

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sunbury, Pennsylvania

Work Session -September 5, 2013
Island Park Administration Center

A Work Session of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Island Park Administration Center.

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Van Der Pool

Student Board Members Absent: Miss Hummel and Miss Snyder

Others Present: Mr. Patrick Kelley, District Superintendent
Attorney Jeffrey Apfelbaum, Solicitor
Mr. David Sinopoli, Business Manager
Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education
Mrs. Stephanie Michaels, Director of Special Education
Mr. Ernest Jackson, Shikellamy High School Principal
Mrs. Mary Murphy-Kahn, Shikellamy Middle School Principal
Ms. Holly Judge, Oaklyn Elementary School Principal
Ms. Dixie Barth, Priestley Elementary School Principal
Mr. Brett Misavage, Chief Shikellamy Elementary School Principal
Mr. Douglas Benick, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mrs. Bethanne Zeigler, Board Recording Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held prior to the work session for student matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REVIEW OF BOARD GOALS

Dr. Hartman led discussion to redefine goals for the Board of Education. Based on the discussion, the goals listed below will be added to the September 12, 2013 regular agenda for voting purposes.

1. Meet or exceed state and federal expectations for standardized testing
2. Compare course completion and achievement by district students to national data for Advanced Placement courses
3. Review and establish a five year approach for academic offerings in the middle and high schools
4. Meet the timeline targets for the construction of a middle school

5. Consider the impact of pay-to-participate fees on students and their potential financial impact on district revenue
6. Review services and costs of the district's insurance brokers to determine if new approaches should be pursued
7. Adopt three year strategies for specific sources of revenue to fund personnel costs and other major expenditures.
8. Adopt specific strategies for communicating achievements, initiatives, and information about major events.
9. Formulate a plan to promote and engage the public in activating the Brave Foundation.

VISION OF DISTRICT

Mr. Kelley gave a brief presentation outlining the status of the district, as well as his vision to move forward.

He explained as the administration collectively looks forward, he is reminded of a quote by Vince Lombardi, "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." The vision for the district is to R. I. S. E.

- Raise student achievement
- Increase teacher effectiveness and efficacy
- Sustain and support educational initiatives that are proven to be successful
- Empower all members of the school community to reach their full potential

Mr. Kelley reviewed and explained in detail the five components that allow for this to happen, which are as follows:

- Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment
- Professional Development
- Technology Integration
- Fiscal Alignment of Resources

REVIEWE OF PSBA BOARD ELECTION MATERIAL

After a brief discussion regarding the slate of candidates, it was agreed to formally cast a vote for the following slate of PSBA Board of Director officers:

- President-elect - William S. LaCoff
- Vice President - Charles H. Ballard
- Treasurer - Board Members were asked to review the material and a decision will be made at the voting meeting.
- At-large Representative (Central) - Kathy Swope

This item will be added to the regular agenda for formal board approval.

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 227.1 - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AWARENESS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS

Mr. Kelley reviewed the policy with the changes as proposed by the Board of Education at the August 8, 2013 work session. After discussion, it was agreed the item will be added to the regular agenda.

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

The September 12, 2013 voting agenda was reviewed. Under Finance, a motion regarding the Bond Sale will be included. In addition, consideration of Board Policy 227.1 - Controlled Substance Awareness in Extracurricular Activities/Athletics will be added to the agenda. Voting for PSBA Board Officers will be included on the regular voting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.