

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sunbury, Pennsylvania
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Thursday, April 28, 2016

A work session of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 pm at the Island Park Administration Center.

Members Present were: Mrs. Cianflone, Mrs. Garman, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Michaels, Mr. Shreck, Mr. Stepp, Dr. Walter, & Mrs. Wiest

Members Absent: Mr. Garman

Others Present: Mr. David Sinopoli, Business Manager
Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education
Mrs. Stephanie Michaels, Director of Special Education
Mr. Michael Egan, High School Principal
Mrs. Brandy Wiest, Assistant High School Principal
Dr. Mary Murphy-Kahn, Shikellamy Middle School Principal
Ms. Susan Giberson, Beck Elementary School Principal
Mr. Doug Benick, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mrs. Bethanne Zeigler, Board Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Ms. Giberson reviewed the elementary budget. She noted the increases are in the area of travel, health services, technology and consumables. Professional membership has a slight increase. Ms. Giberson responded to questions related to professional membership, interactive boards and music supplies.

Ms. Giberson announced the Spreading Antlers organization provided all second graders and one adult a membership to the Sunbury Community Center for swimming over the summer.

Dr. Murphy-Kahn reviewed the budget for the middle school. The increase seen in this budget is significant due to the new middle school opening. Supplies will need to be purchased for health services, industrial arts, and library. Transportation for an awards program at the high school is also included in the budget. There should be a decrease in the overall budget amount requested for the 2017/18 budget year.

Mr. Egan presented the High School budget. There is an increase in technology software and renewal. In addition, \$2,000 has been budgeted to be used for incentives for students to take the AP exam. Funds are requested to purchase supplies for ISS. Questions were fielded by Mr. Egan. Dr. Walter expressed concern with the cost of copying. Mr. Sinopoli explained this cost has decreased significantly over the past few years.

Mrs. Walshaw-Wertz reviewed the Staff Development & Curriculum budget. She explained supplies and equipment is generated through the curriculum budget. Reading Eggs and Math Seeds have been added. Elementary Art is requesting digital photography. A new kiln is needed at the high school and 100 music stands have been requested for the elementary. In equipment, activinspire boards are requested for the art rooms. In the area of staff development, a request for math coaches is included.

The Technology Budget was reviewed by Mrs. Walshaw-Wertz. In this budget, netscout is being requested to provide our technicians the ability to diagnose our problems. The MacBooks will need to be repaired in-house. Questions regarding Powerschool and summer school were answered.

Mrs. Michaels Reviewed the Special Education budget. Next year, the District will be asking the CSIU to house an MDS class in our district. Currently, we do not have those and as a result we will receive rent and will be able to save on transportation. We have notified the CSIU will be using Kidswork for all OT/PT services. Mrs. Michaels explained how ACCESS is processed. In addition, the Board of Education learned how certain Northumberland County prisoners are the educational responsibility of Shikellamy School District.

The Buildings and Grounds budget was reviewed by Mr. Benick. The Priestley Elementary School clock system was discussed at length. A scrubber for the high school is included in the proposed budget. Funds to update the high school system is included, in order to make it a one key system building. This will need to be done over a period of a few years. Mr. Benick reviewed capital reserve items with the Board of Education.

The Athletic Budget was reviewed by Mr. Sinopoli. There is a slight increase, with the large portion, being in trainer services. This budget does not contain any major increases. Some members of the Board expressed a desire to have more time to digest matters relating to field repairs, as they arise, rather than feeling like they must make a rush to judgement.

The next draft of the GOB will show an approximate savings of \$500,000. Textbooks can be paid out over four years, which equates to \$50,000 per year. Personnel had an extra half-time teacher in, which will be taken out. The Health Trust made a decision to have another funding holiday. The administration will continue to refine the line items.

Mrs. Garman inquired on the expense report for central supply, which Mr. Sinopoli stated he will provide at a subsequent time.

High School Abatement Discussion

There are seven to ten rooms that require asbestos abatement. Mr. Benick proposed two options.

1. Seal concrete
2. Floor paint (garage paint) at an approximate cost of \$300 per room

Discussion ensued regarding the use of this area of the building once the middle school moves to the new building. When asked, Mr. Benick explained there are 24 rooms being used by middle school staff now. Mr. Egan would like to move Alternative Education, as well as some other classrooms in the middle school area. An estimate of \$40,000 was given to cover the abatement, along with additional costs for monitoring. Mr. Benick requested permission to do an RFP or bid process within the next month. After the abatement is complete, the sealing or painting would be done in-house.

OTHER

The fence is complete at Beck Elementary School and Ms. Giberson will provide the fire department with a key tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

An executive session for personnel was called and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.