

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sunbury, Pennsylvania
Work Session –November 1, 2018
Island Park Administration Center – 7:00 p.m.

A Work Session of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 7:07 p.m. at the Island Park Administration Center.

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

Others Present:

- **Dr. James P. Hartman, Substitute District Superintendent**
- **Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education**
- **Mrs. Stephanie Michaels, Director of Education**
- **Mr. Michael Kula, Solicitor**
- **Dr. Mary Murphy-Kahn, Shikellamy Middle School Principal**
- **Mr. Michael Egan, Shikellamy High School Principal**
- **Mrs. Brandy Wiest, Shikellamy High School Assistant Principal**
- **Mrs. Angela Farronato, Oaklyn Elementary School Principal**
- **Mr. Roy Burns, Priestley Elementary School Principal**
- **Mr. Todd VanKirk, Chief Shikellamy Elementary School**
- **Mr. Douglas Benick, Director of Facilities**
- **Mrs. Bethanne Zeigler, Board Secretary**

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Finance Committee

Prior to the work session, an appeal hearing was held with Norfolk Southern Railway. Norfolk Southern was represented by John E. Van Allen, Esquire. Action will need to be taken no later than November 8, 2018. Attorney Kula recommends the appeal be denied.

Budget Timeline

Mr. Sinopoli reviewed the local and state timeline for the 2018-19 GOB.

Mr. Sinopoli was informed the district will need to look for a new software platform for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Contacts have been made and a recommendation will be brought forth for a new vendor no later than the December meeting.

Policy Committee

Mr. Shreck reviewed the policies for first and second readings. BP 710 - Use of Facilities and Parking by Staff will be included on the voting agenda for the purpose of the second and final reading.

The following policies were reviewed and will be added to the agenda for first reading:

- **806-Child Abuse**
- **808- Food Service**
- **916- Volunteer & Chaperones Clearances (NEW)**

Board Members were asked to read and review them all; however, in particular BP 916 - Volunteer & Chaperones Clearances.

Review Regular Board Meeting Action Items – Minutes, Bills and Resolutions

The November voting agenda was reviewed. The December meeting will be held the first Monday of December and a draft will be sent to the Directors as soon as reasonably possible.

Review 2019 Meeting Schedule DRAFT

The draft of the 2019 meeting calendar was reviewed. Requested changes were noted and will be discussed at the voting meeting. The meeting schedule will be adopted at the re-organization meeting on December 3, 2018.

School Board Members-

Mr. Shreck reported on the PSBA/PASA Leadership Conference. He provided Mrs. Walshaw-Wertz with information related to a math program. As the Board moves forward in the budget process, he requested the administration consider an upgrade to BoardDocs. as they begin to build the 2019-20 Budget.

Mrs. Wiest inquired if there is a drug test policy for coaches or teachers prior to beginning work, which was negative. Attorney Kula will review the matter; however, the employees have constitutional rights at the State and Federal levels. Dr. Hartman is not aware of any district locally requiring such testing. Part of the application and clearance process addresses past arrests.

Other

Mr. Egan reported the high school successfully held an evacuation drill. In sports, three cross-country athletes have moved on in competition. Those athletes are Nicole Keeley, Alyssa Keeley, and Doug Hallman.

Priestley Elementary will hold a Veterans program next Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

An evacuation drill was held at Chief Shikellamy Elementary School last Friday. There will be a Dinosaur Family Event at Chief Shikellamy on Saturday beginning at 9:00 am. Children are free and adult tickets are \$10.00.

Oaklyn Elementary School held a Veteran's Day program this evening at the High School. Mr. DeLuca and students did an outstanding job.

Dr. Hartman announced all buildings have held one evacuation drill under the direction of Mr. Benick. As administrators plan the spring drills, Dr. Hartman encouraged them to do one that would simulate more of a real situation; without giving advance notice because in a real emergency, little to no warning is given.

Mr. Renn reported the Middle School took their students to Northumberland Christian School. It is noteworthy to mention, their staff was impressed with our students respectful behavior. The compliment will be passed on to the Middle School staff and faculty.

Dr. Hartman received a letter regarding the exoneration denials and shared it with the Board of Directors.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. and an executive session was called for legal and personnel matters.