

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Sunbury, Pennsylvania

**Work Session - November 26, 2013**  
Island Park Administration Center - 7:00 p.m.

A Work Session of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Island Park Administration Center.

Board Members present were: Mr. Garman, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Michaels, Mrs. VanDerPool, Dr. Walter, Mrs. Wiest, and Dr. Hartman

Board Members absent: Mrs. Garman & Mr. Kerstetter

Others Present: Mr. Patrick Kelley, Superintendent  
Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education  
Mr. David Sinopoli, Business Manager  
Mr. Douglas Benick, Director of Facilities  
Mrs. Bethanne Zeigler, Board Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**RECOGNITION**

Dr. Kevin Singer, Executive Director of CSIU, presented Mrs. Van Der Pool with a picture in honor of her seven years of service on the CSIU Board of Directors. Dr. Singer has thoroughly enjoyed working with Mrs. Van Der Pool and commended her for her work. Dr. Singer took the opportunity to update on the CSIU.

**REVIEW OF 2012-13 ANNUAL AUDIT**

Laura Kerstetter of Forgett & Kerstetter, reported on the 2012-2013 Annual Audit. She highlighted the new auditing standards. Mrs. Kerstetter pointed out Shikellamy School District received an unqualified opinion. She explained the purpose of the summary of previously issued findings. The bond issued in October of 2013 will be detailed in the 2013-14 report. Mr. Sinopoli requested that the audit be added to the regular voting agenda for the December meeting and the members in attendance agreed to the request.

**2012-13 PSSA, KEYSTONE, ADVANCED PLACEMENT & SAT SCORES PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Walshaw-Wertz entertained questions. Mrs. Wiest inquired how this district compares to neighboring school districts. The information isn't out yet, but as soon as it is available, it will be shared. What the administration has gleaned is curriculum instruction and assessment needs to be a focus. The next academic requirement will be in 2017 with the Keystone Exams and graduation requirements.

### **TRAFFIC STUDY**

At the Planning Commission, a resident raised concern with the traffic pattern for the proposed new middle school. McKissick Associates and Larson Design, Inc. did look into the possibility of a traffic study. They quote for a study is \$15,000.00. It is not mandated. After much discussion, it was agreed that at this time a study will not be done.

### **REVIEW OF 2014 PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE**

After some discussion, the secretary was directed to investigate any conflicts. If there were no major conflicts, the meetings could all be held on Thursday evenings with the exception of possibly the June meeting. The changes will be made to the draft and posted on BoardDocs.

### **REVIEW OF REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed. The voting procedure for the meeting was explained by Attorney Apfelbaum. Dr. Hartman asked everyone to give thoughts to outside boards, as well as committees. Mrs. Garman should be asked if she wishes to remain as the Library representative.

### **REVIEW REGULAR BOARD MEETING ACTION ITEMS, MINUTES, AND BILLS**

The December 2, 2013 voting agenda was reviewed. Mr. Sinopoli explained that McKissick's Associates will be submitting a monthly bill. As the construction project moves forward, there will be a Clerk of the Works. Only bills authorized by the Clerk of the Works will be forwarded to the Business Manager for the processing of payment.

Mr. Michaels requested that everyone review the list of coaches prior to the voting meeting. Mr. Sinopoli explained the transfer of funds. Dr. Hartman questioned the student placements. Mr. Kelley stated that it is the administration's recommendation that the students have not raised themselves to expulsion and should be considered for an outside placement.

### **OTHER**

A photograph of the Board of Education will be taken for the website and yearbook on December 2, 2013.

BAT meetings will continue, but with much greater requirements for the architect to report to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Van Der Pool distributed the IU monthly report.

Mr. Kelley received a request from two individuals regarding bricks and the cornerstone of C.W. Rice Middle School. Mr. Kelley will meet with the individuals and report back to the Board. There was discussion on the possibility of setting up a sale that would allow people to purchase a brick. A suggestion was made to use the funds to fund the community foundation. Dr. Hartman asked the Board members to reflect on the idea and this topic may be revisited.

Dr. Hartman reminded all in attendance that the next meeting will be held on December 2, 2013.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.