



APRIL 3, 2024 CSD BOD WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

04/03/2024 [07:00 PM-08:00 PM] @ Alice Schafer Annex Gym

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1. Call to Order

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock opened the meeting at 7:27 pm.

The following board members were present.

Mr. Burnham Mr. Hall Mr. Horne Mrs. Luckock

Mr. Klink Mr. McQuiston Mr. Nader Mr. Schaef and Mr. Williamson

The following administrators were present;

Mr. Sperry, Ms. Dressel, Ms. Krankota, Dr. Jardina, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Kelly and district solicitor Mrs. Harrington.

Mrs. Sada, Mr. Pietroski and Mr. Parks.

1.a. Moment of Silence

1.b. Salute the Flag Ceremony

2. Discussion Items

2.a. 2024/2025 SY Budget Update...Ms. Krankota

Minutes

Ms. Krankota updated the board on the 2024-2025 budget. She reviewed the budget with no stimulus funds reflecting a deficit of \$760,843.

Key points for local revenue show the current real estate tax the same as revenue generated in 23/24 however; initial projection from the County shows an increased assessed value, collection rates increased by ½ percent and she is still waiting on the Homestead/Farmstead allocation.

She has scaled back in areas where revenue has been tracking behind over the last several years. They include tuition from other PA Local Educational Agencies; transportation from other PA LEAs; rentals; general/miscellaneous donations and delinquent real estate.

State and Federal revenue key points include the proposed education budget for 24/25 with increases in Basis Education of \$195,730 and Special Education by \$59,777.

Additional funding increases include vocational education, transportation, state share of social security and the Safety Schools Grant.

ESSER funds will be fully expended by Mary 2024, an approximate \$2.78 million.

There is no update on Title I, II and IV grants to date.

Key points for expenditures include an anticipated pre-incentive savings due to staff retirements with an approximate \$1.88 M for 24/25 school year. However, these savings are trimmed as a result of district covering health care costs for 23 retirees at an approximate \$570,000 and expenditures covered by ESSER funds shifting to District budget. These include major costs such as salaries, benefits and transportation.

Additional areas of savings are in utilities, transportation, supplies, coach/advisor wages, substitutes and the Crawford Count Career and Technical Center share decreased by \$174,989.

The fund balance initial projection estimated fund balance at 6/30/2024 at \$11,831,229 and then by 6/30/2025 is \$11,318,007. The fund balance shows an operating loss on June 30, 2024 with the 24/25 budget of \$760,843 and the projected fund balance then in June, 2025 is \$10, 570,386.

The deficit dilemma shows Pa public schools underfunded by an approximate \$4.68 billion dollars with 490 of 500 PA school districts have had to raise taxes at least once over the last two years and dozens have raised taxes twice.

House Bill 142-Cyber Charter Reform shows at least 75% of PA school districts identifying a mandated Cyber charter tuition as the biggest hurdle to overcome when attempting to close budget deficits. Districts spend between \$1.3 million and \$1.5 million on Cyber Charter tuition each year. Governor Shapiros most recent proposal would save Districts an approximate \$700,00 with a tuition cap at \$8,000 per student.

The budget timeline will be an update on May 1, 2024 at the work session, adopting the proposed final budget on May 8, 2024. June 5, 2024 work session there will be another budget update, fund balance update and five year projections with the final budget adopted at the June 12, 2024 voting meeting.

2.b. Live Streaming Board Meetings Discussion...Mr. Williamson

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock reminded the board tonight is the first evening we are live streaming board meetings on YouTube channel. As noted there probably will be tweaking moving forward. Mr. Williamsons question for board discussion is what length of time does the board want to have the recordings saved/viewable? 30, days, 2 weeks. Mrs. Luckock noted it can be re-evaluated moving forward. Mr. Williamson added we have videos so the question is how long do we want it available and along with that he thanked the board for agreeing to do this, it is tremendous to have it available to the public.

Mr. Schaefer spoke saying standing aside to the live streaming he doesn't support it, he doesn't feel there are that many going to be watching and the extra work for our staff. Typically his experience once the minutes are written and recorded the video should go away, be done away with. So once the work session minutes are put together and brought to the board for approval there is no reason to keep live streaming videos saved beyond that. Mr. Williamson thinks a minimum of 90 days. They asked Mr. Kelly how long; who responded it is a cloud thing so it is not taking up space, space is not an issue. Mr. Burnham sees no reason to go beyond 90 days. Mr. Hall and the rest were good with 90 days.

Mr. Williamson asked to make a motion, Mrs. Luckock interjected reminding him this is a work session and not a voting meeting but we will add that to the voting meeting next week.

2.c. Athletic Committee Updates...Mr. Hall

1. Family Passes/Student Prices/Gate Prices
 1. Currently No Family pass exists. Senior Citizens pay \$1/ticket; Students pay \$3/ticket, all others pay \$4/ticket.
2. Cheerleading update
3. Revised Job descriptions for Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director

Minutes

Mr. Hall presented some recommendations the committee reviewed at their meeting. They are redefining the packets for coaches, improving the process and moving forward.

1st recommendation is with gate fees. The recommend a 2 adult pass for gate fee for \$50 for the calendar year/entire school year. 2nd charge is senior citizens \$/ticket and veterans and military \$1/game and allow students to come to a game at no cost. Mr. Hall had a parent approach him recently who spent \$350 at our home games this season so far, this is what sparked rethinking the gate pricing. The committee wants to fill up the gyms and school spirit. Mr. Hall noted on one end are we giving money away but on the other side if we raise gate fees the same as MASH and allow students in for free. He recommended 13 and under must be accompanied with an adult. Mr. Nader and Mr. Williamson felt this was a well thought out idea. Questions asked included 2 adult pass is it for parents? No it is any two adults, so any combination. Mr. Hall reminded we don't charge for baseball, softball or lacrosse and only for indoor and football. It is hurting some families paying every week to come see their child play and becoming quite costly. This will match the other schools in our county. Mr. Burnham thought students pay \$1 now but noted most of the issues is with security and if we give a free pass more come but a dollar helps pay for security. Mr. Horne felt that was a good point, noting it was brought up at the committee meeting. We are not a babysitting service so we need to watch that students are not wandering the halls, if caught they could be removed from the event and discipline taken which is appropriate. They are supposed to be there for the game. Mr. Schaeff feels doing away with the charge for students coming in and so forth you are now requiring the entire base to make up that difference. The reason for charging is to help pay for expenses of the various teams. Some of this has been tried in the past and we seem to be revisiting the same items. Mr. Schaeff stressed if you think filling the gym with everyone with following the student enrollment, that won't happen. Successful teams not necessarily winning teams have their following, it is a pipe dream to say we will fill the gym because we are not charging. In the past we have season passes and senior passe and somehow that faded away and was not a lot of support.

2nd recommendation- on February 14 there was discussion at the full board meeting regarding a change in cheer. The job description would be revised to add overseeing the cheer program to include football and basketball. So bringing this change in job description to this board now. That is the recommendation coming from the committee and he asked if there is a desire to put it on the voting agenda for consideration. The majority agreed to put it on the agenda.

3rd recommendation – the Assistant Athletic Directors at the Middle School job description. This was reviewed a year ago and brought back again now. The person will report to the Head AD and principal. The minor addition was a statement of who they report to and to assist the Athletic Director, even in that persons absence. All were in agreement to put this revision on the agenda.

2.d. Middle School Consolidation Update(s)...Mr. Sperry

Minutes

Mr. Sperry updated the board on the middle school consolidation noting bell schedules, lunch schedules and CASH class periods backups were passed around.

The student leadership committee Mr. Messerall took from each middle school and created a pod cast. Students are planning in May some activities for every grade level.

The big change for start and end times is the middle school gets done 12 minutes later and the high school this year was at 3:40 and next year will be 3:10.

Mr. Klink asked a question from the public for students at the end of the road here in Linesville. Will their high school students ride a bus right past the high school and are taken to the middle school, switch buses and then go to CASH.

Mr. Horne asked when bus schedules will be available, Mr. Bridge answered he is doing his best to get them done but that process doesn't normally start until after the current year has ended, middle of August and does most of his work the two weeks before school starts.

2.e. Superintendent's Report...Mr. Sperry

Minutes

Mr. Sperry provided his report.

2.f. Ethics Reminders...Mrs. Luckock

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock reminded those who have not turned theirs in yet, the deadline is fast approaching.

2.g. Agenda Review...Mrs. Luckock

3. *Visitor Recognition

*Per Policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings. All visitors who are recognized during the Visitor Recognition are allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes to address matters of their concern, unless otherwise determined by the Board President. Visitor recognition is to be limited to thirty (30) minutes unless otherwise decided by the Board.

Minutes

Amanda Scott addressed the board regarding the cheerleading recommendation.

Megan Bartic addressed the board regarding the cheerleading recommendation.

Travis Crytzer addressed the board regarding the Summit building in Harmonsburg and the Conneaut Valley Middle School.

Rick Bridge addressed the board regarding the live streaming of the board meetings.

4. BOARD CONCERNS

Minutes

Mr. Burnham asked for an update on the library books which were of some concern at a previous meeting. Mr. Sperry noted the library committee comprised of district wide professionals did meet and had one recommendation that came out of it. Our policy states any sort of challenge to a book is done in writing and a recommendation is made to have a form available to challenge a specific book. That is the method of question, a review in writing. Mr. Sperry knows of at least one book brought up by name was reviewed and believes multiple others were no longer in our library or were checked out by someone so they were not available to be reviewed. Mr. Williamson asked on the committee if he submitted a policy and are you checking with the solicitor? Mrs. Luckock announced it was reviewed by the solicitor. It was suggested to have the form available online for the public.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION - to review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, might lead to disclosure of information protected by law, specifically to discuss real estate matters, update on the Summit building, student and personnel concerns.



Dorothy Luckock, Board President



Christine Krankota, Board Secretary