



## BOARD MEETING

05/12/2025 [07:00 PM-09:00 PM]

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### BOARD MEETING

#### 1. Call to Order

##### Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Roll Call

##### Minutes

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

All members were present.

Community/Staff Attendees are available on the attached list.

#### 4. Information Only

#### 5. Agenda Approvals

##### 5.a. Approval of Agenda

##### Minutes

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowen, to amend Item #17 to add a 17a. to propose an alternate budget with a tax increase of 3.5%. The motion passed with six members in favor.

##### 5.b. Minutes from Previous Meeting

##### Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2025, Work Session and April 14, 2025, Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5.c. Bills List**

##### **Minutes**

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

#### **5.d. Treasurer's Report**

##### **Minutes**

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

### **6. Report of Officers and Others**

#### **6.a. President (Mrs. Gurgiolo)**

##### **Minutes**

There was no report.

#### **6.b. Secretary (Mrs. Martin)**

##### **Minutes**

There was no report.

#### **6.c. Solicitor (Mr. Pahowka)**

##### **Minutes**

There was no report.

#### **6.d. Superintendent (Mr. Serfass)**

##### **Minutes**

Mr. Serfass shared that the Enrollment Report is attached.

### **7. Report of Board Representatives**

#### **7.a. Community Recreation (Ms. Bowen)**

##### **Minutes**

Ms. Bowen shared that the Kite Festival is scheduled for May 18th and that details are available on the Borough website. She shared that the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 26th at 9:30 AM and shared that there will be no throwing of items, including candy, from vehicles. She shared that participants may hand out candy and pointed out that there will be reinforced barriers and generally enhanced safety

protocol for the parade this year. Mrs. Gurgiolo pointed out that participants can still bring candy but will need to hand it to watchers.

#### **7.b. Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technical Center (Mr. Lamay)**

##### **Minutes**

Mr. Lamay shared that the meeting minutes are attached and shared that the majority of the meeting was taken up with an Executive Session on a legal matter which he shared with the District Board.

#### **7.c. District / Borough (Mrs. Gurgiolo)**

##### **Minutes**

Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that the April meeting minutes are attached.

#### **7.d. Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) (Mr. Gale)**

##### **Minutes**

Mr. Gale shared that there was no recent meeting but pointed out that the faculty has turned down the proposed contract from HACC, as reported in the local paper.

#### **7.e. Performing Arts Center Advisory Council (Dr. Mallah)**

##### **Minutes**

Dr. Mallah shared that the meeting took place earlier today and that minutes are not yet available. She shared that they began planning for the summer and that there is still some space left in one of the summer camps but that all other camps are full.

#### **7.f. Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) (Mrs. Gurgiolo)**

##### **Minutes**

Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that the minutes are attached and that the next meeting is scheduled for next Thursday.

### **8. Policies**

#### **Minutes**

Mr. Gale pointed out that there is generally public comment prior to new business at a voting meeting. Mrs. Gurgiolo moved, seconded by Mr. Connelly, that Public Comment be moved to Item #8. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Connelly read the public comment statement.

1. Amyra Weiss - expressed thanks to the Board and administration for their support of the Cultural Heritage Fair.

#### **8.a. Policy Approval**

##### **Minutes**

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. McInroy, to approve Policy 118 Independent Study, Policy 124 Alternative Instruction and Credit Recovery, and Policy 127 Assessment System.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **8.b. Policy Retirement**

##### **Minutes**

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the retirement of Policy 225 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies, Policy 316 Nontenured Employees, Policy 826 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability, and Policy 919 District/School Report Cards. The motion passed unanimously.

### **9. Disposal of Items - Special Education Resources**

##### **Minutes**

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the disposal of the listed special education materials and teacher manuals. The motion passed unanimously.

### **10. Affiliation Agreement - Millersville University**

##### **Minutes**

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the Affiliation Agreement with Millersville University. The motion passed unanimously.

### **11. PAYS Survey**

##### **Minutes**

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the participation in the PAYS survey. The motion passed 8-1, with Mr. Lamay voting no.

### **12. Group - Sponsored Exchange Student**

##### **Minutes**

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the partnership with Student Travel Services for the purposes of STS placing an Exchange Student in the District. The motion passed unanimously.

### **13. Exchange Student**

##### **Minutes**

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the placement of a J-1 visa exchange student from Germany for the Fall term of 2025-2026 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

### **14. School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding (SRO MOU) 2025-2028**

### Minutes

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Camp Hill Borough and the District for the School Resource Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

## 15. Exoneration of Tax Collector 2024-2025

### Minutes

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the exoneration of the Tax Collector, Amy Baron, from collection of 38 real estate bills at a face amount of \$263,515.92 and 1843 personal tax bills at a face amount of \$27,645 and turning these taxes over to the Tax Claim Bureau and Statewide Tax Collection.

Mr. Lamay clarified that the taxes are being turned over for collection.

Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that the amount of unpaid taxes has an impact on the budget. Dr. Mallah pointed out that real estate taxes do tend to come in through the collections process.

Mr. Gale highlighted the number of unpaid bills. Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that it is important for residents to notify the District when they move out of the Borough. Mrs. Howard asked if the amount of unpaid tax bills was typical, and Mrs. Martin confirmed that the total is similar to previous years.

The motion passed unanimously.

## 16. Milk Bid 2025-2026

### Minutes

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the Milk Bid for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

## 17. 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget

### Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve an adjusted budget with a 3.5% tax increase.

Mr. Lamay shared that he looked at previous General Fund budgets and shared that the trend is an average deficit of \$350,000 per year. He shared that the fund balance has increased since the 2018-2019 school year and pointed out that \$3-4 million was transferred to support a down payment for a planned project that year. He pointed out that there is currently \$11,343,000 in Fund balance up an average of \$700,000 per year with an average of a \$1 million swing each year. He shared that this tax increase is the taxpayers' money and pointed out that, other than planned maintenance, there is no current plan for the entirety of the current fund balance. He pointed out that there is currently a line item of \$550,000 in interest earned for next school year and pointed out that taxpayers would be able to earn their own interest if it remained their money. He proposed that there be a token credit to the taxpayers, which would add approximately \$78,000 to the proposed deficit but predicted that the District would still experience a surplus.

Mrs. Buchs shared that she reviewed previous years' budget deficits and said she did not find a deficit of \$500,000 since the 2016-2017 school year. She pointed out that the largest deficit she saw was \$397,600 and shared that there were some years with a budgeted surplus. Mr. Lamay shared that didn't match the numbers he found. Mrs. Buchs shared she did not see any deficits up to \$500,000 when she looked. She pointed out the declining Index moving forward combined with an anticipated increase of \$1.1 million in salary, wages, and benefits for the 2026-2027 school year would result in a starting deficit of \$400,000 for 2026-2027 with that expenditure increase alone. Mrs. Buchs pointed out that the majority of the District's revenue comes from the Index and pointed out decreasing revenues from other areas. Mrs. Buchs expressed concern over reducing the tax increase to 3.5% and highlighted the deferred costs in the 2025-2026 budget and \$5 million pending in maintenance projects that will need to be completed, including roofing.

Mrs. Gurgiolo pointed out that the Act 1 Index will be going below what the Board agreed to for salary increases and shared that it would be difficult to make that up. She highlighted unknown projects coming up and shared that the District needs to plan for the future. Mrs. Gurgiolo pointed out that the 2023-2024 surplus was the lowest that the District has had in recent years and shared that the District has previously left percentage points on the table and that the District has regretted that. Mrs. Gurgiolo highlighted the extent of the scaling back that the District's leadership did to get to where the budget currently is and shared that other Districts are also facing the similar need to increase taxes this year.

Mr. Serfass highlighted the cuts made to projected expenditures, including the elimination of the social worker position. He shared that he understands the impact of a tax increase on household expenses but shared that the 4% increase recommended by the Administration was seriously considered. Mr. Serfass pointed out the impact of the lack of PlanCon funding and state reimbursement for building projects on the District's future projects.

Mrs. Gurgiolo pointed out that the District will not be receiving special education contingency funds for 2025-2026 school year, and Ms. Reely agreed.

Mrs. Gurgiolo shared the hope that the state does something about cyber school funding.

Ms. Bowen expressed concerns over the unknown impact and future of expenditures that were taken out of the 2025-2026 budget that will need to be covered in the future, including technology and maintenance costs. She also shared the uncertainty over future funding and the potential impact of the National School Choice program.

There was a roll call vote. The motion failed 1-8 with Ms. Bowen, Mrs. Buchs, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Gale, Mrs. Gurgiolo, Mrs. Howard, Dr. Mallah, and Mr. McInroy voting no.

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly to approve the proposed 2025-2026 General Fund budget with a tax increase of 4.0%. There was a roll call vote. The motion passed 8-1 with Mr. Lamay voting no.

Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that the budget will now sit for 30 days and will be brought back for review and vote in June.

## **18. Budget Transfers 2024-2025**

### **Minutes**

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the listed budget transfers.

Mrs. Gurgiolo expressed thanks to Mrs. Martin for pointing out these transfers to the Board and that it will help with budgeting moving forward.

The motion passed unanimously.

## 19. Red Rover Technologies, LLC., Agreement 2025-2026

### Minutes

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the Agreement with Red Rover Technologies, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

## 20. Personnel Report

### Minutes

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the Personnel Report and the Fall 2025 and Winter 2025-2026 Athletics Reports as attached. The motion passed unanimously.

## 21. Public Session for Comment

## 22. Adjournment

### Minutes

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Gurgiolo adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

### In-person attendees:

Dr. Borrelli

Ms. Reely

Mrs. Russell

Mrs. Ivey

Adrian Murray

Betsy Gayner

### Online attendees:

Sean Quinlan

Amyra Weiss

Micki Kautz

Sharon Hanson

Scott

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