily and the process takes several weeks, and tonight Board members will see new estimates for savings taken as cash at closing. Mrs. Callahan added that as discussed last month, Bond refunding savings taken at closing are required by law to be used for Capital Improvements within three years.

Mrs. Callahan stated she will be asking the Board to adopt the resolution tonight to proceed with the bond refunding. Mrs. Callahan asked Alisha Reesh Henry, Managing Director for PNC Capital Markets, to provide a brief presentation on the financial piece of the bond issue, followed by the appointed bond counsel, Attorney Lisa Chiesa of Clark Hill PLC, who will then review the legal requirements and documents for the bond issue. She added that Board members will have an opportunity to ask questions and then be asked to adopt the bond resolution.

Alisha Reesh Henry of PNC reviewed the document, provided estimates, and discussed the market and process. She explained the aggregate debt service and added that our District debt is very level and short, which is a good position. She also reviewed pro-forma debt profile with updated rates. Ms. Reesh Henry indicated rates have improved, resulting in cash at closing of \$676,000. The last column shows level debt service with savings pushed at closing to be \$676,000.

Ms. Reesh Henry stated if the resolution is approved tonight, the rating call with Mrs. Callahan will be tomorrow. She stated that she hopes to sell bonds as early as October to lock in rates. She indicated since March there has been a steady decline, so that along with fed cut at end of July, the District is now in good position for savings. Lastly, Ms. Reesh Henry reviewed the savings summary including cost of issue, savings estimate and net present value savings of 3.54%.

Mr. Kaczor asked about the cash flow savings over the years of \$23,000.

Mrs. Koziarski asked if the bond refunding does not extend debt.

Ms. Reesh Henry replied no.

Lisa Chiesa, Clark Hill PLC, explained the debt resolution and briefly summarized the articles within. She explained that by adopting the resolution, the Board is committing/pledging the full taxing authority to make the payments. She added that there are some blanks in the form because some of the financial data is not known until bonds are in market.

- Sinking fund depository – District appoints bank to track the bonds over the life of the bond issue, so paying agent, selected US Bank
- Federal income tax covenants – tax code allows District to borrow on tax free basis
- SEC does not have direct jurisdiction over District; but District promises to provide information on ongoing basis through EMMA upload
- Provisions on sale of bonds themselves. Indicated minimum savings \$500,000
- Establish a clearing fund for closing
- Authorizing with PDE for Plancon. They get a portion of savings which is accounted for in savings figure
- No personal liability for directors
- Project for use of proceeds are listed as track replacement and stadium field upgrades

Ms. Shank asked about Plancon.

Ms. Chiesa responded they are giving funds on these projects.

Ms. Shank asked if in twelve years there is no debt for District.

Ms. Reesh Henry responded yes.

Motion by: Mrs. Koziarski

Seconded by: Mrs. Key

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

Ms. Shank thanked Ms. Reesh Henry and Ms. Chiesa.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

## **REQUESTS FOR USE OF BUILDINGS**

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Chad Clark – 205 Rocky Lane, Upper Burrell

- President of Gridiron
- Asked the status of football field

Ms. Shank responded that at the August meeting the Board voted for architects to prepare bid documents for stadium improvements with natural grass. Artificial turf at that time was about \$800,000 more in cost and looked at over 10-year period; therefore, the Board voted to go with sod. If the District proceeds with sod as planned, it takes time for sod to connect. It was explained that the first few games would not be played at Burrell.

Dr. Wagner added that the architects have stated it would most likely be the entire fall season. Use of the field will be dependent on timing and weather.

Chad Clark – 205 Rocky Lane, Upper Burrell

- Asked if there is no plan to do anything other than sod for next 10-12 years

Ms. Shank stated that is correct along with fixing draining issues, replacing track and fixing the draining on the hillside.

Discussion ensued about \$20,000 maintenance cost per year.

Chad Clark – 205 Rocky Lane, Upper Burrell

- Is \$20,000 per year the difference in cost for grass vs. artificial turf

Ms. Shank stated artificial turf is appealing but the Board is worried about money and future capital improvements.

Chad Clark – 205 Rocky Lane, Upper Burrell

- Speaking on behalf of football, parents, and perhaps soccer, band, etc.
- Hopes Board reconsiders decision quickly and install artificial turf
- Believes most of public is not very happy with the grass decision

Ms. Shank stated there are lot of people in community saying thank you for not spending more tax money.

Chad Clark – 205 Rocky Lane, Upper Burrell

- Feels he would prefer to pay more in taxes

Patrick Driscoll, 326 Upper Drennen Road

- Support for artificial turf
- At last vote, Board approved to bid for sod not turf; where are numbers coming from
- Many people not here, but of the opinion to get their thoughts across
- What would be involved in reconsidering a vote and bid for turf
- You are going to spend the money to do this, which then you won't redo within 10-15 years
- Has some facts and disadvantages for students, safety and studies showing turf safer
- Huge opportunity for revenue by leasing field out if artificial turf
- Opportunity for band, students, teams, etc.
- Weather and field is not good after a few games
- Putting District in a corner if proceeding with sod decision

Ms. Shank stated information from architect and feedback from maintenance staff factored into the decision.

Ms. Shank replied yes, she has seen that recently in paper.

Emily Trisoline – 408 Wedgewood Drive

- Support for artificial turf
- Business owner in community
- Asking Board to open it up for more debate and input from community
- Believes parents were unaware of decision due to shuffling kids
- Have asked many clients in community
- Consider not fancy graphics to reduce costs
- Environmental considerations regarding pesticides, water conservation, etc.
- Son plays soccer; many soccer parents not here because of soccer
- Transports to Linden field entire winter outside, rented out so agrees with income potential

Ms. Shank stated estimates were done with natural sod and artificial turf. Additionally, the Board and administration have been doing a lot of research as well.

Bo Jackson – 421 Chapeldale Drive

- Support for artificial turf
- Believes doing same thing over and over – definition of insanity
- Research shows maintenance costs on grass costs more than turf
- Provided some figures on installing sod field; manhours on maintaining grass field vs. artificial turf field
- Matt Jones, Jeanette School District, turf cost district \$763,000; Shaw Sports turf saved them \$400,000 with local ties to community
- As Lower Burrell rejuvenates, imperative that superintendent and Board keep pace with community
- 15 of 18 districts in Westmoreland County have turf, Burrell is not one of them – that's shameful
- Uniform wear and tear
- Faster install time for turf
- Concession stand raises \$3-4,000 per game and will lose those funds if put in sod
- Turf is weather resistant
- Could be tax breaks for not having to water as much
- Grass is very dependent on weather
- Disappointed to hear voted on last month
- Grass Roots NFL grant program
- Requests Board to reconsider vote

Ms. Shank stated it is possible that we may not meet requirements for grant.

Dr. Wagner stated the District must commit to a turf project in order to apply for the grant.



Jody Brockett – 509 Scanga Drive

- Questioned if raising taxes is even actual consideration because understanding was using other funds for project regardless
- Would like Board to reconsider vote and choose artificial turf
- Softball field being redone and benefits so few kids, this would benefit so many kids

Ms. Shank replied that the Board is simply concerned that we have many District expenses and trying not to raise taxes very much. Spending funds on a specific capital improvement at this time might affect something later.

Beth Beattie – Vice President of Flyers

- Support for artificial turf
- Did the District think to come to Flyers about grants
- USA football works with Flyers, would be able to apply for grant for \$150,000 for turf
- Last year, youth program was able to play on High School field and one day before, were told that might not be able to due to rain
- Working with Athletic Director trying to build a football program
- Flyers do not own field, rent is \$4,500 per year. When played one game at High School field, costs were \$1,200
- If we were able to work with youth program to play on a turf field, we would be able to find a practice field and have games here to make it Burrell football, it's a great league
- Youth program would benefit from turf and believes community would come together
- Very good chance that Flyers would be able to offset \$20,000 cost difference

Mr. Kaczor asked if District can apply for more than one grant.

Keith Brancato, 2756 Edith Street

- Suggested special meeting so that people are aware and to hear what community wants
- Teacher, kids at Middle School, great area
- Need to teach/enrich kids beyond classroom
- Outside facility enriches whole kid, for example, band
- Asks Board to reconsider grass decision and choose artificial turf

Ray Woodcock – 8 Elena Avenue

- Support for artificial turf
- Soccer grandfather
- Teams practice on natural grass then go play on turf; tremendous disadvantage for them
- If no turf, will never be able to host playoff game here
- Understands cost of turf includes a lot of graphics, so that might bring cost down

Ms. Shank responded true, fewer graphics may decrease the costs.

Heather Thompson, 421 Chapeldale Drive

- Teams at various locations – could be safety issue with students at other locations, trainer to get there etc.
- People possibly moving into District, first thing they see is the field; believes Astroturf would be pleasant to eye
- Opening field up for other community organizations and events would bring community together
- Please reconsider vote and install artificial turf

Bill Coury, 40 Golden Ridge Lane

- Agrees with great comments and supports for artificial turf
- \$20,000 cost difference would likely be covered with Gridiron and other games raising money
- Consider our District and our town, finally getting some new businesses
- As Lower Burrell attracts other people to get tax revenue, having that facility could generate revenue
- Please reconsider that into final decision
- Believes several businesses would donate small amounts and it would become a large amount

Mrs. Beveridge asked if any business that will donate a quarter million.

Kim Jablonski, 200 Country View Drive

- Speaking on behalf of children; son in band
- Speaking on behalf of entire band and band parents
- All are in support of reconsideration to approve artificial turf

Ms. Shank asked how many have a child in a youth organization that would benefit.  
Approximately all 40 audience members raised hands.

Justin Miller, 349 Holly Drive

- Support for artificial turf
- District is the center of the community
- Need to offer kids something more; we don't have a YMCA, etc.
- Could provide a facility for community and family to use
- Kicking people off in summer to get field ready for sports
- Believes that no matter how good sod is that you put down, it will be a mess quickly
- Could be the hub of the city, lights, limitless possibilities
- All could benefit in the community

Brian Ferra, 3142 Algonquin Trail

- August agenda said vote on prepare bids for artificial turf
- Suggests having architects prepare bids to get real numbers to make an educated decision based on the real numbers from bidders
- Life of fields is approximately 10-12 years

- Newspaper reported that New Kensington-Arnold School District replacing turf for \$319,000 but our architects said \$400,000; significant difference
- Getting an actual bid would be best way to make decision
- Believes current practice facilities more likely for students to have injuries than artificial turf
- Should consider that which will add cost; additional cost if all fall sports not playing in fall, added cost for bussing to play elsewhere, etc.

John Fisher, 2780 Grant Street

- Concern is not an apples to apples comparison
- Football team has unusable field for last few games; had to play elsewhere
- Is it worth putting \$500,000 into a field that can't be used for full seasons, all sports
- Appreciates what Board members have to do and understands there are a lot of costs to manage
- Believes this project benefits so many different groups and the community and enhances the school
- Asks Board to reconsider and bid artificial turf

Mrs. Key thanked the public for all their comments. She stated that all meetings are advertised and wishes the public would have attended the August meeting. Mrs. Key added she appreciates everyone taking time to tell the Board how you feel.

Chad Clark, 221 Fairhaven Drive

- Communication between District and parents; wrestling does well, track doing well, baseball doing well but don't really hear about athletics
- Believes District's sports communication needs improvement
- Believes District never mentions sporting events on email/communications

Ms. Shank stated the website has all sporting events on it. She indicated plays and other events are only a few times a year, and therefore done through school messages. Athletics often take precedence and students know the seasons. The Board hears accolades of sports along with other recognitions.

Mr. D'Angelo, Athletic Director, encouraged all to check out new athletic website on Burrell website, click the Athletic tab. A new page starting from late spring has links with articles, scores, schedules, upcoming events, forms, etc.

Mr. D'Angelo thanked Mr. Fisher for helping with athletic forms.

Ms. Shank stated it seems now that word got out regarding the vote, we have this great turn out at our meeting and will consider feedback.

Bo Jackson, 421 Chapeldale Drive

- We are here because word got out and people talking
- When Board has important vote, should reconsider that

Mr. Wojcik stated all votes are important.

Ms. Shank suggested to the public if you talk to someone, get communication to me or Dr. Wagner and it will be shared with Board members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kunkle made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinter, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Roll Call: All in Favor.

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Jennifer S. Callahan  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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**ROLL CALL**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION-  
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PERSONNEL AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 – 7:00 PM – PERSONNEL AGENDA**

Ms. Shank announced the Board's Executive Sessions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Agenda Meeting – August 13, 2019

Regular Meeting – August 20, 2019

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Attachment 9-1)**

**FOOD SERVICE FUND REPORT (Attachment 9-2)**

**STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND REPORTS (Attachment 9-3)**

**NURSE'S REPORT - None**

Motion by: Mrs. Koziarski

Seconded by: Mr. Kaczor

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ONLY**

There were no comments from the public.

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION – DR. WAGNER:**

**STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION**

Dr. Wagner recognized the following:

Mr. Diehl, Mr. Grantz, Mr. Kariotis, Mr. Pounds, Mrs. Ulizio, Mrs. Zoccole, Mrs. Lovic – Commended by Mr. and Mrs. Capsambelis for their outstanding work teaching AP classes and helping students achieve their potential

Mr. Croushore - \$20,000 Arconic Grant to be used for iPads and robots at Stewart

**APPROVAL OF KENNYWOOD CONTRACT FOR SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020**  
**(Attachment 9-4)**

Motion by: Mrs. Beveridge

Seconded by: Mrs. Key

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SPEAKER AGREEMENT WITH JESSE LEWIS CHOOSE LOVE**  
**MOVEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2019 (Attachment 9-5)**

Motion by: Mrs. Koziarski

Seconded by: Mrs. Key

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

**PERMISSION TO PLACE A MATHEMATICS 7-12 STUDENT TEACHER FROM**  
**DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY IN BURRELL HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPRING SEMESTER**  
**2020**

Motion by: Dr. Linderman

Seconded by: Mrs. Kinter

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

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Motion by: Mrs. Koziarski

Seconded by: Mrs. Key

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF POLICY 113.2 – BEHAVIOR SUPPORT**

Motion by: Mr. Wojcik

Seconded by: Mrs. Key

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF POLICY 113.3 – SCREENING AND EVALUATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Motion by: Mr. Kaczor

Seconded by: Mrs. Key

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF POLICY 113.4 – CONFIDENTIALITY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT INFORMATION**

Motion by: Mrs. Beveridge

Seconded by: Mr. Wojcik

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

**RATIFIED BON AIR SOFTBALL FIELD RESTORATION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER GC-2 FOR W.G. LAND COMPANY, LLC IN AMOUNT OF (\$1,980) DEDUCT – INFORMATION**

Dr. Wagner reported the change order was ratified at last week’s agenda meeting.

**PERMISSION TO PLACE A GUIDANCE INTERN FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA IN BON AIR SCHOOL FOR FALL SEMESTER 2019**

Motion by: Dr. Linderman

Seconded by: Mrs. Beveridge

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES – DR. EGNOR:**

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER OF ARMSTRONG COUNTY FOR STUDENT SERVICES (Attachment 9-6)**

Motion by: Mrs. Koziarski

Seconded by: Mrs. Beveridge

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

Dr. Egnor announced interactive training Family Engagement Seminars. He stated meaningful and informed family involvement is a powerful predictor of student success. Students attain more when schools and families work together. Details and dates are listed on the website.

**PERSONNEL – MS. SHANK (Attachment 9-7)**

Motion by: Dr. Linderman

Seconded by: Mrs. Koziarski

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

**NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER REPORT – MR. WOJCIK/DR. LINDERMAN**

Members received a summary of the September 12, 2019 meeting. Dr. Linderman reported the following:

- Meeting Thursday
- Enrollment at 434
- Fire suppression system complete
- Eligible entry level requirements for CNA program partnering with Harmar
- Partnering with Fayette County CTC \$9,000/year to fund – get credits toward LPN and then eligible to continue with Harmar. Can be LPN certified in 12 months, \$6,000 cost to student for one year
- Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) career exploration with Ford; students will be Ford certified as entry level technician
- Potentially work with Chevrolet and Dodge

**WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – MRS. BEVERIDGE**

Members received a summary of the August 27, 2019 meeting. Mrs. Beveridge reported the following:

- Meeting next week
- Approved support staff agreement
- Comprehensive plan of services



- Tabletop exercises with local emergency services
- Administrative comprehensive plan completed
- Jason Stragand, WIU representative, going to LETRS PA training and technical network

**PSBA LIAISON REPORT – MRS. KEY**

Mrs. Key reported the following:

- House returned 9/17/19
- Senate returns 9/23/19
- Governor Wolf announcing plan for comprehensive charter school reform package
- Fees charged to charter school for payment of claims
- Fees charged to review application to become a charter school
- PSBA supporting Governor Wolf’s action
- Starting September 15, charter school assessed \$15 and \$86,000 PDE review application

**BUSINESS – MRS. CALLAHAN:**

**APPROVAL OF PSBA ELECTION VOTING FOR THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES AS PSBA OFFICERS/TRUSTEES: PRESIDENT-ELECT: ART LEVINOWITZ; VICE PRESIDENT: DAVID HEIN; PSBA INSURANCE TRUST TRUSTEES: KATHY SWOPE AND MARK B. MILLER**

Motion by: Mrs. Kinter

Seconded by: Mrs. Key

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

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- Waynesburg, Burrell, Freeport, Deer Lakes with median income \$55-\$65,000 and similar budgets
- If Waynesburg, Freeport and Deer Lakes can budget for synthetic turf, so should Burrell
- All schools received grant money
- Keystone Sports Construction grant; Grass Roots grant
- Consider securing more than one bid for turf/sod
- Pursue grants
- Hold bid meetings/sealed bids
- Incidental issues: Lose \$55-60,000 in revenue at home games with grass
- Steeler home opener had field destroyed in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

Ms. Shank thanked Mr. Jackson for his comments.

Ms. Shank stated the District will seek every grant possible. She explained that all information that the Board is able to legally discuss publicly will be shared. The Board is as transparent as possible.

Brian Ferra, 3142 Algonquin Trail

- August agenda Board approved securing bid specs for natural grass field
- Consider advertising for turf and grass bids to compare real numbers

Heather Thompson, 421 Chapeldale Drive

- Consider posting agenda online
- Public awareness of agenda in advance

Mr. Kaczor stated he would like to see more public attend a budget meeting.

Jennifer Rusiewicz, 251 Widmer Avenue

- Supports artificial turf
- Representing Lower Burrell Flyers
- Would like Flyers to use stadium
- Flyers may help with expense
- Stadium use for USA football in March

Mr. Anthony Giglio, Solicitor, stated the Board can take one of two options:

- Option 1 – Motion to rescind vote from August authorizing HHSDR to prepare bid documents for grass; Motion authorizing HHSDR to prepare bid documents for synthetic turf; or
- Option 2 – August motion still in effect; New motion authorizing HHSDR to prepare bid documents for synthetic turf

Mrs. Koziarski asked if bids include maintenance costs.

Dr. Wagner replied yes and also includes 1,000 LB rubber pellets.

Mrs. Koziarski made a motion to Approve Authorization of HHSDR Architects & Engineers to prepare construction bid documents for Track and Stadium Improvements with Synthetic Turf, seconded by Mrs. Key.

Dr. Wagner stated this motion would mean paying for two bids, one for grass turf and one for synthetic turf.

Dr. Linderman stated it makes sense to do both bids and is worth the additional \$15,000 to make an educated decision.

Mr. Kaczor asked if the motion is approved and the Board authorizes two bids, when is the final decision for Board action.

Dr. Wagner stated the architect's timeline would require a special meeting in December in order to advertise for bids in January.

Dr. Wagner reviewed the timeline and stated bids will be returned in January/February. Board decision will be in February/March.

Dr. Wagner stated bid specifications will not be ready by the November or December 4 Board meetings. The architects need additional time to prepare both bid specs and therefore will need a special meeting in December.

Mr. Giglio stated this motion is only authorizing the architects to prepare bid documents.

Dr. Wagner stated actual numbers will not be available until December.

Roll Call: Kinter, Kunkle, Beveridge, Kaczor, Key, Koziarski, Wojcik, Linderman, Shank

All in favor

Motion passed

Mr. Ferra thanked the Board for their action.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kunkle made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Beveridge, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Roll Call: All in Favor.

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Jennifer S. Callahan  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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