

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2016 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 7, 2016. Mr. Sanderson called the meeting to order at 8:12 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 agenda meeting and will also meet after the agenda meeting to discuss personnel and 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: Dr. McHugh, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Dorsey, Dr. Dunar, Mrs. Godzieba, Mrs. Langtry, Mr. Millward and Mrs. Rarrick.

Administrators Absent: Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Morett and Mr. Taylor.

Others Present: Mr. Clarke, Solicitor.

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

MATHLETES AND MATHCOUNTS RECOGNITION – DR. DUNAR

Ms. Emily Coffey, Mathcounts Coach, at Charles Boehm Middle School introduced her team who won the Mathcounts State Championship. Charles Boehm Principal, Mrs. Ricci, congratulated the team and invited everyone to view the trophy on display at Charles Boehm.

Mr. Matt Groden, Mathletes Coach, introduced his team of high school Mathletes who closed out the year with another meet win and took home their fifth consecutive Bucks County Mathematics League Title.

Dr. Dunar and Dr. McHugh congratulated the teams for their outstanding and impressive achievement. Board Members extended thanks to students, parents, coaches and teachers for attending the meeting tonight.

ELEMENTARY MATH UPDATE – DR. DUNAR

Dr. Dunar explained the differences between Everyday Math 3 and Everyday Math 4. Everyday Math 4 is a greatly improved program. It has been rebuilt from the ground up with 65% to 85% content change. Dr. Dunar spoke to the merits of this program and provided a listing of the local Districts that have adopted Everyday Math 4 and suggested that those Districts using Everyday Math 3 are seriously considering adopting Everyday Math 4 also.

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ELEMENTARY MATH UPDATE – DR. DUNAR (continued)

The Leadership Team including principals and math specialists in attendance, presented favorable reviews, testimonials of support and praise for the program. Each of the schools is communicating to parents about the merits of the program and displaying the materials in a prominent location. Each of the schools plans to hold Math Family Fun Nights on a regular basis. At these Family Fun Nights, school staff will engage families in understanding and playing with the games and activities that are essential to the Everyday Math 4 Program. The Team demonstrated how parents can access the online component which houses the student reference book, class lessons, video demonstrations, the home links which is essentially homework, and parent newsletters and explanations for each unit of study. Also on the online site, parents can access helpful tutorials should they wish to understand the pedagogy being taught.

All Board comments and questions were addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sanderson opened the floor to public comment at 9:42 p.m. The following person came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 9:47 p.m.

Frank Carr, Falls Township

Support of new Math Program

Mr. Rodgers added an item *Contract Award – Buses* to the Agenda for the Regular Monthly Meeting of April 14, 2016.

SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A motion was made by Mrs. Redner, seconded by Mr. Waldorf and unanimously approved with no abstentions to add Board Policy agenda item and setting the agenda for Items I through XIII for the regular monthly meeting.

- I. Old Business
- II. Settlement and Release Agreement
- III. Out of State Athletic Competitions
- IV. Textbook Adoptions
- V. Bucks County IU Services Agreement
- VI. Preliminary Resolution – Bond Issue
- VII. Proposal Acceptance
- VIII. Bus Requests
- IX. Facility Usage Policy Waiver Request

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SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING (continued)

- X. Donations
- XI. Educational and Other Leaves
- XII. Personnel
- XIII. Contract Award – Buses

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Sanderson informed the Board and the public that there will be an eSafety event sponsored by LYFT for all parents and caregivers concerned about Internet safety. This event is scheduled on Wednesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in Keller Hall at Pennsbury High School West. Titled, *PARENTING in Cyberspace...is there an app for that?*, the evening will feature Brandon Lutz, Technology Applications Specialist for the Bucks County IU and panelists including Pennsbury Administrators, Jill Laurinaitis, PTO Committee Chairperson for Pennsbury Parents for eSafety, Matt Weintraub, Bucks County Assistant District Attorney and Mary Worthington, NOVA Bucks.

A Board Budget Hearing is planned for Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. at William Penn Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Redner, seconded by Mr. Schwartz and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Rodgers
Board Secretary