

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunbury, Pennsylvania

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Tuesday, October 6, 2016

A work session of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Shikellamy High School Library.

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Garman & Mr. Shreck

Student Members Absent were: Mr. John Roberts & Mr. Balliet

Others Present:

- Mr. Brett Misavage, Acting District Superintendent
- Attorney Michael Kula, Solicitor
- Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education
- Mr. Michael Egan, High School Principal
- Dr. Mary Murphy-Kahn, Middle School Principal
- Mr. Steven Renn, Middle School Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Angela Farronato, Oaklyn Elementary School Principal
- Ms. Susan Giberson, Beck Elementary School Principal
- Mr. Roy Burns, Priestley Elementary School Principal
- Mr. Doug Benick, Director of Buildings & Grounds
- Mrs. Bethanne Zeigler, Board Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTIVITIES BUS DISCUSSION

Mr. Misavage researched the possibility of an activities bus. Currently students are being transported on an overflow bus to the high school from the middle school, with one additional stop at the corner of Greenough and Fourth Streets. Based on all of the information provided, as well as feedback from the administration, it the recommendation to continue with the options being offered to students and parents at this time.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP FOR SPORTS DISCUSSION

Although he was not sure how the request was generated for a co-sponsorship, Mr. Misavage received one from the Sunbury Christian School for the sport of softball. It is his recommendation the request be denied. He was asked to ensure there is significant interest by currently enrolled Shikellamy students before denying the request. Mr. Misavage will review the number of currently enrolled students anticipated to play this upcoming season.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR UPDATE

Mr. Egan reported he was very pleased with the start of the school year. High school administrators and faculty are brainstorming on ways to improve in some areas. However, overall, the atmosphere is good. The hallways are quiet, students are engaged and enthused.

There are positive things happening academically, in sports and with clubs. One area of need is the shortage of substitutes and this seems to be a district wide dilemma.

Dr. Murphy-Kahn is pleased with how things began for the Shikellamy Middle School. A logistics committee was formed and over the summer 22 teachers participated. As part of the committee, they reviewed expectations of behavior around the school, developed a matrix, under the direction of Mr. Renn and after the start of the year have decided to add bussing to it for next year. The school climate committee is going well. The open house activities were well attended. The “Back to School” evening, held on September 24, 2016, went well. Dr. Murphy-Kahn distributed some comments written by seventh grade students regarding their thoughts on middle school and the new building.

Priestley Elementary School has enjoyed positive comments from neighbors. Mr. Burns received comments from the neighbors, who are enjoying the morning routine, which includes the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. In addition, neighbors are pleased with traffic. A parent meeting was held for the new math program. The swim program has begun for second grade.

Ms. Giberson reported new playground equipment has arrived. The start of the school term has been positive. Teachers are holding individual back to school events. She is pleased with how things are going.

Mrs. Farronato echoed other administrators regarding the feeling on the start of the school year. Dismissal is running smoothly. With the support of the PTA, Oaklyn Elementary School has implemented a positive behavior program. Students will have the opportunity to earn “Braves Bucks”. The PTA will operate a monthly school store. In addition, there will be grade level celebrations of student success.

POLICY DISCUSSION

A draft of Board Policy 824-Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries has been available for Board Members to review. Mr. Karpinski would like this item added to the October voting agenda for first reading.

SUMMER SAVINGS REVIEW

Back in January, Mr. Misavage approached the Board of Education regarding implementing a summer work schedule, in an effort to save the District funds. This past summer, the District operated for ten weeks on a 10 hour per day- four day work week. He presented the following Summer Usage Comparison report.

	Kilowatts		Price	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
High School	400,800	280,000	\$34,599.60	\$21,930.23
Priestley	146,880	101,760	\$14,603.99	\$8,431.75
Oaklyn	191,280	101,760	\$12,288.99	\$8,845.68

Chief Shikellamy		210,880		98,560		\$19,603.75	\$10,355.55
Beck		111,840		107,040		\$10,582.26	\$8,658.13
IPAC		31,120		29,160		\$3,024.31	\$2,575.38
		1,092,800		718,280		\$94,702.90	\$60,796.72

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

The October 11, 2016 voting agenda was reviewed. Additional volunteer coaches will be added to the voting agenda. Dr. Walter asked for explanation of the crossing guard pay language change.

OTHER

Mr. Michaels gave an update on Mr. Shreck’s health, adding the Spreading Antlers group will be organizing fundraisers to help him.

In regards to the substitute shortage, Mr. Karpinski inquired if the wage was comparable with other Districts, which was affirmative.

Mr. Misavage reported the new science teacher has been released from her current District and will be able to start next week.

Mr. Misavage reminded board members of the scheduled tour of the 1929, 1957, and 1972 sections of the High School will be held prior to the Thursday, November 3, 2016 work session. Board members can meet him in the lobby at 5:00 pm. After some discussion, it was agreed to move the November 3, 2016 work session to the high school library.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm and an executive session was held for personnel matters.