

Academic and Personnel Committee of the Board
August 22, 2019 5pm, District Office

Meeting called to order 5:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Mrs. Magnotta Mr. Dettmar, Mrs. Baxter, Dr. Pakzad, Dr. Butler, Dr. Rosenberger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Karabin, Ms. Tamara Gary, Mr. James Deegan, Mrs. Cindy Motter, Mr. Tom Haciasak

Agenda approved for the meeting this evening, 8/22/19 motion by Mrs. Baxter and second by Mr. Dettmar.

Minutes from the 8/7/19 meeting were approved – motion by Mrs. Baxter second by Mr. Dettmar.

Courtesy of the Floor: Mr. Jason Stern was present as a parent who had heard concerns from fellow Saucon Valley parents regarding class sizes that were in the low 30's. This information, as shared by the administration in agenda item #1, was shown to be not reflective of the current status. Mr. Stern was thankful that he had the correct information to take back to those concerned.

1. **K-12 Class Size Review** – Dr. Butler reviewed the current enrollment numbers, as provided by the building principals. The principals were present to answer any specific questions. At this time there is no request for additional staffing. There was a request by Dr. Pakzad to have information pertaining to the paraprofessionals and their utilization for 2019-2020. Dr. Butler will provide that information to the committee.
2. **Internet Access** – Dr. Butler presented a two-year contract that would provide the district with Kajeet for 30 SmartSpots for internet access to students who have no access or compromised access to the internet. Mr. James Colbert was present to provide further information. Some questions were raised about filtering and procedures. Dr. Butler will report back to the committee with those answers.
3. **K-8 Assistant Principal Job Descriptions** - The second draft of the job descriptions were given to the committee. These documents were noted as being more defined and will remain in progress.
4. **Physical Education** – As a continuation of the discussion for a possible independent study option for physical education in the high school, Dr. Rosenberger shared the physical education legal summary as provided by Mr. Mark Fitzgerald last April. The feasibility of this option will be examined and presented as part of the full Program of Studies for 2020-2021.
5. **Policies 003, 004, 004.1, 004.2**– These policies will be moving to the full Board for a first reading on 8/27/19. The policies had been introduced at the 8/7/19 Academic and Personnel committee meeting.

New Business

- Mr. Jason Stern indicated that another consequence of not replacing staff is the impact on the teaming structure in the middle school, more so than issue over class size.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm (motion by Mr. Dettmar and second by Dr. Pakzad).