

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2016 AGENDA MEETING

The October agenda meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, October 6, 2016. Mrs. Wachspress 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, Mrs. Redner, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Waldorf and Mrs. Wachspress.

Board Member Absent: Mr. Sanderson.

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

Administrators Absent: Mrs. Godzieba.

Others Present: Mr. Clarke, Solicitor.

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

Mr. Clarke, District Solicitor, reported that prior to this meeting, the Board held an executive session to discuss personnel matters and a matter of contract negotiations.

BOARD POLICIES FIRST PUBLIC READ

- Board Policy 253.1 – *Transgender and Gender Expansive Students*
- Board Policy 216.3 – *Records Retention*
- Board Policy 216.1R1 – *Education Records*

Mrs. Wachspress explained that the Board Policy Committee is a public meeting that meets on a regular basis to look at existing policies that need revising in addition to proposing new policies to implement. A schedule is in place for going about this work with the next meeting planned for October 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in the Administration Building, Lower Level Conference Room. All are encouraged to attend.

The three policies presented this evening will go into the Board Packet with any revisions on October 28<sup>th</sup> for Board Members. The second Public Read will be at the Agenda Setting Meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> providing ample opportunity between now and the School Board vote on November 10<sup>th</sup> for anyone to come forward and offer opinions, comments, suggestions and ask questions on any of these three policies. Copies of these policies are provided for the public at this meeting.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Wachspress opened the floor to public comment at 8:20 p.m. The following people came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 8:30 p.m.

Robert Abrams, Lower Makefield Twp.	Budget; Salaries; Benefits and Student Enrollment
Frank Carr, Falls Township	PEA Contract; Merit Pay; Teacher Shortage and SAT Registration

Questions and comments raised during Public Comment were addressed by the Board and Administration.

Dr. Dunar responded to public comment regarding student registration for SATs. She explained that the students register online at home with no involvement of teachers. Mrs. Wachspress further explained the process regarding photos for SAT student registration.

Mr. Rodgers addressed public comment regarding student enrollment and thanked Mr. Abrams, a District resident, for the comprehensive analysis study that he emailed to him earlier in the day with its comparison to Neshaminy School District. Mr. Rodgers explained that there are two major differences in the way that Pennsbury operates as compared to Neshaminy School District. The first is Neshaminy subcontracts out a portion of their transportation department thus their contracted services are going to be higher than Pennsbury and naturally their salaries and benefits are going to be lower. Mr. Rodgers further explained that the second fundamental difference regarding how we operate as compared to Neshaminy is how we educate our special education children. Neshaminy outsources the majority of these services versus Pennsbury educating our special education students with our own in-house staff. Data must be accurate when comparing one organization to another.

Mr. Rodgers reported that the following three items are added to the Agenda for October 13, 2016:

Tuition Contracts;  
Microsoft Licensing Renewal and  
Change Order – Pennwood.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Redner, seconded by Mrs. Hilty and unanimously approved with no abstentions to approve setting the agenda for Items I through XIV for the regular monthly meeting.

### SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

- I. Old Business
- II. Settlement and Release Agreement
- III. Agreement for Services
- IV. Instrumental Music Festivals
- V. Choral Music Competitions
- VI. Forensics Team Tournaments
- VII. First Day of School 2017-2018
- VIII. PTO Partnership Proposal
- IX. Bus Request – Veterans Day
- X. Overnight Educational and Other Leaves
- XI. Personnel
- XII. Tuition Contracts
- XIII. Microsoft Licensing Renewal
- XIV. Change Order – Pennwood

### DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Schwartz reported that the Facilities Committee members and various Pennsbury Administrators met at Pennsbury High School East earlier today with architects and engineers to look at the East Campus site. Mr. Schwartz encouraged everyone to review the Campus Study that was completed in 2010.

Mr. Schwartz discussed the need to schedule an Active Shooter Drill. Mrs. Redner commented that she has been trying to get an Active Shooter Drill in the District since 2013 and would contact the Falls Township Police Department the next day to find out when this could be scheduled. She also added that Mr. Palmer would reach out to the Falls Township Supervisors. Mr. Taylor commented that the District has repeatedly requested a Live Shooter Drill and Mrs. Redner has been the driving force behind that for over two years. Mr. Taylor reported that there was a drill held at the Tech School last month that Pennsbury offered to hold but the Tech School was chosen as the site by the County. Mr. Taylor added that a threat assessment training exercise was held with over 40 Pennsbury Administrators participating as well as a live shooter drill table top exercise.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Redner, seconded by Mr. Schwartz and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Rodgers  
Board Secretary