



BOARD MEETING

06/10/2024 [07:00 PM-09:00 PM] @ 418 S. 24th Street Camp Hill PA 17011
(District Office)

BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:30PM. After she apologized for delay stating there was an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Minutes

Melanie Gurgiolo (President), Meredith Bowen, Josceylon Buchs, Neil Connelly (Vice President), Melissa Howard, Karen Mallah, Geoffrey McInroy, Greg Lamay, Dan Serfass (Superintendent) and Kerry Martin (Secretary).

Mr. Gale was not present.

Community/Staff Attendees are available on the attached list.

4. Information Only

4.a. 2024 A.I. Garner Outstanding Coach Award

Minutes

Mr. June presented Coach Chad Gallaher with the winner of the 2024 A.I. Garner Outstanding Coach Award for Central Pennsylvania; Coach Gallaher gave appreciation speech.

4.b. Boyer & Ritter 2022-2023 Audit Presentation

Minutes

Jaclyn Davidson, Boyer & Ritter Director, provided an overview of the 2022-2023 audit. Mrs. Martin explained the full audit is currently posted on the website with past audit reports.

4.c. Summer Learning Opportunities

Minutes

Dr. Borrelli discussed the student summer learning opportunities at the District at all building levels. For staff, he explained there will be curriculum writing over the summer by several departments. He highlighted the upcoming exchange days included in the 2024-2025 school year and explained several teachers and all principals will be completing professional development over the summer.

4.d. The Lion Foundation 2024-2025 Grant Process Update

Minutes

As a followup to last week's Work Session presentation of the new Lion Foundation grant process, attached are the lists of the individual projects funded during the 2023-2024 school year totaling \$280,257 and what is allocated for the 2024-2025 school year to date already totaling \$98,633.

5. Agenda Approvals

5.a. Approval of the Agenda

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

5.b. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the attached minutes from the May 6 Combined Work Session and Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5.c. Bills List

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the Bills List. The motion passed unanimously.

5.d. Treasurer's Report

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report of Officers and Others

6.a. President - Mrs. Gurgiolo

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo stated there was an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel matter. She acknowledged the Board has heard from several parents and other stakeholders advocating for their priorities and children. She stated she has listened to concerns about moving the learning support

teacher into an advisory role will be harmful to students. She explained the new role will provide support to teachers and students. The students primary support will continue to be the classroom teachers. She gave a personal story about a change in the District policy years ago that she was not in favor of but the outcome was positive. She acknowledged the misinformation she has read on social media platforms. She stated the classroom sizes at the 5th grade level are now historically small. She recognized how all students have been impacted by COVID 19 and their education was interrupted. She stated the classroom guidelines are appropriate for 5th grade but the guidelines also allow for exceptions due to extraordinary circumstances. She explained tonight the Board will consider for adoption one of two budget options. Option 1: a 5.3% tax increase resulting in a projected deficit of \$125K to maintain 5 teachers at the 5th grade level. She noted this would be at odds with the guidelines and may not be sustainable in years moving forward. A strategic plan will be created to evaluate class sizes moving forward. Option 1 is the recommendation of Administration. Option 2: a 5.3% tax increase with a reduction of a 5th grade teacher resulting in a balanced budget. Both options include the athletic trainer and Lion Academy support positions.

6.b. Secretary - Mrs. Martin

Minutes

Mrs. Martin has no report.

6.c. Superintendent - Mr. Serfass

Minutes

Mr. Serfass stated he will reserve his comments on the budget until that item later on the agenda. The school year ended with an enrollment of 1,237 students and 26 charter students—the lowest charter school student enrollment number of the school year.

7. Report of Board Representatives

7.a. Community Recreation - Ms. Bowen

Minutes

Ms. Bowen encouraged everyone to review the Borough website for upcoming events.

7.b. Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technical Center - Mr. Lamay

Minutes

Mr. Lamay stated he will refer to the attached minutes and the bid for the CPACTC expansion project came in over budget. Options are being discussed.

7.c. Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee - Dr. Mallah

Minutes

Dr. Mallah encouraged all to go to PAC website for summer program and performance information.

7.d. Capital Area Intermediate Unit - Mrs. Gurgiolo

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo reported the minutes are attached.

8. Comments from Citizens

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo read the public comment statement.

1. Liz Reilly: Spoke in support of public education, special education and the proposed tax increase
2. Dana Miller (online): did not speak
3. Alex Baturin (student): Spoke in support of Latin program
4. Della Hawkins (student): Spoke in support of Latin program
5. Lila Seip (student): Spoke in support of Latin program
6. Zack Williard: Spoke in support of keeping 5th grade teacher
7. Sam Stahl (student): Spoke in support of Latin program
8. Cecilia Beem (student): Spoke in support of Latin program
9. Ashley Vahey: Spoke in support of keeping 5th grade teacher
10. William Klos (student): Spoke in support of Latin program
11. Debbie Lawrence: Spoke in support of keeping 5th grade teacher
12. Justin Klos: Spoke in support of Latin program
13. Cristin Van Dyke: Spoke in support of keeping 5th grade teacher
14. Jonathan Stahl: Spoke in support of Latin program; spoke against keeping 5th grade teacher
15. Noah Schneck (student): Spoke in support of Latin program
16. Finn Ericksen (student): Spoke in support of Latin program
17. Matilda Ericksen (student): Spoke in support of Latin program
18. Steve Vahey: Spoke in support of keeping 5th grade teacher and Latin program
19. Robbe Bendick: Spoke in support of keeping 5th grade teacher
20. Jennifer Geller: Spoke in support of Latin program

9. New Business

9.a. Election of Treasurer

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve Josceylon Buchs to serve as Board Treasurer from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

9.b. Policies

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve policies 200 Enrollment of Students, 201 Admissions of Students, 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students, 204 Attendance. The motion passed unanimously.

9.c. 2024-2025 Capital Budget List

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the Capital Budget List. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lamay expressed his appreciation to administration, specifically Mr. Stroup.

9.d. Student Services Contracts/Agreements Renewals**Minutes**

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve Student Services Contracts/Agreements Renewals. The motion passed unanimously.

9.e. mySAEBRS 6th Grade Implementation**Minutes**

Mr. Connelly made a motion to discuss implementation of mySAEBRS at 6th grade level, seconded. Mr. Lamay expressed concerns on the amount of assessments and surveys stating we are moving away from teachers. Mr. Connelly asked for clarification from Mr. Lamay asking if he feels teachers are teaching to the surveys. Mr. Lamay clarified stated he is not in favor and Mr. Connelly is in favor. Mrs. Buchs stated she views surveys and assessments in partnerships with teachers. Dr. Mallah agreed with Mrs. Buchs. Ms. Bowen asked for clarification if students assess themselves or if teachers assess students. Dr. Mallah stated students assess themselves at this level. The motion passed 8 to 1 vote. Mr. Lamay voted against the motion.

9.f. University Affiliation Agreement (Grand Canyon University)**Minutes**

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the University Affiliation Agreement with Grand Canyon University. The motion passed unanimously.

9.g. Harrisburg University Agreement for College in the High School**Minutes**

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the Harrisburg University Agreement for College in the High School. The motion passed unanimously.

9.h. LinkIt! Agreement**Minutes**

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the LinkIt! Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

9.i. Disposal of Items - Eisenhower Elementary**Minutes**

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the Disposal of Items at Eisenhower Elementary. The motion passed unanimously.

9.j. Flexible Instruction Day (FID) Application

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the Flexible Instruction Day (FID) Application. The motion passed unanimously.

9.k. Overnight Trip/Sports Camps

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the Overnight Trip/Sports Camps. The motion passed unanimously.

9.l. PA Helps Grant for School Psychologist Intern

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the PA Helps Grant for School Psychologist Intern. The motion passed unanimously.

9.m. Special Education Advisor Position

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the Special Education Advisor Position. The motion passed unanimously.

9.n. 2024-25 PSBA Dues

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the 2024-2025 PSBA Dues. The motion passed unanimously.

9.o. 2024-2025 Medical Examiner's Contract

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the 2024-2025 Medical Examiner's Contract. The motion passed unanimously.

9.p. Energy Contracts

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the Energy Contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

9.q. STS Contract

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the STS Contract. The motion passed unanimously.

9.r. 2024-2025 School Solicitor Services

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the 2024-2025 School Solicitor Services. Mr. Lamay asked if prices were increased in previous year and Mr. Serfass confirmed. Mr. Lamay encouraged District to look into the increase to make sure it is (and all outside contracts are) aligned with act 1 index. The motion passed unanimously.

9.s. School Lunch Prices

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the School Lunch Prices to \$3.25. The motion passed unanimously.

9.t. Milk and Drink Bids

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve Swiss for the Milk and Drink Bids. The motion passed unanimously.

9.u. PAC Copier/Printer Lease Agreement

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the PAC Copier/Printer Lease Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

9.v. CAC for DEI New Member Selection

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve Tanae Crandall as the new CAC for DEI member. The motion passed unanimously.

9.w. New Clubs

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the 5 new clubs: High School Art Club, Rocketry Club, Film Club, Neuroscience Club, Personal Finance Club. The motion passed unanimously.

9.x. 2024-2025 General Fund Budget

Minutes

Mr. Serfass read his statement (also included in the agenda). Administration is recommending Option 1: 5.3% tax increase (Act 1 Index) with 5 sections of 5th grade. He stated a strategic plan to include various Camp Hill stakeholder groups. This plan will include an updated analysis of the District's class size guidelines, long range planning to include the prioritization of full day kindergarten, reviewing educational program offerings, and facility enhancements, among others. This recommendation by administration is offered with the recognition and understanding that the present number of sections in each grade level is not meant to be permanent but should be reviewed annually in consideration of District-wide demands.

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve Option 1. Mr. Connelly stated there is opposition to this decision, lessons on communication have been learned, and he is in favor of this motion. He stated administration was responsible bringing this issue to the Board. Mr. Lamay stated he is disappointed there is not a third option. He hopes through attrition, the District looks to getting class sizes back down to the historical normal and positive sizes. Mrs. Buchs stated she has learned a lot through this process. After reviewing the attached enrollment report, historically class sizes have been in the 20s but she does advocate for keeping the 5 sections of 5th grade for next year at this time. Dr. Mallah stated she supports the 5 sections of 5th grade and she wanted to support administration and the positions that have been recently created as these positions support teachers, programs and students. Mr. Connelly echoed Dr. Mallah's statement. Mr. McInroy stated he supports Option 1 and the Board will continue to support our teachers and staff. Mrs. Howard and Ms. Bowen echoed supporting the 5th grade teacher position. Ms. Bowen encouraged the community to attend Committee meetings. Mrs. Gurgiolo stated it is important to continue to build the surplus for future and thanked colleagues and administration for their support through budget process. Mr. Lamay stated it is irresponsible to continue to build a surplus without a plan for the capital budget projects.

Roll call taken for Option 1. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

9.x.a. Option 1 - 5.3% tax increase (Act 1 Index) w/five sections of 5th grade

9.x.b. Option 2 - 5.3% tax increase (Act 1 Index) w/four sections of 5th grade

9.y. Personnel Report

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve the attached Personnel Report. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to adjourn. Mrs. Gurgiolo adjourned the meeting at 8:53PM.

In-person attendees:

Ms. Reely

Mrs. Ivey

Mrs. Rhinehart

Mr. Snider

Mr. Ziegler

Dr. Borrelli

Mr. June

Mrs. Czarnecki
Dr. Fauser
Mr. Stroup
Robbe Bendick
Chad Gallaher
Lauren Russell
Debbie Lawrence
Tammy DeSanto
Quinn Smith
Alex Gallaher
Dana Pezzuti
Karen Glatfelter
Matilda Ericksen
Liz Reilly
Jacelyn Davidson (Boyer & Ritter)
Justin Sheaffer
Lila Seip
Cristin Van Dyke
Joshua Mack
Ashley Vahey
Stephen Vahey
Kim Mack
Kristin Williard
Zack Williard
Jennifer Geller
Brad Zangle
Alex Baturin

Finn Ericksen

Della Hawkins

Justin Klos

Will Klos

Noah Schneck

Cecilia Beem

Caroline Machiraju

Anita Burton

Karen Beem

Jonathan Stahl

Sam Stahl

Paul White

Travis Kreider

Online person attendees:

NDavisdon

Heather Bowser

Mr. B

Dayna

Kyle Kepner

Cory Hulsizer

Beth Zangle

Saba

Heather Lister

Mary Kane

Ms. Lantaff

Kenley Potts

Bryan Burton

Yanae Crandall

CM

Lauren

Chad Gallaher

Erika Kelly

Aleese

Sue Kreider

Micki Kautz

Elaine Klick

Kathryn Speaks

Sharon Hanson

Annette

D. Miller

Jamie Lawrence

Mrs. Miller

Meghan High

Brittney Gottdiner

Dana Pezzuti

Tawnya Railing

Meghan Spinelli

Laura's iPhone

Jack Jurasits

Jeanine

Teri

Magister Kredier

Scott

(zoom user)

(iPhone)