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1. Call to Order

Minutes

Mr. Nader opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

It is noted the following board members were present;

Mr. J. Burnham, Mr. R. Burnham, Mr. Horne, Mr. Klink, Mr. McQuiston, Mr. Nader, Mr. Schaef and Mr. Williamson. It is noted Mr. Hall was absent.

The following administrators were present;

Dr. Jardina, Mrs. Teed, Ms. Krankota, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Welcheck, Mr. Kelly and District Solicitor Mr. Shuber. Principals present; Mr. Goodman, Mr. Hans and Mr. Vannoy.

1.a. Moment of Silence

1.b. Salute the Flag Ceremony

2. Discussion Items

2.a. Val/Sal Discussion... Mr. Vannoy

Minutes

Mr. Vannoy wanted to bring to the board a brief starting point to explore the Val/Sal criteria. More schools consider it a number thing and have been moving away from this model, shifting towards a broader honor system as seen at colleges. You can set your own GPA i.e., 3.5 to 3.99 to cum laude. Nothing is set in stone, and a district can give them an honor for academic achievement. This is coming about as a number are looking to correct the unhealthy environment by waiving classes they are not interested in just because of the weighted factor. Top five students generally are not much difference between 1st and 5th. Many in the IU5 area were surveyed and are shifting to the Latin honor system which found positive feedback. This created a more collaborative and healthier competitive environment and students felt free to take courses they wanted. Looking at our own ceremonies, currently the Val/Sal merit award awarded by our faculty we thought we would expand that role to a more speaking role and then can develop a system from the top tier such as top ten students can vote on the top ten. We are going to explore phasing it over time so no current student wouldn't have an opportunity. The current middle school student and then on up.

Dr. Jardina has already started the conversation with administration in the fall, this is really step one to see if there is an appetite to continue. Phased in plan but leave the door open to discuss, if no one can digest it we can go back to the existing plan.

Mr. Schaef is in favor of looking at changing the system, maybe having something setup to recognize a Conneaut CASH five setup in terms of speakers. There have been a number of situation where people told the Val or Sal and then questions raised and grade point averages looked at again and someone in one position changes. He thinks it would remove a problem on going for years.

Mr. Nader there have been various differences in the top ten seen in the past. Mr. Burnham feels if the system is broken just add to it. Val and Sal and with the senior s ix next tier down from that. He knows once Gannon offered a pretty good scholarships for Val and Sal and if doing away with that we may not be doing the right thing.

Dr. Jardina said districts have talked and don't believe as much in the Val/Sal as there used to be. You look at a school with 30 students versus 250 and maybe that is the reason the Val/Sal doesn't have the pull it used to. Mr. Vannoy feels some schools still do the Val/Sal but the trend is moving away from that, it is not the universal thing, not as prominent anymore.

2.b. Athletic Ad Hoc Committee Updates... Mr. Klink, Mr. Horne

- Girls Wrestling Program
- Student Physicals
- Gym Floor

Minutes

Mr. Horne reported three or four items came out of the committee meeting which are on the agenda;

1. On the voting agenda is adding a girls' wrestling with PIAA with a head coach, assistant coach and a junior high assistant coach. There is interest within the schools and the Athletic Committee heard lots of good things.
2. We would like to offer physicals in the buildings, they used to be done but not sure how long ago. But to help kids the district could provide free physicals the end of May. A local alumni is donating time to come and provide the physicals at no cost during the school day. This would work as a lot of families don't have time to scramble to get physicals and it helps coaches, AD and administration for practices.
3. Gym floor in the high school is long overdue for an update, it needs refurbished. Welcheck though it was done in 2012, Mr. Vannoy confirmed it was done during consolidation. Costs are not getting any lower and we have a good quote which is not any cheaper next year or kicking it down the road. There are safety issues too, so if we can do preventative maintenance that would be great.
4. The football field visitor side we need to do something about the bleachers, put in a retaining wall and Mr. Welcheck can help with specifics. This is a project in our crosshairs for a safety standpoint. There was an accident last year where a women fell through the crack in the bleachers and cut her leg. We met with a civil engineer a week or so ago and looking at a retaining wall, adding seating for approximately 350 people and incorporate a bat sock to prevent foul balls from coming into the football field when lacrosse is going on. These are all safety reasons, Mr. Horne referenced Policy 705.

Mr. McQuiston noted the committee did meet with Ashley Porter and some things we got out of the meeting is making the field a little wider, some retaining wall, visitor side and a new about of stone, we are waiting for a proposal from Mr. Porter.

Mr. McQuiston also noted the gym floor if we push that down the road we already have a quote that is over a year old and they agreed to hold the price, if we push it down to the next year it probably would go up a bit, not getting to be cheaper, this is the recommendation from the buildings and grounds committee.

Mr. Horne added the girls wrestling noted there is interest expressed by ladies in the district to be a part of the program and a point system with tournaments which goes along with introducing the program. Mr. Horne explained when you wrestle you get so many points, 22 points the wrestling team had that is dual region tournaments, this past year we had a student state ranked and we had to give her points from the combined team. She went and competed and did very well but that is the point system we can allocate instead of stealing points from the boys. Girls have their own 22 points and can have their own competitions and not take away from the boys. They would be a separate entity. Mr. Shipton has reached out to girls and there is interest, some stating they would wrestle if they were only wrestling girls instead of coed.

Mr. Schaefer asked if there was any kind of survey done to determine the girls interest. The proposal, even though it says 3 coaches it would need to be run as a full program. He understands that is what is being asked but try to go at it and build it a step at a time. Mr. Horne noted a tentative move in the past week six girls have signed up at the high school and at least a couple 8th graders coming up. There has been a lot of feedback and Mr. Shipton has had a lot of conversations with figures of 10 interested. A few years ago he didn't have 10 boys on the team.

Mr. Schaefer then noted the idea of student physicals in school makes it easier for students and parents. It was done a few years ago but a problem developed was the lack of physicians to come in and do them. That is a concern to look at. Comments for more safety setup at the football field is a safety concern and probably not done for this upcoming year as there is too much work and planning but at some point safety has to come into play and address it. The gym floor yes it is time if we get another year out of it or not, we need to recognize that the budget season we are in right now is probably the most difficult that he has been involved in over the last dozen years. We are potentially looking at a definite concern that is addressed next week at the board meeting for a preliminary. WE might be looking at some kind of tax increase with the state giving us only less than \$100,000 in terms of funding parts of the budget. That is not very much with a \$45/\$46 million budget. He cautions that we need to be very aware of what spending we do. We can nickel and dime but it adds up. Another concern is the gym floor, one bid quote for work that Mr. Welcheck is looking at another couple roughly \$44,000 worth of work. Just part of the ongoing expenses we need to be aware of and looking as we prepare a budget.

Mr. Williamson noted he was informed of a \$178,500 state grant for replacing aging gym floors so if the board allows him direction he would like to speak to Brad Rowe and see if there is an opportunity. Lets ask our guy and see. Mr. Horne noted there might be stipulations.

Mr. Klink noted on the student physicals, he doesn't doubt doctors backed out but when med express was doing free physicals and they are now \$50 each and we have a local doctor willing to do them and come to our building. This is not a forever fix but if we can give students/parents a financial break good for them. Some students cant get to Meadville for a physical. Dr. Horne was confident there is money budgeted to do this, maybe only half of it so we are halfway there. Mr. Vannoy noted we did budget for it.

Mr. Schaefer appreciated Mr. Williamsons desire to go at grants to help pay for improvements but think you are trying the wrong doors. He does not believe the state representative here is helpful and more likely get mor from the state senator from this area. Mr. McQuiston agreed, we appreciate his attempt to go for it as we never have had much help from Brad Roae.

2.c. PSBA Membership Renewal... Mr. Williamson

Minutes

Mr. Williamson question whether we are getting the value from our relationship with PSBA. As the IU hosting new board member they offer seminars with some duplications and he questions is there value to the board. He looked

at attending seminars because we pay you can go but they charge us to attend. Could it be spent elsewhere and he questions his colleagues are we as a board getting value with that membership.

Mr. Schaefer noted one of the values is their help in terms of updating policies, the only other way around is rely entirely on our legal firm to make those recommendations and PSBA is a little more quick at getting things out. The legal firm is very busy so there is some value to that. Some offerings by PSBA that we don't take advantage of is to improve our board actions and decisions. Again up in the air. There are good points and bad points.

Mr. Williamson asked about the policy end of it. Dr. Jardina noted the policy piece we manage ours through BoardDocs so all the policies are housed there. We can get sample policies from them and all the legal citations and do a big piece of that. He doesn't know if we can take off there but at this point the policy piece is the big part. It is a big animal and kept updated, along with legislation changes, policy changes have to reflect that. WE do rely heavily on that. Mr. Burnham asked if we didn't belong we could compare and see if we miss it. Dr. Jardina noted he has a different approach if planning to not be a member in a year we can plan accordingly and plan ahead. There could be some stipulations, copyrights and numbering but want to give yourself ample time to do that and the law firm time to take it on. With our overall operating piece in the budget it is not that much

2.d. Curriculum Update... Mrs. Teed

Minutes

Mrs. Teed provided her report.

2.e. Superintendent's Report...Dr. Jardina

Minutes

Dr. Jardina provided his report.

2.f. Agenda Review...Mr. Nader

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.

4. BOARD CONCERNS

Minutes

Mr. Klink addressed some guests who came in and spoke about their experience, these individuals are very near and dear to him. When they were done they went out wondering how that was it and he guesses we didn't applaud them and thank them. He guesses he had higher hopes in his head, mostly blame himself for not starting the conversation. It was very interesting to have that young lady with us and say that moving forward any guests we have here they didn't feel welcome by us. I know one responded to an email, my argument is the engaged guest are not visitors but guests and to find out more about them moving forward not just these two, he includes himself for not starting to show appreciation but a huge thank you to Ed Pietroski for chasing them out in the hallway and thanking them for coming and speaking and Dr. Jardina found them the next day at school giving them kind words. Just as a board look at appreciating our guest more and finding out more.

Mr. Williamson agrees 100 percent, we are so engrained in not being able during visitor recognition that it becomes habit to not. We would all love to compliment our students and I am sure it is intimidating for kids. He is in full agreement and fi given the green light that would be wonderful.

Mr. McQuiston appreciates what you said and anyone that didn't attend the Sister Act it was fantastic, outstanding. The fastest hour and a half he sat through. His hats off to Mrs. Morris and her crew they took a lot of time to do that.

Mr. Klink noted she has done that for 20 years in our high school.

Mr. Williamson we have a lot of wonderful administrators and board members and not just saying this but hearing it from the community. We are poised for greatness. He has heard parent concerns over an app used in classes, not as criticism, a political survey he assumed is to make students familiar with completing nuances. This is becoming an opinion pool instead of education. Many schools are pushing it, it is a trendy app which promises engagement but delivered that reduce complex issues to sound bites, which turns perception into reality.

Five items he looked at that made sense, again not criticizing or picking on anyone. One is age and readiness, curriculum balance, do we have a policy, if using tools perceived as ideological. Maybe pilot test other apps, should be data driven so lets stop chasing the shiny app and ask board to prioritize over trendy digital supplements.

Mr. Burnham added to Mr. Williamson being very generous in the commentary. I am not so. He doesn't think there is any business in a junior level leading questions. Answers were not to me anything measurably important to teaching a government class. Mr. Pietroski and Mr. Vannoy I am not sure how you looked at this but if it is a survey online or app you need to pour through and give the okay before sending to the classroom setting. Most question requires an entire day in class and each question to review both sides of the argument. How can our students make an intelligent conclusion.

Mr. Klink noted 42 new students were inducted into the honors society.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

Motion by Mr. McQuiston, second by Mr. Klink to adjourn at 8:15 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 personnel matters and school safety and security matters.



Christine Krankota, Board Secretary


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Steve Nader, Board President