

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sunbury, Pennsylvania

Work Session - November 7, 2013
Island Park Administration Center - 7:00 p.m.

A Work Session of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, November, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. at the Island Park Administration Center.

Board Members present were: Mr. Garman, Mrs. Garman, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Michaels, Mrs. VanDerPool, Dr. Walter (arrived at 8:03 pm), and Mrs. Wiest

Others Present: Mr. Patrick Kelley, Superintendent
Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education
Mr. David Sinopoli, Business Manager
Mr. Ernest Jackson, High School Principal
Mr. Brett Misavage, Chief Shikellamy Elementary Principal
Mrs. Brandy Wiest, High School Assistant Principal
Mr. Douglas Benick, Director of Facilities
Mrs. Bethanne Zeigler, Board Recording Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Wiest announced an executive session was held prior to the work session to discuss student matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Wiest announced that the Sunbury Middle School was purchased for \$100,000 by a community minded buyer at the auction on November 2, 2013.

DISCUSS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

Vern McKissick of McKissick & Associates, along with his colleague, Richard Karcher, gave an update on the middle school project. The Act 34 hearing is scheduled and advertised for Tuesday, November 19, 2013 and will be held in the auditorium of the high school. Representatives from the architectural firm and the district met with members of the Northumberland Borough Planning Commission last evening. A traffic study will be explored and will take approximately 45 days.

Mr. McKissick requested guidance on a few matters related to the project. The Board was also made aware that some decisions could affect the cost of the project and were reminded that going above a certain dollar amount could require it to be taken to referendum with another Act 34 hearing. Through discussion, Mr. McKissick explained the confusion related to air-conditioning and the partial reduction. In April, McKissick Associates made a presentation to the Board of Education. At that time, the information provided reflected a clerical error, which resulted in a million dollar difference. Once discovered, it was realized that some items would move from the Silver package to the Gold package. Mr. McKissick apologized for what was perceived as a misleading error. There was lengthy discussion regarding pitched roofs and full versus partial air-conditioning. In Mr. McKissick's opinion, ICF is the most "cost effective" structure for building and

provides a great deal of flexibility. When asked, Mr. McKissick responded he believes that with the two items discussed, along with everything designed thus far, this would be the most functional and least expensive way to go. Mr. Garman requested a list of modular schools that have been built in Pennsylvania. Mr. Karcher urged Board Members, at the cost of the district, to have someone who has worked with school building projects provide an estimate of cost of the proposed project. Board members were polled regarding their desire of full building air-conditioning and a fully pitched roof. A consensus of members agreed with full pitched roof and full air-conditioning. This should be stated clearly at the Act 34 hearing.

DISCUSS SUNBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT

The buyer of the Sunbury Middle School is requesting to purchase the surveillance equipment. The original plan of the administration was to redistribute the cameras throughout the district. After some discussion, Attorney Apfelbaum was directed to look into the legalities associated with such a sale.

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The presentation was postponed to the November 14, 2013 public meeting.

DETENTION DISCUSSION

Mr. Kelley received a request from Mrs. Murphy-Kahn to hold detention three to four days a week at a cost of \$20.50 per hour for a teacher to monitor the students. It is covered in the budget. Permission was granted.

REVIEW REGULAR BOARD MEETING ACTION ITEMS, MINUTES, AND BILLS

The November 14, 2013 voting agenda was reviewed. After reviewing the bills, several members asked that refreshments for Board meetings be eliminated. A consensus was reached and Mrs. Zeigler was asked to inform Mr. Mitchell of the decision.

OTHER

Mr. Kelley informed the Board of Education of the necessity to enter into a contract for the transportation of a student to Danville Area School District. This will be added to the regular voting agenda for November 14, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm and an executive session was held for personnel matters.