

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2017 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The November Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Mrs. Redner called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Redner informed the public that before tonight's meeting the Board met in executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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

Board Member Absent: Mrs. Hilty and Mr. Sanderson.

Administrators Present: Dr. Gretzula, Ms. Aldridge, Mr. Dorsey, Dr. Dunar, Mrs. Godzieba, Mrs. Langtry, Mrs. Morett, Mrs. Rarrick, Mr. Rodgers and Mrs. Spack.

Administrators Absent: Mr. Millward.

Others Present: Mr. Cooper, Student Representative and Mr. Amuso, Solicitor.

Others Absent: Miss Camara, Student Representative.

PRESENTATION: PENNSBURY PORTFOLIO – DR. DUNAR, MRS. SPACK AND
MRS. PANNICK

Dr. Dunar shared that the Pennsbury Portfolio of Achievement presentation encompasses PSSA results, the Keystone Exams results, the School Performance Profile results that were just published recently, Advanced Placement standing, National Merit Scholar status, SAT and ACT results, as well as, Postgraduate data, Top Scholars and the status of the District's Character Education efforts. Dr. Dunar acknowledged Mrs. Pannick's collaboration with our school leaders, principals and teacher teams at all levels. She also acknowledged Mrs. Spack for her support, the principals and the leadership of our curriculum coordinators.

Mrs. Pannick introduced the annual look at Pennsbury's Profile including PSSA data for a 3-year average in Mathematics, English/Language Arts and Science. Mrs. Pannick reported on the Keystone Exams from 2015 to 2017 with Pennsbury High School ranking 7th in Algebra Keystone, 3rd in Literature Keystone and tied for 5th in Biology Keystone among 19 Bucks County High Schools. Mrs. Pannick reviewed the scores for the PA School Performance Profile (SPP) for all Pennsbury schools and levels for the period of 2015 to 2017 with Pennsbury High

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School ranking 4th and Pennsbury's three Middle Schools ranking 4th, 5th and 6th in the County. The number of participants by subject in Advanced Placement (AP) from 2016-2017 was also reported as well as the number of Finalists and Commended Students from 2011-2017 for National Merit Scholarships. In 2016-2017, Pennsbury proudly had two National Merit Winners. SAT and ACT score comparisons were outlined from 2013 to 2017. Postgraduate plans for the Class of 2017 included college bound students in a two or four-year college, military or seeking employment, as well as, the 2017 Top Scholar school choices. In 2015, Pennsbury School District was named a State and National District of Character.

All questions from the Board were addressed by Dr. Dunar, Mrs. Spack and Mrs. Pannick.

BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Smith reported that the Committee met before the Board Meeting with one of the biggest topics still "How to do weighted grades well for everybody." Discussion also included the development of educational specifications for Pennsbury High School East whether it is a renovation or new construction.

BOARD FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Schwartz reported that the Committee met on Monday, and an update on the Pennwood Project was provided. Currently the amount of work completed is at 73% of the project, the same as the money spent from the original contract of 73%. The change orders have totaled 54% of our contingency money, so we seem to be on a good pace. There was discussion about six change orders from Cyprum which will be up for Board vote in two weeks. The Committee also talked about the RFP that went out for architects. Proposals are coming in next week with the review taking place this month and interviews starting in the first week of December. The Committee hopes to have a recommendation for the Board at the December 21st meeting.

BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kannan reported that the Finance Committee met on Monday, October 30th and started looking at the actual audited results for 2016-2017 with the good news that the revenue collected came in at almost \$1.7 million better than anticipated. The Committee also saw a positive variance on interest that the District gets on investments. Discussion took place involving what the District is planning for the next two years, expenditures, benefits, increased number of students needing support, charter school tuition, outreach programs and electrical savings due to the benefits of the GESA Project. Plans for next year's budget are underway.

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BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

Mr. Rodgers addressed Board questions. Mr. Rodgers shared that Moody's did maintain Pennsbury District's credit rating of AA2. Pennsbury has had this credit rating for at least the last six years.

BOARD PARTNERSHIPS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Waldorf reported that the Committee's first meeting of the year is planned for Monday, November 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The Committee plans to discuss three topics: marketing our high school to our District middle school families; an overview of the Pennsbury Partnership Program and social media moving forward. All are welcome to the meeting and invited to participate.

BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Policy Committee will resume meetings in December 2017.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOLS INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD REPORT

There was no report given this evening.

BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL JOINT BOARD REPORT

Mr. Schwartz reported that the Joint Board accepted the resignation of BCTHS principal, Joseph Fullerton. Other topics discussed at the meeting were the BCTHS Capital Improvement Project, Bonds and the associated Articles of Agreement. Mr. Schwartz explained that the Articles of Agreement will expire when the last Bond payment is made in August 2018. Mr. Schwartz distributed a draft of new Funding Formulas. Board discussion ensued regarding the BCTHS Articles of Agreement and a desire to change the existing Funding Formula. The need to put a capital improvement portion in the budget for repairs was also discussed.

Mr. Amuso questioned the Board if there is a consensus for Mr. Schwartz to move forward using the draft of the Funding Formula shared as a framework for renegotiating with BCTHS Joint Board regarding the Articles of Agreement. The Board agreed.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Redner opened the floor to public comment at 9:10 p.m. The following people came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 9:23 p.m.

Robert Abrams, Lower Makefield Township	BCTHS Funding; Test Scores; Bond Issue and Pennwood Project Costs
Frank Carr, Falls Township	Committee Meeting Discussions; Pennsbury On A Page; Online Education and Enrollment

Mrs. Smith addressed Public Comment regarding Pennwood Project costs and student enrollment and classrooms. Committee Meeting discussions were discussed. Mr. Rodgers will provide a three-year analysis of the number of students that are enrolled in a Charter Cyber School with a related budgetary dollar amount for the tuition for those students at the next Board Meeting.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Discussion continued regarding the Funding Formula Draft for the Bucks County Technical High School.

Mr. Palmer requested that the Education Committee dive a little deeper into the socio-economic impact on student achievement presented this evening in the Pennsbury Portfolio.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Wachspress, seconded by Mrs. Smith and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Rodgers
Board Secretary