

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Sunbury, Pennsylvania

**Work Session – October 23, 2014**  
Island Park Administration Center – 7:00 p.m.

A Work Session of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Island Park Administration Center.

Board Members present were: Mrs. Cianflone, Mr. Garman (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Dr. Hartman, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Michaels, Mr. Stepp and Mrs. Wiest (arrived at 7:07 p.m.)

Board Members absent were: Mrs. Garman and Dr. Walter

Others Present: Attorney Michael Apfelbaum, Solicitor  
Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education  
Mr. David Sinopoli, Business Manager  
Dr. Mary Murphy-Kahn, Shikellamy Middle Principal  
Mr. Douglas Benick, Director of Facilities  
Ms. Kelly Cress, Substitute Board Recording Secretary

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment

#### **REVIEW ACTION PLAN FOR BOARD GOALS**

Dr. Hartman gave a copy of the Board Goals to all directors and administrators to review. The document is for discussion purposes and should assist in delineating if board members or administrators will be in charge of making that goal happen. Dr. Hartman suggested breaking into groups at the next work session to work on bullet points. The goals were briefly discussed and members would like to see presentations from different AP teachers throughout the year, as well as an occasional report on standardized testing. Mrs. Wiest asked about 7<sup>th</sup> graders being offered algebra, and wondered what their options would be through the rest of their middle and high school career. The administration will review research, as well as how local districts handle similar situations. Mrs. Wiest also asked about the busing contract and about state requirements for students walking to school.

#### **DISCUSS POLICIES AFFECTED BY STRATEGIC PLANNING LANGUAGE OF CHAPTER 4**

Mrs. Walshaw-Wertz informed the board that the changes made to Policies 000, 004, 011 and 100 were due changes in Chapter 4. Dr. Hartman asked that some of the bulleted points under Section 2 in Policy 000 remain. This may be helpful to the public to see bulleted items instead of one paragraph. The board will look at the content list and decide what to leave as bulleted items. This is a first read and should be added to the November 4<sup>th</sup> work session for discussion.

### **POLICY 217 - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

The changes are based on Chapter 4 and also aligned with PSBA. In chapter 4 more keystones tests are slated to be coming and may eventually be part of graduation requirements. The changes do not have anything to do with graduation requirements. Mrs. Wiest asked if language could be added to the policy regarding students who do not meet graduation requirements not being able to participate in commencement activities. Dr. Hartman asked that administration look into other policies to make sure this is the best place to list it. This is a first read and should be added to the November 4<sup>th</sup> work session.

### **BRIEF UPDATE ON MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT**

Mr. Sinopoli gave an update on the progress of the Middle School project. There was a meeting on October 5, 2014 where at least two representatives from all the contractors were in attendance along with McKissick Associates, Carl Kanaski, Todd Ross and Gary Wolfe. Insurance representatives were in attendance to go over the Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP). The meeting lasted about two hours. The Notice to Proceed will be ready around November 1<sup>st</sup> and ground should be broken by November 10<sup>th</sup> with a ground breaking ceremony. Everyone is eager to get started on the project!

### **OTHER**

Mr. Garman asked about the hiring of a resource officer, which Dr. Hartman responded would be one of the targeted items listed under the board goals along with in-school suspension.

Dr. Mary Murphy-Kahn informed the board National Junior Honor Society is holding a "Pink Out Walk" on Friday, October 31, 2014 at the end of the day to raise money for breast cancer research.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. and an executive session was held for legal matters