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1. Call to Order

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

It is noted the following were at the meeting;

Mr. Burnham, Mr. Hall (on TEAMS), Mr. Horne

Mrs. Luckock, Mr. Klink Mr. McQuiston,

Mr. Nader, Mr. Schaef, Mr. Williamson.

The following administrators were present-

Dr. Jardina, Mrs. Teed, Ms. Krankota, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Welcheck.

The following principals were present-

Mr. Parks, Mr. Messerall, Mr. Hans and Mr. Pietroski. Mr. Goodman arrived later.

1.a. Moment of Silence

1.b. Salute the Flag Ceremony

2. *Visitor Recognition on Agenda Items

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No one approached the podium.

3. Discussion Items

3.a. CVMS Property Update...Mrs. Luckock

Minutes

Jim Schons updated the board on the Conneaut Valley Middle School building up for sale. Originally last month I had sent a request for an extension. We don't need it now as the buyer is doing his due diligence, we are close but not there yet. He is still trying to get financing.

I have since put it back on the market and have received a half dozen inquiries. Since listed it has received 57,000 looks, of them 3,500 have looked at the page, Email blasts there have been 15,145 and of those email 8,300 have opened the page. Of those there have been 152 clicks to open the flyer. So at least they are opening it and it is getting out there. There could be a number of factors but he has told people, if they are serious think about what it is worth to you.

He does have a couple people thinking about it. He might recommend in September another price decrease as when we dropped it last time it got a rush of 15 inquiries. People are keeping it in their portfolio and once it is in their range will pull the trigger.

The person that is trying to get financing is moving here. He did receive a call today from someone in Kansas who build modular homes and he is very interested. Mr. Schon has a conference call later this week with him and if it goes to fruition he will do a sales contract.

Mrs. Luckock asked if he feels the original gentlemen's financing is fairly close to getting an investor. Mr. Schon said it is not that far, he is capital rich and cash poor and is trying to see some other of his own to use for the 10 percent for the loan.

Mr. Schon thought he had someone from Erie but they got cold feet and are not returning his calls.

It is out there and he hopes to get it done before September.

Mrs. Luckock asked if the Board had any questions for Mr. Schon, he can stay at the conclusion of the meeting for executive for a price strategy and we can talk about it in executive for price and strategy. Mr. Hall asked he would like to see Mr. Schon bring to the board an analysis of other schools for sale the last three years in the tri state area so we can see price wise, those sold and not compare it to commercial real estate but schools. Gather that and present in September. Mr. Schon said yes, he did use some commercial comparisons last time.

Mr. Williamson also asked for an end use of sale in the report, if there are any patterns for the use of school buildings. Mr. Schon said that might be tough, he can get the names of the buyer probably. Mr. Williamson felt if it tied to a specific segment that we could gear towards.

The majority of the Board asked for this report next month before they discuss strategy in executive, thus not tonight.

Mr. McQuiston asked to include a cost of how much that building is costing use each month from Mr. Welcheck and/or Ms. Krankota. Mr. Welcheck noted it is \$8,000 to \$10,000 a month. We had a cost analysis before.

3.b. Fire Panel Update... Mr. Welcheck

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock noted the Buildings and Grounds Committee had their meeting prior to this work session. Mr. Welcheck advised he had previously sent out an email to the Board on a situation we are in. Once we got going with Canadohta Security had quoted off of a map we provided, which we thought was sufficient from past practice, we found out in the project in the duct work there were more parts not mapped properly. It is quite a substantial

additional cost to get it finished. He is confident though that when it is done it will be up to code. We were not sure what worked before. Also, when Canadohta Security completes all of this we will have an accurate map from them.

The additional cost is about \$26,000, he understands this is not the news he wanted to give but looking back at the map we had it was not accurate and where they were in the ductwork you cannot tell until you get up in there and see what is there and working.

Mr. McQuiston noted the committee discussed this tonight and all felt unanimously this is a safety issue for kids. We have been talking about sensors in the duct work for years and if we have new ones installed there is less worry down the road. So this is the recommendation from the committee to have this worked on. Mr. Welcheck added key switches and relays tell the duct work to shut down if there is a fire, when he came on board there was a lot of uncertainty if it even worked. We will be in a better place and don't want to be in a liability situation if things are not right. He is glad to have everyone's support tonight. Thank goodness we discovered it.

Mr. Burnham added the blueprints are probably 20 years old.

Mr. Burnham asked on a side note regarding a cost on the bills for \$527 for kitchen equipment to Lindsay Refrigeration. Mr. Welcheck noted this is repair work on the equipment throughout the district. Mrs. Luckock reviewed the document and said it noted PM which probably is for preventative maintenance and other items said service. Mr. Burnham has noticed this summer a lot of stores have had breakdowns on refrigeration and wondered if it trickled down to the school equipment too.

Mr. Welcheck stated a lot of that service, PM work is done in the summer, preventative work. Ms. Krankota looked at the purchase order and said it is for all four buildings, which is typical in the summer to make sure they are up to standard, cleaned and working properly.

Mr. Burnham asked if this goes out to bid. Ms. Krankota replied, no this is a service. Lindsay does a lot of work for us.

Back to the fire panels- Mr. Welcheck noted he and Ms. Krankota have a game plan on where to pull these funds for the fire panels will pull from, we had projects in capital projects that we are setting aside and will reallocate to this one, we may still have a little left over.

3.c. Curriculum Update... Mrs. Teed

Minutes

Mrs. Teed updated the Board on Curriculum, starting with she has been in her position for 7 weeks now and is working with the administration team. The first couple weeks she had meetings with administrators individually. Mrs. Campbell submitted a \$3,500 grant, that if awarded, would support trauma and therapy students.

We will be receiving Title 2 and Title 4 funds, but they are not released to us yet.

We do have the preliminary PSSA and Keystone reports, not official yet, assessments last month she meet with administration for formal assessment plans and looking at what we are using, and why and are we over assessing. We do have a tool called iReady in the elementary, started last year and we are expanding it to the middle school. Fourteen teachers came in June to learn how to use the tool for this new schoolyear. We can diagnose where students are and what their instructional needs are.

Mr. Schaefer asked what curriculum areas are you focusing on this year. She replied, primary focus is around science. The state changed the standards called Steels of which she spent last year working with teachers, trained

and understood them. This year the work with elementary teachers focus is on materials and resources, that is the primary focus to have all material and alignment.

She reviewed her last months calendar with some outside events she participated in as well.

Mr. Burnham a noted at the Iroquois Boating Club event he went to with Mrs. Teed the Vo Tech is receiving several \$100,000 in grants, he felt this was a big deal.

3.d. Superintendent's Report...Dr. Jardina

Minutes

Dr. Jardina reviewed his report, as per detailed backup.

3.e. Agenda Review...Mrs. Luckock

Minutes

Mr. Burnham asked about a few football bills, noting \$16,000. It was noted these are for refurbishing, replacing, repairing the helmets for the next season. Mr. Pietroski indicated Coach Blood is expecting 45-50 players this year and middle school about the same. This may account for the higher than normal cost of refurbishing and replacing, purchasing new ones. Helmets are only allotted so many years they are good for, even if they appear unused they expire their use.

Mr. Schaef is concerned that the football bills coming right now for helmets should have been sent out last fall after the season, why is this coming so late. Mrs. Luckock thought Mr. Acklin talked about Riddell does traditionally push the bills to after July 1st so they are in the new budget season. That he also if timed in the slow season he could get a discount rate, curious if that is the trend.

The Board expressed some concerns with the number of openings we still have and 2-3 weeks away from the start of school. Dr. Jardina discussed this with them and the obstacles schools have in filling positions.

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Valerie Kean-Staab addressed the board regarding concerns with coaching positions and new hires, appointments for this month.

Serena Klink addressed the Board responded to comments about the number of paraprofessional aide openings emphasizing her experience as a teacher in specific classrooms.

5. BOARD CONCERNS

Minutes

Mr. Williamson shared a concern, he has had folks approach him about the cutoff date for kindergarten. Two of them for students missing our cutoff of August 1st. Our neighbor districts Crawford is the 1st day of school, Fairview is September 1st and PENNCREST is September 1st.

He feels this is leaving a bad taste for kids. One student's birthday is August 14th they turn 5 and cannot attend. Mr. Williamson wants to know collectively what the board feels. He knows we will meet in policy committee but how does everyone feel about aligning with other districts to make us similar so we are not locking students out. Dr. Jardina replied there are impacts for some starting too early. Mr. Williamson reiterated he wants us to align with other districts.

Dr. Jardina shared that he wants to take it to policy committee noting it is a tricky one and comes up a lot, just like the dress code. His own daughter was born on September 1st so she waited another year. He was lucky with grandparents who could watch her. He did just find out PENNCREST has moved from September to June 1st. When we moved traditionally per the policy and we decide next year, just say move it we have it for the next year for a rollout. There are a lot of factors in there, he sees a lot of kindergarten readiness and many are not ready for sitting in a class all day. If a student is admitted in sooner we can teach those things but often students don't have the formal education such as pre K and just sit at home. There are different sides of the discussion. He is seeing a trend of districts moving it back not forward like you want. He is also curious if June 30th becomes the norm. It is certainly up for conversation with the board and we can listen to the community but we have to make sure we are doing the best for the greater good and not just one or two students.

Mr. Williamson said he would like some data to point to say this is why for the community to see. Dr. Jardina noted again our students are so unique and different in ability levels that a June 30th student might be ready and some may not.

Mr. Burnham noted back in the day there was no kindergarten and we went on a calendar year, January thru December and kids with birthday in November and December became productive citizens in society. My birthday was early September and then there were some with birthdays in January who were a year older. Bigger families back then and they didn't hold them back.

Dr. Jardina replied that kindergarten is so much different now compared to the half day times. It is very academic now and expectations are extremely high. There is a lot of research and articles asking should we push academics this early.

Mr. McQuiston regrets pushing his daughter earlier, feels he should not have started her when she did. That is his personal experience.

Mr. Schaefer reminded that over the years the start date has changed reflecting society, families at home compared to ten or 30 years ago. No matter what date you set you will have the student that is one day past the date. That is the reality of the situation so many needs for Pre-K and Head start kids have a drastic head start. The needs socially, academically he thought our policy in terms of starting had a part where they can come in earlier if meet certain academic criteria, that could be considered also. Dr. Jardina added that he was referring to the gifted students.

Mr. Goodman arrived from his ice cream meet and greet at the Valley Freeze. Noting he had 25-30 families who came in. Linesville's was Monday night of this week. A shirt was made for him by a mother on the PTO which was a huge hit with the t-shirt. Next week is Kindergarten orientation tour of the building.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

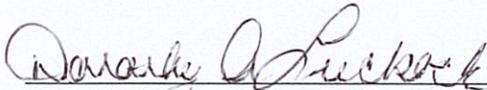
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

7. 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 student concerns specifically what is on next weeks agenda.

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock noted the Board would go into the executive session at the conclusion of the worksession meeting.



Dorothy Luckock, Board President



Christine Krankota, Board Secretary