

The Steelton-Highspire School Board met on the above date for the purpose of planning and developing the agenda for the regular meeting of January 23, 2019 with the following members present: Ms. Janice Elliott; Ms. Joyce Culpepper; Ms. Paula Sviben; Ms. Natalie Bowman; Ms. Karen Harris; Mr. Derek Lewis; and Ms. Mary Carricato. Also present were Mr. Travis Waters, Superintendent; Mr. Vincent Champion, School Solicitor; Mr. Mick Iskric, Jr., Assistant to the Superintendent; Mr. Michael Simonetti, Business Manager; Ms. ShaQuita Burton, Board Secretary; Ms. Kate Gallagher, Senior High Principal. Attached is a copy of a list of names of the members of the public who were present.

Ms. Burton called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

The meeting opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag”.

Announcements

Mr. Lewis made a motion to nominate Ms. Carricato as temporary chair for this evening. Second by Ms. Elliott. Ms. Joyce Culpepper made a motion to approve the Philadelphia Cannons Professional Basketball Organization, LLC to use the gym on the selected 5 dates along as the 5 additional dates. Second by Ms. Bowman. Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Sviben, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Harris, and Ms. Carricato. *All voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent)*

Executive Session

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

The first presentation was Ms. Iris Brown and Ms. Karen Love. Ms. Brown stated that she has been out of the district for 41 years. Ms. Brown stated that in February our sorority does Black History reading to all ages and we have a workshop and different authors. Ms. Brown believes, if you have students get books and you read to them and they are to by those who look like them it typically works better and kids love to read more. This program has been going on for 21 years. A student who is at Howard University will read the book he is 21 years old. He wrote a book about HBCU schools. The book talks about all the school and it lists all the HBCU schools. A young kid at a political science. One of the first books about colleges. Ms. Brown is asking to use the rooms in the lower level school we have Alpha Kappa alpha sorority members present and there will be American Literature Society. We make sure each kid goes home with a book, last year they received book bags with books in it hopefully we can do the same this year. We hope that you will be supportive of our efforts. We had a wonderful time here last year. We had over 125 that we counted and we had a lot of support here.

The second presentation was Mr. William Jones in regards to elementary wrestling. Mr. Jones stated, Good evening I am requesting to use the auxiliary gym on Monday and Wednesday nights and Saturday morning, to establish a 5-12 year older elementary wrestling program. I was a USA wrestler and I am USA Wrestler owner now, USA Wrestler Club will promote our program here. I submitted all the stuff, when we do tournaments here at our school USA Wrestler will help promote us nationals. My vision is to start in elementary school and transition to Junior High and then to high school.

Ms. Culpepper made a motion to allow Mr. Jones to use the auxiliary gym for elementary wrestling. Second by Ms. Elliot. Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Sviben, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Harris, Ms. Culpepper and Ms. Carricato. *All voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent)*

FOLLOW UP

Mr. Waters stated, I don't have follow up but I wanted to mention: I did want to bring up we are trying to team with HAC Pa productions, to give our kids an opportunity to participate in a play production. They are going to help us put on a production, but it will give our students an option to participate. Also the Salvation Army has a 9 week summer program, they want to do it here in the district. They want to use our facilities. They will pay us \$5,000. Is there a cost for the kids? Yes, the parent has a fee they pay per week. They serve the students lunch. They have field trips and all they are all in age groups. All day program 7:30-4:00 pm. The fee depends on income. Our kids will get the priority. With our summer hours how will this play on Fridays, they normally go to field trips on Fridays...I can have them come in on the 23rd January. Maybe ask for an early registration for our kids. We are also trying to expand our reading program to math and look into working with Salvation Army. We are also thinking of bringing in retirees and have them read to the children and ask questions. A way to help the children, maybe look into it as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Culpepper made a motion to approve October's Planning and Legislative, November's Legislative Meeting, and the December Reorganization Meeting Minutes. Second by Ms. Elliot. Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Sviben, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Harris, Ms. Culpepper and Ms. Carricato. *All voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent)*

REVIEW OF REPORTS

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS REPORT

Ms. Sviben made a motion to approve the attached Personnel Action Item Report. Second by Ms. Elliot. Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Sviben, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Harris, Ms. Culpepper and Ms. Carricato. *All voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent)*

FINANCE REPORT

Financial reports for October 2018 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Student Activities Fund, and Athletic Fund will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on January 23, 2019.

CURRICULUM REPORT

No Report.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Field trips are for approval at the Legislative Meeting on January 23, 2019.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

Student Activities Report will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on January 23, 2019.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Personnel will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on January 23, 2019.

PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

Pupil Services will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on January 23, 2019.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

Property and Supplies will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on January 23, 2019.

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

No content

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's report will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on January 23, 2019.

Special Reports

A. Athletic Association: no report

- B. PSBA Representative: no report
- C. HACC: no report
- D. CAIU: There are Board Highlights at your seat
- E. Strategic Planning: no report
- F. Buildings and Grounds: no report
- G. Discipline: no report
- H. Budget Planning: no report
- I. Policy: no report
- J. Negotiations: no report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mary Carricato stated that the elementary nurse sent out a note or a letters stating that a student got sick on some paper work, so she sent home the letter asking the parents to fill out some paper work and return it back to the school. Mr. Waters stated that he was not aware of it but he will look into the situation.

Ms. Sviben stated that she was going through the agenda I saw there was 2 policy updates, but I did not know they existed. But according to this document we are supposed to have citizen's advisory committee. She wanted to know if this exist, Ms. Culpepper stated that she believes that is the parent advisory committee now. She also stated about municipal government relations policy and to know why they don't exist. Ms. Sviben also questioned another code/policy related to public relations and news media relations wanted to know why is totally responsibility all delegated to Travis and the Administrative staff. Mr. Champion stated that the board has authority, but when there is media inquiries the administration normally has more insight and are often times on site when the media does show up. Finally she stated that we should maybe look into having a Social Media person that is solely responsible for making sure we are communicating about different activities across both boroughs. This is a good idea but we need to make sure everyone is accountable and is showing up.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM on a motion by Ms. Elliott. Second by Ms. Harris. All members present voted aye.

ShaQuita Burton
ShaQuita Burton, Board Secretary