

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunbury, Pennsylvania

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Thursday, September 1, 2016

A work session of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Island Park Administration Center.

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Garman

Student Members Absent were: Mr. John Roberts

Others Present: Mr. Brett Misavage, Acting District Superintendent  
Attorney Michael Kula, Solicitor  
Jon Sidney Apfelbaum, Law Office Intern  
Mr. David Sinopoli, Business Manager  
Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education  
Mrs. Angela Farronato, Oaklyn Elementary School Principal  
Mr. Todd VanKirk, Chief Shikellamy 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.

**2015-16 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Mr. Misavage asked the Board Members and public to view a PowerPoint, which was prepared by Mrs. Walshaw-Wertz. This PowerPoint video was shared at the first teacher in-service and highlights the accomplishments of the students from the previous school year. Last year there were 180 District Facebook posts, which generated article ideas for the local newspaper. Teachers and staff have been asked to continue and increase this trend because there are a lot of good things happening in the District. The video was a good way to start the school year.

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Mrs. Walshaw-Wertz and Mr. Martin gave an update on the technology in the District. Below is the information shared:

Secondary Level Technology

High School

- **855 Student Chromebooks - 1:1 Technology Rollout**
- 24 Student MacBook's - Art Lab
- **30 Student Dell Desktops - Business Lab**
- **30 Student Dell Desktops – CAD Lab**
- Over 85% of classrooms have Interactive Whiteboards

Middle School

- **300 Student Chromebooks (10 carts of 30)**
- 90 Student MacBook's (3 carts of 30)
- 30 Student MacBook's (Tech-Ed Lab)

- 37 Promethean Interactive Panels-65”

## Elementary Level Technology

### K-1 Grade Levels

- 3 Individual Desktop Workstations per Classroom
- 92 Student iPads (23 per building)
- Over 95% of classrooms have Interactive Whiteboards

### 2-5 Grade Levels

- 120 Student MacBook’s (1 cart of 30 per building)
- **160 Student Chromebooks (2 carts of 20 per building)**
- Over 95% of classrooms have Interactive Whiteboards

## Staff Technology

### Professional Staff

- 236 Staff MacBook’s

### Secondary Office Staff

- **23 Staff Desktops**

### Elementary Office Staff

- 20 Staff Desktops

**\*Items in Bold were part of our latest Technology Rollout in 2015/2016 School Year.**

## Technology Training

- ❖ 8 Days of Technology Training where at least 20 teachers were present.
- ❖ “Tech Tuesdays” staff trainings are held bi-weekly through the entire school year.
- ❖ Google Teams consisting of 2-3 staff per building.
  - Meet regularly with Dale Martin and Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education
  - Teams Serve as tech coaches for their buildings
  - Help Create innovative technology projects for classes
  - Assist with adaptation to constant changing technology
- ❖ Google Boot Camp.
  - In-Depth training using various Google Specific Applications
  - Follow Level 1 and 2 Google Professional Development Training Outlines
- ❖ We continue to work with HS students in the classroom environment to test new educational applications, modern technology methods and educational assessments.
- ❖ We continue to provide new and educational Professional Development to our staff.

## **POTENTIAL REFUNDING OF 2013A GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - PFM FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. Jamie Doyle, PFM Managing Director, reviewed a financial analysis with the Board of Education in order to make a decision regarding the potential refunding of 2013A General Obligation Bonds. Due to the Brexit vote, interest rates are at an all time low. Ms. Doyle proposed replacing higher rates with lower rates and shared different options. She provided a sample motion and a minimum acceptable net savings target. She explained the District has historically chosen 2.00%. She reviewed a proposed timeline. After some discussion, Mrs. Wiest recommended the Board take action at next week’s meeting. The item will be added to the regular agenda for Board consideration.

## **PROPERTY ITEMS/PRIESTLEY PLAYGROUND UPDATE**

Mr. Misavage reported after going through approximately five different options ranging from a cost of \$500 to \$40,000, he is happy to report he believes a resolution has been found. Some curb will be cut away from the lower section in order to gain access at an estimated cost of

\$500.00. The work can be done in house. This may not be a long term resolution; however, it will work for the short term.

Mr. Garman has talked to Representative Schlegel Culver regarding grant money. She has reached out to US Representative Lou Barletta.

Mrs. Wiest thanked Mr. Benick and his staff for their hard work in preparing the buildings for the opening of school. Mr. Benick took 15 police officers through the Middle School and Priestley Elementary School, as well as 65 firefighters. Mr. Benick stated the community has been a part of the process and everyone seems to be happy. He added the Board of Education can be proud of what they have provided to the students and community in the new middle school.

#### **PSBA ELECTION MATERIAL REVIEW**

Mrs. Zeigler reviewed the PSBA Election material with the Board of Education. The election information will be added to the regular agenda for formal approval.

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

The September 8, 2016 voting agenda was reviewed. Dr. Walter asked for explanation of the motion related to the Affordable Care Act Reporting Services, to which Mr. Sinopoli responded. This was previously done by the CS Trust for one year at no cost; however all participating members of the Trust are now required to manage the reporting themselves. Conrad Siegel Actuaries of Harrisburg, PA handled this for the Trust and Mr. Sinopoli recommends continuing with this service.

#### **OTHER**

Mr. Shreck asked for consideration to be given to moving the October 6, 2016 work session or canceling it due to the possible bonfire schedule conflict. He will keep the Board posted on this request.

On October 7, 2016, the Administration and Board Members were requested to work in the Junior Class concession stand at the football game.

Mr. Shreck is currently working with Mr. Foor and Mr. Benick to schedule a Donkey Basketball event with proceeds to go to Miles for Macy and Spreading Antlers.

Mrs. Wiest thanked everyone who assisted with the Miles for Macy event. Mrs. Zeigler shared currently over \$93,000 has been deposited in the Macy Minnier Fund from the event. She stated the torrential downpours did not stop the community support and she and the other event organizers could not have been more pleased with the turnout. It speaks volumes, not only to this community, but to the character of Mr. Minnier.

Mr. Misavage reported the District lost funding for credit recovery and STEM programs. The only afterschool program that will be able to run this year will be the STEAM program, which is students in grades 6-8.

A piece of good news; with 9 open houses held in the District, they were well attended. Dr. Murphy-Kahn held four of the nine. Mr. Misavage anticipates a good start to the school term.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm and an executive session was held for personnel and legal matters.