

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sunbury, Pennsylvania
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Thursday, May 5, 2016

A work session of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 7:13 pm at the Island Park Administration Center.

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

Members Absent were: Dr. Walter

Student Members Absent were: Miss Amber Murphy & Mr. John Roberts

Others Present: Mr. Michael Kula, Solicitor
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
Dr. Mary Murphy-Kahn, Middle School Principal
Mr. Todd VanKirk, Chief Shikellamy Elementary School Principal
Mrs. Angela Farronato, Oaklyn Elementary School Principal
Mr. Doug Benick, Director of Buildings & Grounds
Mrs. Bethanne Zeigler, Board Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Mr. Wolfe shared photographs and gave a brief report on the construction project. The contractor is going to be requesting an extension of time; taking it to June 20th. The original completion date was set for May 15th. Mr. Wolfe recommends granting the extension, adding site work would be the primary work done after the 20th of June. Classroom furniture should be delivered between July 11-13, 2016.

Mr. Wolfe explained two requested change orders. One is for additional stone behind the retaining wall in the amount of \$2,011.00. The second is for a gate located between the building and retaining wall in the amount of \$1,651.00. He requested verbal approval to allow the contractor to move forward prior to formal approval to continue project progress, which was granted.

RFP UPDATE

Last month, Mr. Benick requested and gained approval to do a request for proposal for the re-tubing of the High School boiler #2. The proposal numbers came back higher than the limit permitted. As a result, Mr. Benick requested permission to add a motion to the agenda to

authorize the administration to bid the project. Advertising would be done on the District website. This item will be added to the May voting agenda.

SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Last year, the Board of Education approved allowing the SUN Area Technical Institute to retain excess funds to be used as contingency for alternate items in the scope of work for the current building project. This request is being made again this year for approximately \$100,000.00, with a solid figure to be provided early next week. There was some concern with the request and much debate. At the conclusion of the discussion, more information regarding the construction project bids and alternates was requested. Mr. Michaels will have it forwarded to Mrs. Zeigler, who can send it to all Board Members prior to Thursday evening. The item will be added to the voting agenda for consideration. Mrs. Hain may be asked to explain the bid/alternates at a subsequent meeting.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Sinopoli reviewed budget information with the Board of Education, explaining the reductions from the first draft.

First Draft Deficit	\$2,133,584
1. Elementary School – Building	(\$10,900)
2. Curriculum Development – Math Textbooks (4 year installment plan)	(\$151,500)
3. Delete Part-Time Art Teacher	(\$33,121)
4. Delete Middle School Music Teacher	(\$86,514)
5. Delete Two Special Education Aides	(\$35,452)
6. Health/Medical Insurance (Funding Holiday)	(\$316,331)
7. Reduce Cyber Charter School Costs	(\$125,000)
8. Reduce Legal Costs	(\$15,000)
9. Reduce Student Transportation – Continue Fine-Tuning w/Middle School	(\$50,000)
10. Updated Local Revenue Assessments	<u>\$29,529</u>
Second Draft Deficit	\$1,339,295

The operation costs for the new middle school and the impact on the budget was reviewed with the Board of Education. A summary of the costs and millage impact was provided.

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Act 34</u>
§ Custodians (4 ppl proposed- based on square footage of building)	\$198,395	\$100,000
§ Technical Services	\$25,700	\$15,000
§ Trash Disposal	\$10,000	\$10,000
§ Laundry, Cleaning	\$1,000	\$1,000
§ Electric	\$75,000	\$50,000
§ Water/Sewer	\$20,000	\$10,000
§ Repairs	\$4,000	\$4,000
§ Supplies	\$29,560	\$10,000
§ Gas-Fuel	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
§ Transportation	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$90,000</u>
	\$393,655	\$310,000
§ Millage	2.25	1.89

PlanCon will be 20% of the cost of the project. As the debt service is paid, application for reimbursement will be requested and returned to the general fund. The latest news reported has been districts who have their documents in place will receive reimbursement, however it hasn't been approved to date. The 2015/16 agreement still has PlanCon included, but a committee will be appointed to study the process.

Mr. Sinopoli explained, as time goes on, revenue becomes easier to project. Earned income, delinquent tax collections are all projections based on what we've received to date and what has been received in prior years. State funds are listed as proposed funds, at approximately \$13 million dollars for basic education funding. The reserve fund will be provided to the Board of Education next week and the balance is approximately \$8 million dollars. A district can only have 8% of budgeted expenditures, which comes to about 3.5 million of unassigned funds. Based on past two years of savings, we have about \$300,000 for 14/15 and \$400,000 for 15/16. After some discussion, it was agreed to have three millage tax increase included in the proposed final budget. Each mill is equal to approximately \$17.00 per real estate tax payer.

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

The May 12, 2016 voting agenda was reviewed.

OTHER

In response to a question regarding student activities, it was explained the students raise money and ultimately decide how the funds will be spent.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm and an executive session was held for personnel and legal matters.