

MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING/GENERAL BUSINESS
AGENDA MEETING

The May Special Meeting/General Business agenda meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Pennwood Middle School Library on Thursday, May 5, 2016. Mr. Sanderson called the meeting to order at 8:22 p.m. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Sanderson announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss contractual and legal matters.

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

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Redner.

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

Administrators Absent: Mrs. Morett.

Others Present: Mr. Clarke, Solicitor.

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

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES CURRICULUM UPDATE – MS. QUIGLEY,
MS. MYERS AND MS. CALPINO

Dr. Dunar introduced Ms. Quigley, Family and Consumer Sciences Curriculum Coordinator, and the FCCLA (Family Career Community Leaders of America) co-sponsors, Ms. Myers and Ms. Calpino and thanked them for the fine work that has been done and the journey that they have taken to cultivate a beautiful student leadership group. Ms. Quigley thanked Dr. Dunar and the Board for inviting them and described how the organization goes through many changes to grow into a community minded professional organization. Through the years each advisor has been able to guide these students in a way to make the organization stronger, making them valuable partners with the Pennsbury Community and the School District.

Ms. Myers explained that FCCLA is a National Career and Technical Student Organization for young men and women in Family & Consumer Sciences Education Courses in public and private schools. The National Leadership organization is involved with school activities, community service and individual development. FCCLA was able to award nationally over \$600,000 in

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FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES CURRICULUM UPDATE – MS. QUIGLEY,
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scholarships just last year. Sixteen Pennsbury students traveled to the State meeting in Gettysburg, PA in March to compete in FCCLA STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events. These students researched and developed projects covering topics in Entrepreneurship, Fashion Design, Leadership and Teach and Train. Pennsbury returned from the competition with eight gold medals, five silver medals and one bronze medal. Of the 16 students, 13 scored high enough to make it onto the National Team to represent both Pennsbury and Pennsylvania in the National Competition in July. Several Pennsbury students hope to be able to travel to San Diego, CA to compete against over 4,000 other students from all 50 states.

Stephanie Owens, Pennsbury Senior and President of FCCLA, will be one of the students participating in the 2016 PA FCCLA STAR events National Team in the Senior Division for Career Investigation. During her four years in FCCLA, Ms. Owens created a program where FCCLA and other Pennsbury students volunteer time at the Galilee Pavilion, an independent living community in Levittown.

Taylor Matulis, a 9th grader, shared that FCCLA has helped her personally to grow and develop into a leader within the community.

Elizabeth Saupe, a 12th grader at PHS, is in her fourth year in FCCLA. Ms. Saupe is grateful that she joined in her freshman year because it helped her make decisions regarding her future with plans of becoming a Family & Consumer Sciences teacher and hopefully even an FCCLA Advisor one day. Ms. Saupe has received a scholarship through the PA Family and Consumer Sciences Association.

Dr. McHugh thanked the students and said that it has been a pleasure to watch the growth of FCCLA over the years and the quality of what has transpired.

2016 – 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION – MR. RODGERS

Mr. Rodgers presented the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget for consideration for the Board to approve tonight. Mr. Rodgers shared that there is a Board Budget Committee meeting planned next week to discuss additional options to move from the Proposed Budget proposed tonight to the Final Budget for adoption on June 9.

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2016 – 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION – MR. RODGERS (continued)

Mr. Rodgers outlined the budget development for the 2016-2017 school year and the goals. The first goal is to balance the budget with a real estate tax increase in the range of 0 to 2.4% (ACT 1 Index). The second goal is to maintain support for the most important educational needs with the limited funds available. The third goal is to seek and implement direction of the School Board and the fourth goal is to maintain and improve District-wide facilities.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the First and Second Drafts of the Budget and finally the Proposed Final Budget. The Budget recap is as follows: the First Draft Budget was presented on January 7, 2016 with a real estate tax increase of 5.90%; the Second Draft Budget presented on March 22, 2016 with a real estate tax increase of 4.30% and finally the Proposed Final Budget presented tonight, May 5, 2016, with a real estate tax increase of 3.06%. The Proposed Final Budget summary presented tonight has total revenues of \$191,763,810 and total expenditures of \$195,811,779 with a deficit of \$4,047,969. Work continues refining budget data through June with the Final Budget to be presented on June 9, 2016 for consideration for final approval.

Questions and comments were addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sanderson opened the floor to public comment at 9:55 p.m. The following people came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 10:02 p.m.

Meg Pieslak, Lower Makefield Township
Steve Gnau, Falls Township

Pennwood Walkway
ERES Baseball

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Wachspress, seconded by Mr. Kannan and unanimously approved with no abstentions that the Board approve the motion for Item A on page 1-1 of the Official Board Agenda.

A. 2016 - 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

MOTION: Move that the Board adopt the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$195,812,000 and that the budget be made available to the public in accordance with Act 1 of 2006 and the School Code.

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NEW BUSINESS

Dr. McHugh informed the Board that there were items added to the Agenda for the Regular Monthly Meeting. The items include: FCCLA National Leadership Conference; PlanCon K (GOB Series of 2016); Disposal of Vehicles and Superintendent Appointment.

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Waldorf and unanimously approved with no abstentions that the Board approve Item B on page 1-2 of the Official Board Agenda.

B. SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

- I. Old Business
- II. Resolution – Student Representative
- III. Extended School Year Agreement
- IV. NSDA National Forensics Championships
- V. Foreign Exchange Program
- VI. Legal Services Consultation Agreement
- VII. Board Treasurer Appointment
- VIII. Bucks County Technical High School Budget
- IX. Contract Renewal
- X. School Meal and A La Carte Prices
- XI. Bucks County IU Services Agreement
- XII. Pennsbury Partners Recognition
- XIII. Change Order Procedure
- XIV. Master Lease – Technology Equipment
- XV. Master Lease – Buses
- XVI. Facility Usage Policy Waiver Requests
- XVII. Board Policy
- XVIII. Overnight Educational and Other Leaves
- XIX. Personnel
- XX. FCCLA National Leadership Conference
- XXI. PlanCon K (GOB Series of 2016)
- XXII. Disposal of Vehicles
- XXIII. Superintendent Appointment

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OTHER BUSINESS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Board Budget Committee Meeting
5:30 p.m., May 12, 2016 – Superintendent’s Conference Room
- Regular Meeting
8:00 p.m., May 12, 2016 – Fallsington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room
- Board Education Committee Meeting
8:30 a.m., May 20, 2016 – Superintendent’s Conference Room

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

The Board discussed international travel with plans to review Pennsbury’s current policy regarding travel. It was recommended to review each trip on an individual basis before approval with the plan to obtain travel insurance for each trip. Ultimately, the parents are the final decision makers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sanderson opened the floor to public comment at 10:20 p.m. No one came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 10:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Smith and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Rodgers
Board Secretary