

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting June 21, 2023 DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium 7:00 PM	Present:	Dr. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Buchanan, Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt, (via Zoom), Mr. Shields, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Dr. Yoder, Superintendent; Mrs. Stair, Business Manager; Mrs. Lombel, Asst. Business Manager/ Board Secretary; Atty. Paige Gross
	Absent:	Atty. Kevin Reid

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Michael Cardamone.

Roll Call - 9 members present. Mrs. Dewitt was present via Zoom.

Dr. Cardamone read the following statement:

We will start this evening's meeting with a statement addressing Gillingham Charter School (GCS). The Board has not added the charter renewal to this meeting's agenda for several reasons.

The Board appreciates the partial acknowledgement in writing that the legal fees communicated to the public via GCS's website, on its Facebook page, and within Facebook groups were not accurate. GCS attributed certain legal fees to the District incorrectly. As a Board and district, we want to reiterate that Article SVII-A in the 1997 Charter Law requires the Board of directors of a school district in which a charter school is located to approve or deny a charter application or its renewal. We agree that the system is inequitable for PASD to use any taxpayer money to review GCS during this 5-year charter renewal process and review its annual paperwork submitted to the Department of Education (PDE).

As of date, the building located at 315 Howard Avenue that was previously used by GCS students and staff is condemned, and GCS is no longer using the building. Correspondence was sent by the District to GCS and its Board on January 25, 2023 based upon the City of Pottsville's inspection in order for the GCS to resume the use of the building. To our knowledge, a response has not been provided.

The Board stands by its statement regarding staffing and notes that GCS terminated a teacher in its last Board meeting with other teachers seeking employment elsewhere. The District has been consulting with multiple divisions in the PDE regarding the aforementioned staffing concerns as well as GCS submissions of inaccurate teacher certification data, which were verified by a consultant paid for GCS. While the District agrees with the consultant that

twenty (20) teachers were submitted inaccurately, there are concerns that remain with respect to certifications, or lack there-of, which are being discussed with the PDE.

We ask that GCS consult with their own counsel regarding Charter School Law references.

The GCS statement regarding Stable Staffing is cause for increased concern.

In GCS's letter the Pottsville Area Board, they asked for a "true collaborative spirit" and the GCS's Board President's verbal statement during last month's Board meeting included a request for the schools to work together. The District agrees and has provided significant assistance to GCS throughout this process including but not limited to:

- Notification to GCS in January, 2023 that their Board had not been following its By-Laws and only had five (5) Board members instead of the required seven(7) to nine (9). The GCS Board had been out of compliance since March, 2022.
- Identification of a teacher who had been paid for the first half of the 2022-2023 school year without being GCS Board approved.
- Inspecting their building on 315 Howard Avenue and providing a significant amount of time and personnel to ensure safety for staff and students who were utilizing the building, which was subsequently condemned.
- Informing GCS regarding their inaccurate teacher certification submission to the PDE.
- Requesting information regarding areas of concern to identify root causes of teacher turnover and the 48% student retention rate (calculated as the percent of students enrolled for a full year who return for the following school year – excluding graduates).

The District will continue in its good faith efforts to negotiate with GCS as we meet our statutory requirements. We want to remind the public of our responsibility to bear the fiscal and programmatic responsibility to review the GCS charter when less than 3% of PASD resident students attend GCS. The Board is supportive of School Choice when the playing field is even, and the District has assisted students and their families in non-public school, Cyber School, GCS, and homeschool.

Dr. Cardamone - Board Statement

- A reminder to the public that the public comment period is not a question and answer period, but rather the opportunity for the public to submit comments to the Board. Public comments will follow our public comment procedures which require members of the public to identify themselves by indicating name and address. If members of the public wish to make public comments, then they must do so in person. The meeting will be available online.
- The School Board will strive to answer questions pertaining to the current agenda at the beginning of the school board meeting, in a conscious effort to maintain transparent practices. After the School Board agenda is posted online, questions may be emailed to plombel@pottsville.k12.pa.us by 2:00 PM the day of

the meeting. Questions pertaining to the agenda posted online will be answered in the order received for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. If the questions are not able to be answered during the 30-minute period, the School Board will endeavor to answer the questions at the beginning of the next school board meeting. Questions pertaining to confidential personnel matters will not be addressed. Questions that require some research or further inquiry might not be answered at the current school board meeting. The question and answer period does not replace the public's current right to public comment.

There were several public comments.

1. Kelly McKeever (also spoke in May's meeting) – Ms. McGeever has 5 children (2 in Pottsville – 1 who returned from GCS and 3 in GCS). She said there is more flexibility in terms of curriculum at GCS, which can lead to better academic outcomes. In her opinion, GCS offers unique benefits.
2. Kyle Lisowski – Mr. Lisowski's daughter attends DHHL Middle School in PASD, and his two stepsons who previously attended a neighboring district now attend GCS. He would like to see the school district's budget and said that Pottsville's grades are going to be better than GCS because of a broader spectrum. GCS is a good school.
3. Michelle Santonastaso (also spoke in May's meeting) – Ms. Santonastaso thanked the Board for listening to the residents and appreciates a lot of the concerns brought forth. She loves the history of a Charlotte Mason education. GCS is a unique school, and turnover is going to happen. Mrs. Santonastaso said her kids need a different education like GCS.
4. Joan Huey (also spoke in May's meeting) – Two of her grandchildren attend PASD and two attend GCS. She says it is a wonderful school. She spoke about why a teacher left GCS.
5. Edie Cromis – Mrs. Cromis is a paraprofessional at GCS. She said all the staff including administration, teachers and students are a team. A yes vote is what she encourages. There is the light at the end of the tunnel.
6. Michelle Marx – Ms. Marx has a daughter at GCS. (Her son no longer attends GCS.) She said her child has more self-esteem at GCS and is happy-go-lucky. She supports GCS.
7. Tara Smith – Ms. Smith has two sons at GCS, and a step-daughter at PASD. GCS is like a family, and it is amazing there. She believes the parents should be able to make the choice, not someone who does not know her children.
8. Sheila Charles – Ms. Charles has two sons at GCS. She and her children have never lived in the PASD. She said her children are doing great at the school; she supports GCS.

9. Jessica Geiger – Ms. Geiger’s brother-in-law has attended GCS. Ms. Geiger’s son who never attended PASD attends GCS. She also supports GCS. She was happy that the GCS staff called her when her son had issues.

On motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the May 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole Minutes, and the May 24, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Stair, Business Manager, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of May 2023:

1. Treasurer’s Report (All Funds) – General Fund Balance as of May 31, 2023 - \$3,737,370.13. Cafeteria Checking Balance as of May 31, 2023 - \$549,240.28.
2. General Fund Condensed Board Summary Revenue Report
3. General Fund Condensed Board Summary Expenditure Report
4. Cafeteria Condensed Board Summary Report
5. Payment Summary – General Fund, Food Service
6. Budget Transfers - Approved Budget Transfers in the amount of \$15,117,775.64 to reallocate funds due to coding changes. This will bring the chart of accounts into compliance with PDE requirements.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Atty. Paige Gross in absence of Atty. Kevin Reid, and on motion of Mrs. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following Discipline Waiver, effective June 17, 2023: #26-1964. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Atty. Paige Gross in absence of Atty. Kevin Reid, and on motion of Mrs. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Phase II of the agreement with Coyle, Lynch and Company for the purposes of Tax Parcel 68-49-0004.00, if a resolution is not agreed upon on or before July 3, 2023. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the Superintendent's preapproval of credits indicated for the following professional employee(s) be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Erin Blozusky - 9 Credits

Natasha Bubnis - 3 Credits

Kelly Lombel - 6 Credits
Crystal Pugh - 3 Credits
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following professional employee(s) be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and PASDEA:

Erin Blozusky - \$300.00
Mary McGinley - \$300.00
Amy Rubinkam - \$300.00
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following salary adjustment and made effective the 2023-2024 school year:

Angela Altemose - Master's Degree
Emily Earley - Bachelor's + 15
Casey Shoopack - Master's Degree
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board appointed the following students as Junior Board Members of the Pottsville Area School District: Madison Eroh and Hunter Chescavage. The new members will be Seniors for the 2023-2024 School Year at Pottsville Area High School. Motion carried. Madison Eroh was present at the meeting.

On the recommendation of the **Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee**, and on motion of Mr. Shields, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following items:

- approved the trip to Disney and Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida (February 20-24, 2024). The PAHS Marching Band, Band Front (Majorettes, Flags and Honor Guard), and Cheerleaders will be marching and performing in the "Destiny Festival of Fantasy" on February 22, 2024. The trip will be funded by fundraisers.

- approved the **Fall Coaches** for the 2023-2024 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

BOYS SOCCER

Zachary Reichert - Varsity Head Coach
Guiseppe Guiffre - Assistant

CROSS COUNTRY

Kelly Lombel - Varsity Head Coach

Jennifer Brindle - Jr. High Coach

FOOTBALL

Thomas McGeoy - Varsity Head Coach

Peter McDonald - Assistant

Raymond Yost - Assistant

Scott Grochowski - Assistant

Kurt Eroh - Assistant

Jamie O'Brien - Assistant

Stephen Messina - Assistant

Mark Laubenstine - Jr. High Head Coach

Lucas Bricker - Jr. High Assistant

Tony Barone - Equipment Manager

GIRLS SOCCER

Robert Stock - Varsity Head Coach

Robert Evans - Assistant

GIRLS TENNIS

Adrian Portland - Varsity Head Coach

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Maria Sherakas - Varsity Head Coach

Kendra Boris - Assistant

GOLF COACH

Tyler McCole - Varsity Head Coach

CHEERLEADING

Melissa Recla - Varsity Cheerleading Coach

Jody Rutherford - Assistant Cheerleading Coach

- approved the following volunteer **Fall Coaches** for the 2023-2024 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract).

FOOTBALL

Bryce Dagna

Damon Yost

GIRLS SOCCER

Eric Lord

Brian Spotts

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Mary Kate Painter
Michael Puzauskie

CHEERLEADING

Crystal Reed

- approved the following **Winter Coaches** for the 2023-2024 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jake Wartella - Varsity Head Coach
Tyler Heffner - Jr. Varsity Coach
Thomas McGeoy - Varsity Assistant Coach
Tony Boris - Freshman Coach
Jed Dunkel- 8th Grade Coach
Patrick McCord - 7th Grade Coach

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Stephen Ennis - Varsity Head Coach
Phil Tenaglia - Assistant
Olivia Wingle - Jr. Varsity Coach
Brett Ennis - 8th Grade Coach
Sean Jones - 7th Grade Coach

WRESTLING

Gary Keener - Varsity Head Coach
Samuel Julian - Assistant
Ryan Green - Jr. High Head Coach
OPEN - Asst. Junior High Coach

SWIMMING

Gregory Schuettler - Varsity Head Coach
Neil Johnson - Assistant
OPEN - Assistant
OPEN - Assistant

- approved the following volunteer **Winter Coaches** for the 2023-2024 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

WRESTLING

Matthew Pelechak

SWIMMING

John Matulevich

- approved the following Athletic event workers for the 2023-2024 school year.

Tony Barone

Charles Bauers

Beth Bauers

Donna Bentz

Cody Blankenhorn

John Boris

Kendra Boris

Tony Boris

Jeffrey Bowers

Lucas Bricker

Jennifer Brindle

Robert Brouse

Corey Calabrese

Joseph Connors

Rose Doorly

Diane Dunkel

Jeff Dunkel

Jed Dunkel

Robert Dusel

Nick Eckley

Stephen Ennis

Kurt Eroh

Sophia Felker

John Gradwell

Dania Griegel

Susan Griffin

Cathy Guzick

Edward Hampford

James Harris

Bruce Heffner

Matthew Hirsch

Gilbert Hoak

Cara Holman

Lisa Holobetz

Stephen Horvath

Tiffany Hummel

Jack Ingalzo

Sean Jones

Gary Keener

Cara Kelly

Michael Kiehner
Scott Krater
Mark Laubenstein
Julia Leiby
Kelly Lombel
Christopher Lombel
Maria Malek
Peter McDonald
Colleen Miller
Tyler Moyer
Joshua Moyer
David Mullaney
Benjamin O'Brien
Jamie O'Brien
Abigail Prock
Crystal Pugh
Joelle Reed
Lisa Revenis
William Rhoads
Marissa Rhode
Charles Rinaldo
Morgan Rismiller
Kimberly Rismiller
Brad Ross
Amy Ryan
Nancy Schaeffer-Muldowney
Gregory Schuettler
Charles Schuster
Lori Schuster
Christina Seiger
Christian Selinko
Maria Sherakas
Angel Snyder
Brian Spotts
David Sterner
Charles Taronis
Phil Tenaglia
Jason Thomas
John Toomey
Robert Umbenhauer
Marlin Vandermeer
Mark VanStone
Carolyn Wasilewski
Michael Welsh

Joann Weres
Jacob Witalec
Robert Workman
Raymond Yost

- approved the Game Worker Stipends for the 2023-2024 School Year.

- approved the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Saint Clair Area School District for the Provision of shared athletics, effective August 7, 2023.

Motion carried. Dr. Blankenhorn abstained from Athletic Game Workers and Game Worker stipends.

On the recommendation of the **Facilities and Grounds Committee**, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Ciavarella, the Board approved the following items:

- approved the release of Claim #009361-000748-AD-01 for damage caused at JSC Elementary Center. Payment in the amount of \$4,429.00 will be paid to the District for the incident on February 27, 2023.

- awarded the Parking Lot Repaving Improvement Project to Lehigh Asphalt, Tamaqua at a cost of \$723,790, funded by RACP grant money and budgetary reserves. Bid opening was held on June 8, 2023.

Motion carried.

Informational Item:

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 - Facilities walk through at the Pottsville Area High School from 8 am to Noon

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 - Facilities walk through at DHHL Middle School, JSC Elementary Center, and Academic Center from 8 am to Noon

On the recommendation of the **Transportation Committee**, and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following items:

- approved a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new bus lease.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation by the **Finance Committee** and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following items:

- approved the Agreement between Pottsville Area School District and Safety Net Counseling, Inc., to service children with emotional difficulties, effective July 1, 2023.

- Subsequent to the final 2022-2023 audit, the Board approved that funds remaining above the PDE threshold will be committed for the following anticipated purposes:

- Curriculum Renewal
- Increase in Cyber-Charter and Charter School costs
- Increase in Health Benefits and PSERS
- Increase in Transportation costs and fuel
- Increase in Utility costs
- Unexpected Maintenance costs

- approved the agreement between Pottsville Area School District and Acorns to Oaks Consulting LLC to provide school psychologist services, effective July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024, pending solicitor's review.

- approved the agreement with Dignity Consulting, LLC for in-service on August 23, 2023. The cost of the agreement will be paid for by Title I funds.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation by the **Personnel Committee** and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved/accepted the following items:

- accepted the letter of resignation from Mr. Nathan Kraft, Math Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

- accepted the letter of resignation from Mr. Daniel Scheib, Social Studies Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

- approved Miss Cameryn Winton as a Social Studies Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor’s - \$43,000. Mr. John Carestia will serve as a mentor for Miss Winton.

- accepted the letter of resignation from Mrs. Julie Drummer, Fourth Grade Teacher at JSC Elementary Center, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

- approved the Superintendent to be granted authority to fill vacancies and hire essential personnel with ratification at the July, August, and September 2023 Board Meetings. This authority is granted annually.

- approved Ms. Kerri Lubinsky as the Title IX Coordinator/Investigator for JSC Elementary Center.

- approved Cally Chiccini as a substitute nurse for the Pottsville Area School District at a daily rate of \$125.00, effective August 28, 2023 and pending required clearances on file.

- approved Phil Tenaglia for summer cleaning at an hourly rate of \$12.00, retroactive to June 6, 2023.

- accepted the resignation of Molly Hook as site coordinator for the Achieve Program at JSC Elementary, effective after the conclusion of the Summer 2023 Achieve program. We appreciate the work Mrs. Hook has done for the Achieve Program.

- approved the following contracts effective July 1, 2023:
Jennifer Brant to serve as a Certified Counselor
Christine Schuebel to serve as a School Psychologist
Wendy Header to serve as Occupational Therapist
Caitlin Leffler to serve as an ISS Monitor at the DHHL Middle School

- approved the following custodians at the DHHL Middle School:

- Brian Delaney - hourly rate of \$9.88, retroactive to June 5, 2023
- Ruth Morgan - hourly rate of \$9.63, effective June 22, 2023
- Norman Barket - hourly rate of \$9.63, retroactive to June 5, 2023; resignation letter received, effective June 9, 2023

- approved Dawn Leigh, as a transportation aide and bus garage clerical at an hourly rate of \$10.50 and also approve Ms. Leigh for summer cleaning at an hourly rate of \$12.00, retroactive to June 5, 2023.

- approved the following Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 339, 439, 539:

- Employee #25 - cafeteria aide - May 18, 2023

- approved William Davis as a lifeguard for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$9.00/\$10.00, effective June 22, 2023 contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork.

- approved Miss Allison McAndrew as a Speech-Language Pathologist at JSC Elementary Center for the 2023-2024 School Year - Step 1 - Master's - \$51,600. Mrs. Molly Hook will serve as a mentor for Miss McAndrew.

- approved Miss Mychaellah Lucas as a Speech-Language Pathologist at JSC Elementary Center for the 2023-2024 School Year - Step 1 - Master's - \$51,600. Mrs. Molly Hook will serve as a mentor for Miss Lucas.

- approved the following for the Extended School Year Program (ESY) at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA, effective June 19, 2023 and pending required clearances on file:

Mychaellah Lucas (Speech-Language Pathologist)

Allison McAndrew (Speech-Language Pathologist)

- approved Mrs. Angel Mundy as a Title I Math Teacher at JSC Elementary Center for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 15 – Master’s + 15 - \$77,493.

- approved Mr. Detrick Borden as a Social Studies Teacher at Pottsville Area High School for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor’s - \$43,000. Mr. Robert Kempsey will serve as a mentor for Mr. Borden.

- accepted the letter of resignation from Mrs. Abby Forney, Special Education Teacher at Pottsville Area High School, effective the last day of the 2022-2023 school year. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

Motion carried.

Under **Promotion, Public Relations and Social Media**, Ms. Wytovich read the following:

1. Congratulations to the PAHS Class of 2023 and the STC and PAHS Honor graduates.
2. Thank you to Mini-THON for raising \$10,817.65 at their annual event on May 12, 2023. The money raised will be donated to the Four Diamonds Fund, which helps alleviate medical bills for children with cancer and pediatric cancer research.
3. Congratulations to DHHL Students & Teacher of the Month: 5th Grade - Cole Chiccini, 6th Grade - Maci McGeoy, 7th Grade - Amrit Singh, 8th Grade - Emma Dries, and Teacher - Mrs. Serenity Allen.

On the recommendation of the **Technology Committee** and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the five (5) year agreement between Finalsite and Pottsville Area School District as a website hosting provider. Term of agreement July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028. Motion carried.

Under Legislation, Mrs. Buchanan noted that the Budget is not passed as of yet.

Under New Business:

Upcoming Events, Mrs. Lombel read the following:

July 4,, 2023 – Independence Day (Closed)

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the **Use of Facilities** Calendar for June 2023.

MS

1 - Football Practice Field Track

Schuylkill County Vision

Scheduled Walk

6/22/2023 9:00am-10:00am

Motion carried.

Informational Item under School Safety and Security Coordinator Report Act 44 Report

The School Safety and Security Coordinator Report Act 44 Report was received for the 2022-2023 school year and will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Meeting Dates for July 2023:

Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Board Room of the Academic Center.

Board Meeting - Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium.

An Executive Session was held from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
Board Secretary

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to take a moment to offer some thoughts on the proposed budget before us.

I will be voting in support of this proposed budget. This budget reflects a reinvestment in our district - a reinvestment in our students, our teachers, and our community.

In this budget, we are able to add crucial personnel to our professional staff, make much needed improvements to our buildings and infrastructure, and finally begin to reopen our elementary school library with the addition of a part time media specialist; all while responsibly maintaining our reserves and shielding taxpayers from a tax increase.

But these investments today are only possible because of the difficult decisions made by this board and the previous board. And while it is no longer fresh in the mind for many, it is imperative that we remember that those difficult decisions were necessary due to the dire financial situation the district found itself in just five years ago.

In four short years, from 2013 to 2017, the district went from a healthy \$12.5 million general fund balance to -\$1.2 million balance. This financial collapse prompted the Pennsylvania Auditor General to issue a stern warning to Pottsville Area School District in his 2019 audit stating that the district "runs the risk of being placed on financial watch status by the state."

Since 2017, the board has worked to improve the financial position of the district. Through fiscal responsibility and exemplary leadership from Dr. Yoder, Pottsville Area School District is on the right track to not only survive, but to return to its status as a leader in education.

With that, I'd like to commend my colleagues on this board - many of which served on the previous board - I have been impressed with their professionalism and dedication in my short time here. And I'd like to especially commend Dr. Yoder and Stacey for their diligence and commitment to this district and our community. We have much work to do, but I am proud of the progress that has been made thus far and am optimistic about the future of our district.

Thank you Mr. President.