

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sunbury, Pennsylvania

Work Session – January 4, 2018
Island Park Administration Center

A Work Session of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7:18 p.m. at the Island Park Administration Center. An executive session for student matters was held prior to the meeting.

Board Members present were: Mr. Balestrini, Mrs. Cianflone, Mrs. Eister-Whitaker, Mr. Erb, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Shreck, Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Wiest

Board Member absent was: Mrs. Garman

Others Present: Mr. Brett Misavage, District Superintendent
Mr. Michael Kula, School Solicitor
Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education
Mrs. Stephanie Michaels, Director of Special Education
Mr. David Sinopoli, Business Manager
Mr. Michael Egan, Shikellamy High School Principal
Mrs. Brandy Wiest, Shikellamy High School Assistant Principal
Dr. Mary Murphy-Kahn, Shikellamy Middle School Principal
Mr. Steven Renn, Shikellamy Middle School Assistant Principal
Mr. Roy Burns, Priestley Elementary Principal
Mrs. Angela Farronato Principal
Mr. Douglas Benick, Director of Facilities
Mrs. Bethanne Zeigler, Board Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OAKLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM FLOOR

Mr. Benick explained the work completed and the anticipated work needed to resolve an ongoing issue with the gymnasium floor. Due to what is believed to be underground springs, the floor was damaged. After the original installation, drainage was installed under the floor. The drainage may have helped; however it did not resolve issues. Mr. Doug Fulmer of Spartan Services provided information, which in his opinion, will completely resolve the issue. A remediation proposal was presented. The remediation would be warranted for the life of the building. The manufacturer would be onsite during installation to ensure the warranty. A question was asked if additional drainage fields would be installed. Although additional drainage is not being ruled out, Mr. Fuller responded the floor will need to be removed before a determination can be made. Mr. Mark Tocket of MVT Flooring will provide a Costars proposal for entire the project by next week.

REVIEW OF 2016-17 SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Tony Gagilari of Klacik & Associates, P.C., provided each Director with a copy of the audit report. He shared a brief overview and was happy to report the District received an unqualified opinion. This was the first year his firm worked with the District and Mr. Gagilari stated it was a pleasant experience.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT REQUEST

Dialogue began back in October regarding a cooperative sponsorship agreement request from Northumberland Christian School. The request related to both the Forensics program and Theater program. Mr. Misavage recommended approving the request for Forensics; however, it was his opinion the request for Theater be denied. When asked how long the sponsorship agreement would last, Mr. Misavage responded it can be done on a yearly basis. The two requests will be placed on the January voting agenda for Board consideration.

NEW COURSE REQUEST

Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz reviewed the proposed courses to be added to the Shikellamy High School offerings for the 2018-19 school term. The new courses are as follows:

- Pottery 3 - Studio - .5 credits
- Elementary Learning - .5 credits
- Foods 1A - Specially Designed to Address Food Allergies - .5 credits
- Foods 2A - Specially Designed to Address Food Allergies - .5 credits
- College Writing - 1 credit
- AP Calculus BC - 1.5 credits
- AP Computer Science Principles - 1.5 credits

The proposed new courses will be added to the January voting agenda for consideration.

VIRTUAL ACADEMY UPDATE

At the start of the Virtual Academy program, a goal was set to enroll five to ten students by the end of the first year, 15-20 students by the end of year two, and 25-30 students by the end of the third year. The cost for cyber education of a regular education student is \$9,709.45 and \$25,603.01 for a student receiving special education services.

As of December 20, 2018, there are 71 students enrolled in the Shikellamy Virtual Academy. Eighteen of those students were brought back from outside cyber programs. Of the eighteen, seventeen were receiving regular education services. The potential cost savings is \$190,663.66. 53 student from the traditional brick and mortar school have enrolled, with six of them receiving special education services with a potential cost savings of \$503,962.21. The cost of the program is \$245,337.32 with a potential savings \$694,625.87. This is a net difference of \$449,288.55. Last year, at this same time, there were 93 students participating in outside cyber programs. This is 20 students less than last year. The program is currently funded through grant monies. The students progress is monitored through pacing, which assists in checks and balances of each student.

21ST CENTURY - ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION REQUEST/JOB DESCRIPTION REVIEW

A request was made to establish a position due to a communication disconnect for some of the students and their families. The Pennsylvania Department of Education has been focussing on helping this particular group of students, as part of the AfterSchool program. The establishment of the position, along with the proposed job description, will be placed on the January voting agenda for Board consideration.

REVIEW REGULAR BOARD MEETING ACTION ITEMS

The January 11, 2018 voting meeting agenda was reviewed.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Wiest reviewed the 2018 Committee list and for the benefit of new Directors, explained how the committees work.

Due to the low temperatures, school will be closed tomorrow and offices will be open.

ANNOUNCE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

An executive session was announced for personnel and legal reasons and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.