

## MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2016 AGENDA MEETING

The June agenda meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, June 2, 2016. Mr. Sanderson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Mr. Sanderson announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and contractual 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. Godziba, Mrs. Langtry, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Millward, Mrs. Morett and Mrs. Rarrick.

Administrator Absent: Mr. Taylor.

Others Present: Mr. Clarke, Solicitor.

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

### BUDGET UPDATE PRESENTATION – MR. RODGERS

Mr. Rodgers presented the Proposed Final 2016-2017 General Fund Budget. He explained the Budget development for the Pennsbury School District with it reflecting the existing Board approved curriculum, programs and services. Administration and the School Board worked together to balance the educational needs of the students with the ability of the community to pay while trying to achieve four primary goals. The first of these goals was to balance the Budget with a real estate tax increase in the range of 0 to 2.4% with Act 1 Exceptions approved by PDE. The second goal was to maintain support for the most important educational needs with the limited funds available. The third goal was to seek and implement direction of the School Board at all times and finally the fourth to maintain and improve District-wide facilities.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the Budget recap of the First Draft Budget presented on January 7, 2016 with a real estate tax increase of 5.9%. The second draft that was related to the Board on March 22, 2016 required a real estate tax increase of 4.3%. The Proposed Final Budget was presented on May 5, 2016 with the real estate tax increase necessary to balance this deficit at 3.06% with work still to be done.

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### BUDGET UPDATE PRESENTATION – MR. RODGERS (continued)

Mr. Rodgers explained how the District funds the deficits up to this time as well as the expenditure and revenue budgeting options taken to reach the Final Budget presented this evening with total revenues of \$195,215,810 and total expenditures of \$195,215,810 with a \$0 deficit that would require a total real estate tax increase of 2.2%. Mr. Rodgers outlined some of the next steps to monitor which include data still needed regarding the Commonwealth Budget, Federal subsidies, enrollments, registrations, retirements, resignations and leaves with benefits experience analysis to be done. He also provided a historical perspective on some of the categories or line items within the Pennsbury Budget.

Everyone was reminded that Public input on this Proposed Draft Budget is available tonight in the public comment section as well as next week on June 9, 2016 at the Regular Meeting scheduled for 8:00 p.m. when the Final Budget of 2016-2017 will be voted upon.

All comments and questions were addressed by Mr. Rodgers.

### FACT-FINDING UPDATE – MR. CLARKE

Mr. Clarke, the District's Solicitor, reviewed the timeline of the Fact-Finder's Report issued on May 18, 2016. On May 20<sup>th</sup> the Board met in Executive Session with the Administration, the Superintendent and the Solicitor's Office to discuss and review the Report. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Board voted to reject the Fact-Finder's Report. Later that night after the Board vote, it was communicated to the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board that the Board had voted to reject the Fact-Finder's Report. The Report was posted on the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board on May 31<sup>st</sup> and by law the Board and the union must reconsider its decision no more than 10 days after the report is published and no less than 5 days. At the June 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting, the Board will vote again on the Fact-Finder's Report. It will continue to be the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Administration and the Solicitor's Office that the Board reject the Fact-Finder's Report.

Mrs. Wachspress commented on the budget and the Fact-Finder's Report.

Mrs. Redner commented on new hires.

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### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sanderson opened the floor to public comment at 9:40 p.m. The following people came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 9:57 p.m.

Frank Carr, Falls Township	Contract
Robert Abrams, Lower Makefield Township	Contract
Doug Marshall, Lower Makefield Township	Contract
Howard Goldberg, Lower Makefield Township	Superintendent's Retirement – Thank You

Mr. Rodgers reported that there are five Addendums to the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on June 9, 2016. They are titled:

Alternative Education Services Agreement  
Obsolete Technology Disposal  
Fact-Finding Report Re-Vote  
Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal Stipulations  
FEMA/PEMA Designation of Agent

### SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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

- I. Old Business
- II. Settlement and Release Agreements
- III. German Club Trip
- IV. Canine Services Agreement
- V. Therapy Services Contract
- VI. Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad Agreement
- VII. Opening and Closing Times for Schools
- VIII. Internship Agreement
- IX. Capital Lease Financing
- X. LinkIt
- XI. Source 4 Teachers LLC Addendum
- XII. Network Service Agreement
- XIII. 2016-2017 General Fund Budget
- XIV. Tax Resolution
- XV. Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution
- XVI. Non-Reimbursable Facilities Projects Submission 2016-2017
- XVII. Capital Plan

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### SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING (continued)

- XVIII. Committed Fund Balance Categories
- XIX. Proposal Acceptance – Property, Casualty & Liability Insurance Package
- XX. Unemployment Compensation Control Service
- XXI. Proposal Acceptance – Stop Loss Medical Insurance
- XXII. Proposal Acceptance – Health Benefits Specialist
- XXIII. Student Accident and Athletics Insurance
- XXIV. Payment of Bills Authorization
- XXV. Budgetary Adjustments
- XXVI. Investment Program
- XXVII. Bank Depositories
- XXVIII. Transfer Authorizations
- XXIX. Signature Authorizations
- XXX. Donation
- XXXI. Board Policies
- XXXII. Educational and Other Leaves
- XXXIII. Personnel
- XXXIV. Alternative Education Services Agreement
- XXXV. Obsolete Technology Disposal
- XXXVI. Fact-Finding Report Re-Vote
- XXXVII. Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal Stipulations
- XXXVIII. FEMA/PEMA Designation of Agent

### OTHER BUSINESS

### BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Smith commented on public comments regarding the Budget and the Teachers' Contract addressing Mr. Abrams comments.

Mr. Schwartz commented on the impact of the State Budget on the District's Budget.

Mr. Sanderson encouraged the public to read the Fact-Finder's Report posted on the District's Website along with frequently asked questions.

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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 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Rodgers  
Board Secretary