

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sunbury, Pennsylvania

Work Session - January 3, 2013
Island Park Administration Center

A Work Session of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Island Park Administration Center.

Members Present were: Mrs. Garman, Dr. Hartman, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Kerstetter, Mr. Michaels, Mrs. Wiest, Mrs. Van Der Pool, Mr. Walter

Members Absent were: Mr. Garman

Student Board Members present were: Miss Pehowic

Others Present:

- Mr. Patrick Kelley, District Superintendent
- Mr. David M. Sinopoli, Business Manager
- Mrs. Stephanie Michaels, Director of Special Education
- Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education
- Mr. Michael Hubicki, Shikellamy High School Principal
- Mrs. Mary Murphy-Kahn, Shikellamy High School Assistant Principal
- Mr. Frank Boyer, Shikellamy Middle School Principal
- Mr. Brett Misavage, Chief Shikellamy Elementary Principal
- Ms. Dixie Barth, Priestley Elementary Principal
- Ms. Holly Judge, Oaklyn Elementary Principal
- Mrs. Susan Giberson, Beck Elementary Principal
- Mr. Doug Benick, Director of Buildings and Grounds
- Mrs. Bethanne Zeigler, Board Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Nathan Savidge, Sunbury, PA, commented on the following:

- Is there anything being done to increase AP Scores - Mr. Kelley directed Mr. Savidge to speak with Mrs. Murphy-Kahn and Mr. Hubicki regarding AP Scores
- Is there any intention of rebuilding the world language department
- Expressed concern with students who are not being accepted into Ivy League Schools due to the poor ranking of the Shikellamy High School - Mr. Kelley requested that Mr. Savidge provide him with a list of names of the students who were denied admittance due to the High School ranking, as well as the names of the schools.

Mrs. Christine Oakes, Northumberland, inquired as to why the Pledge of Allegiance is not done prior to work sessions. This inquiry will be taken into consideration; however no formal action was taken at this meeting.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTIONS PROPOSAL

Representatives from Hunt Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, P.C. reviewed options and schedules to complete a temporary and permanent solution for middle school children. The Hunt team consisted of the following:

- Darin Rathfon, PE Principal - Director of the Towanda Office
- Gary Henry, AIA - Senior Architect Project Manager
- Greg Art, PE - Principal Director of M/E/P
- Derek McManus - Associate Director of Technology
- Ted DeVoe - K-12 Planning Specialist

The current middle school situation was reviewed. Different short term options were reviewed with the pros and cons for each option.

Option 1 - Sunbury Middle School - Housing 7th 8th graders for two years with minor renovations with a total project cost of \$936,000

Option 2 - Sunbury Middle School - Housing 6th, 7th and 8th graders for two years with some minor renovations. It was noted that this option will not work past 2015 due enrollment projections with a total project cost of \$936,000

Option 3 - CW Rice Middle School - Housing 7th and 8th graders for two years with minor renovations (with larger class sizes). Total Project Cost - \$924,000

The Project Schedule for all 3 options was reviewed.

- January 15, 2013 - Start construction documents
- March 1, 2013 - CD's for Owner Review
- March 15, 2013 - Bid set and issued for permit
- April 15, 2013 - Bids due
- May 1, 2013 - Award contracts
- May 15, 2013 - Start construction
- August 15, 2013 - Substantial completion and certificate of occupancy
- August 22, 2013 - School opens

Permanent options were reviewed, along with the pros and cons of each.

Option 1 - Sunbury Additions/Renovations - Total Project Cost - \$17,562,500

Option 2 - CW Rice Additions/Renovations - Total Project Cost - \$21,500,000

Option 3 - New Middle School Design Concept on the CW Rice Middle School Site - Total Project Cost - \$25,937,500

The Project Schedule for these options was reviewed:

- January 15, 2013 - Start construction documents
- May 15, 2013 - SD set for owner review
- August 15, 2013 - DD set for owner review
- December 15, 2013 - CD set for owner review

- February 1, 2014 - Bid set and issued for permit
- March 1, 2014 - Bids due
- April 1, 2014 - Award contracts
- May 1, 2014 - Start construction
- June 1, 2015 - Substantial completion and certificate of occupancy
- June 15, 2015 - District move in and set up
- August 22, 2015 - School opens

The Demolition of CW Rice Building was reviewed:

- January 13, 2013 - Start construction documents
- March 1, 2013 - CD's for owner review
- March 15, 2013 - Bid set and issued for permit
- April 15, 2013 - Bids due
- May 1, 2013 - Award contracts
- May 15, 2013 - Start demolition
- September 15, 2013 - Substantial completion

The question was asked if Sunbury Middle School could house 7th and 8th grade students longer than two years. If the plan is to house 7th and 8th grade for more than two years, it was recommended that more money be invested for improvements. When asked if any discussion had occurred with regards to using Chief Shikellamy Elementary as a middle school, the response was negative. New construction proposed by Hunt Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, P.C. is brick and mortar. Mr. Kelley stated that as an advocate of the middle school philosophy, it is his long term goal to see a middle school of 6th through 8th grade. There was discussion on the impact of transportation. Start and end times would be more of a factor than a financial impact. Discussion ended and this topic will be addressed again at the January 22, 2013 work session.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Sinopoli reviewed the fund balance.

	<u>June 30, 2011</u>	<u>June 30, 2012</u>
Non-Spendable (Inventories)	\$249,183	\$202,379
Committed	523,071	822,282
Assigned	597,465	1,174,236
Unassigned	<u>3,645,713</u>	<u>4,969,562</u>
	<u>\$5,015,432</u>	<u>\$7,168,459</u>
<p>* Committed (Action by Board of Education) and Assigned (Administrative Recommendation) are for future salary, health care, and retirement increases - these are set by Board of Education resolution at the time of the Final Budget adoption.</p>		
<p>* Unassigned cannot exceed 8% of the school district's proposed budget.</p>		
June 30, 2012 Estimated Unassigned Fund Balance		\$3,074,130
June 30, 2012 Actual Unassigned Fund Balance		\$4,969,562
Carryover Used to Fund the 2012-13 General Fund Budget		\$323,890

PlanCon is still in a moratorium and in speaking with PFM representatives, Mr. Sinopoli stated that no decision has been made at the State level. A PlanCon report is due out by the State sometime in June.

Mr. Sinopoli reviewed a snapshot of the last five years of real estate millage.

Real Estate Millage

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>%</u>
2012-13	78.0	0.0	0.0
2011-12	78.0	5.5	7.6
2010-11	72.5	3.5	4.3
2009-10	69.0	2.0	2.9
2008-09	67.0	4.5	7.2

Index

	<u>Base %</u>	<u>Adjusted %</u>
2013-14	1.7	2.4
2012-13	1.7	2.3
2011-12	1.4	2.0
2010-11	2.9	4.0
2009-10	4.1	5.7
2008-09	4.4	6.1

Maximum Real Estate Millage Increase at the Adjusted Index Prior to Referendum Exceptions
2013-14 1.87

*One Real Estate Mill equals approximately \$165,000.

When the State budget was passed, subsidy was not increased. Basic education was flat funded. The Governor's budget should be released sometime next month. Discussion regarding the timeframe for moving on a construction project ensued. Mr. Sinopoli reminded everyone that there is a freeze on all Plan Con projects.

2013 COMMITTEE LIST REVIEW

The committee list was reviewed. The Board's tendency is to do committee meetings as a whole. Dr. Hartman explained that after the Board goes through an agenda of one or two items related to a single item, it will be moved to discussion items at the committee level.

REVIEW OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING ACTION ITEMS - MINUTES, BILLS, AND RESOLUTIONS

The January 10, 2013 was reviewed.

Finance Committee-

Mrs. Wiest asked for explanation regarding notice of intent to adopt a preliminary budget.

Property Committee

After brief discussion, it was agreed to add a motion to the regular agenda to accept a donation of chairs from the Resilite Wrestling Club.

The Industrial Appraisal will be done later this month. Mrs. Wiest would like to look at what potential savings may be addressed as a result of the appraisal.

OTHER

Discussion continued regarding middle school building options. Additional scenarios were suggested. At discussions end, Mr. Kelley was directed to contact Hunt Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, P.C. regarding other possible options that include the use of Chief Shikellamy Elementary School and the surrounding property.

Dr. Hartman announced that there will be an executive session following the regular voting meeting for a brief personnel matter.

New Board Members were introduced to the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.