

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2017 AGENDA MEETING

The April agenda meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, April 6, 2017. Mr. Sanderson called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. Gretzula, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Dorsey, Dr. Dunar, Mrs. Godzieba, Mrs. Langtry, Mr. Millward, Mrs. Rarrick, Mrs. Spack and Mr. Taylor.

Administrators Absent: Mrs. Morett.

Others Present: Mr. Clarke, Solicitor.

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

Mr. Clarke, Solicitor, reported that during the Executive Session, the Board discussed several matters involving employee contract negotiations.

MATHLETES RECOGNITION – MR. GRODEN

Mr. Matt Groden, Mathletes Coach, invited the Mathletes Team to join him at the podium to introduce themselves and invited questions. Each team member shared their perspective regarding encouraging more students to join Mathletes and their personal experiences being a member of the Mathletes Team.

ELEMENTARY MATH PROGRAM UPDATE – DR. DUNAR, MRS. SPACK AND MR. MCMANUS

The team presented an update on the first year implementation of Everyday Math 4 materials and math program. Testimonials from teachers, students, support staff and principals are all highly positive and enthusiastic in response. The team will monitor moving forward. Dr. Dunar introduced Mr. McManus, Supervisor of Mathematics K-12, and Mrs. Spack, Director of Elementary Education.

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ELEMENTARY MATH PROGRAM UPDATE – DR. DUNAR, MRS. SPACK AND MR. MCMANUS (continued)

Mr. McManus provided data from DIBELS, the Kindergarten Universal Screener, and MAP Assessment. He also reviewed ongoing professional development for the teachers which included October and March grade-level meetings, November and May In-Service Days and emphasized the important role of the math specialist for success of the program.

Mr. McManus shared a video “Car Pool Garaoke” starring Dr. Gretzula and himself. The video celebrated the excitement and success of the Everyday Math 4 implementation.

Mr. McManus extended special thanks to all of the math specialists and to Ms. Houseknecht and Ms. Pirkle for being present at the Board Meeting, Mr. Dorsey for technology support and Mrs. Morett for special education support.

Mrs. Spack talked about the enthusiasm for the program in the buildings and described extension activities that are built into the program for all students to be successful.

All questions were addressed.

BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE – FIRST READ

Mrs. Wachspress presented the three draft policies being reviewed in this cycle that are posted on the Pennsbury website with copies provided at this meeting. The three policies are:

Board Policy 249.1R2, *Bullying/Cyberbullying*;
Board Policy 201.1R1, *Admission to Kindergarten and 1st Grade* and
Board Policy 006.1R2, *Board Meetings*.

The next Policy Committee meeting is planned for Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Superintendent’s Conference Room. All are welcome and comments can be submitted directly to the Superintendent or to Dr. Dunar on any of these policies. Student feedback is welcome.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sanderson opened the floor to public comment at 9:08 p.m. The following people came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 9:26 p.m.

Robert Abrams, Lower Makefield Township
Zachary Rubin, Lower Makefield Township

Budget
Curriculum/Voter Registration

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SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Waldorf and unanimously approved with no abstentions to add Humanities Trip to Europe agenda item and setting the agenda for Items I through XV for the regular monthly meeting.

- I. Old Business
- II. Choral Trip Abroad
- III. French Exchange Program
- IV. Textbook Adoption
- V. Internship Agreements
- VI. Contract Awards
- VII. Bucks County I.U. Services Agreements
- VIII. Bus Requests – Memorial Day
- IX. Easement Agreement
- X. Proposal Acceptance
- XI. Bucks County Technical High School Budget
- XII. Donations
- XIII. Educational and Other Leaves
- XIV. Personnel
- XV. Humanities Trip to Europe

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Schwartz recommended using Chromebooks to offer information to students regarding voter registration. Mr. Waldorf also suggested using the local cable channel.

Mrs. Wachspress commended the Mathlete students who spoke and presented themselves at tonight's meeting and thanked Mr. Groden for his leadership.

Mrs. Smith commented that math appreciation was mirrored in the younger students on the video shown this evening. Students were shown having fun and teachers given the tools to be successful with their students reflecting 88% improvement. Mrs. Smith responded to public comment by stating that information must be based upon fact. She also encouraged more people to attend and participate at Board Meetings.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Hilty and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Rodgers
Board Secretary