

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2016 AGENDA MEETING

The March agenda meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, March 3, 2016. Mr. Sanderson called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sanderson announced that the Board met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. The Board also met in executive session after the agenda meeting to discuss legal issues.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Hilty, Mr. Kannan, Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Redner, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Wachspress, Mr. Waldorf and Mr. Sanderson.

Administrators Present: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Dorsey, Dr. Dunar, Mrs. Godzieba, Mrs. Langtry, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Millward, Mrs. Morett, Mrs. Rarrick and Mr. Taylor.

Administrator Absent: Dr. McHugh.

Others Present: Mr. Clarke, Solicitor.

Others Absent: Miss Salamone and Miss Mix, Student Representatives.

ELEMENTARY MATH ADOPTION UPDATE – DR. DUNAR

The Administration presented an update on the Elementary Mathematics Curriculum Renewal process. The Leadership Committee has developed guiding questions, examined Best Practices and research in the area of Elementary Mathematics. The team has examined model curricular programs. We have held publisher presentations of three programs. Also, we have engaged in model lessons by the same three publisher programs. After a site visit to Penridge School District, John M. Grasse Elementary School, the Leadership Team was convinced that the best curriculum program for developing our students' mathematical minds was *Everday Math 4* by McGraw-Hill. The presentation also included the professional development plan to train teachers, math specialists, principals and technology aides. The Administration recommends the adoption of this program at the April 14th Board Meeting.

Questions from the Board were addressed.

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EITC PRESENTATION – MR. RODGERS

Mr. Rodgers provided a presentation on the Pennsbury Education Foundation and more specifically the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program. Mr. Rodgers explained that the Pennsbury Education Foundation is a 501{C}3 Organization established in 2003 that relies on donations and supports the purpose of improving teaching and learning in Pennsbury through innovative educational initiatives. The Foundation is a completely separate entity outside of the School District with twelve Board Members consisting of various members throughout the community, business leaders, teachers and principals. Mr. Rodgers shared that he personally sits on the Board as an Advisor and Dr. McHugh also sits on the Board in an Advisory role.

Specifically speaking to the EITC Program, Mr. Rodgers explained that the program was set up through the Department of Community and Economic Development and is open to eligible businesses to apply. Approved businesses will make contributions to the Pennsbury Education Foundation within 60 days of receiving their notification letter stating when they were approved for the program. A one year contribution commitment from any eligible business is essentially worth 75% of a tax credit. If in fact an eligible business would like to commit for two years that credit is now worth 90%. The taxes that are eligible are Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock Franchise Tax, Bank & Trust Company Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies, Insurance Premiums Tax and finally Personal Income Tax derived from Pass Thru Entities.

Five of the programs that the Foundation has been approved for to participate in this program offered by the Department of Community and Economic Development are the following:

- 1) STEM Initiatives;
- 2) Early Childhood Literacy;
- 3) Educational Intervention for At-Risk Youth;
- 4) Middle School and High School Alternative Education and
- 5) Community Centered Education.

Questions from the Board were addressed by Mr. Rodgers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sanderson opened the floor to public comment at 8:55 p.m. The following people came forward and public comment was closed at 9:07 p.m.

Robert Abrams, Lower Makefield Twp.
Frank Carr, Falls Township

Budget Hearing Times; Budget
Budget; Teachers' Contract

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Mr. Sanderson informed everyone that Item VI, Notice of Intent to Bid, was removed from the Agenda. Mr. Rodgers added three items to the Agenda.

SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kannan and unanimously approved with no abstentions to approve setting the agenda for Items I through XII for the regular monthly meeting.

- I. Old Business
- II. Settlement and Release Agreements
- III. Math Counts
- IV. Junior Prom
- V. Internship Agreements
- VI. Parameters Resolution
- VII. Facility Usage Policy Waiver Request
- VIII. Educational and Other Leaves
- IX. Personnel
- X. Forensics Qualifying Tournament
- XI. Forensics State and National Tournaments
- XII. Resolutions Related to Grant

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kannan, seconded by Mr. Waldorf and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Rodgers
Board Secretary