

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2006-3767

Minutes April 24, 2006

The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mr. Snyder, Board President, presiding.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hinsey, Mr. Larkin, Dr. Shuttlesworth, Mrs. Sakmann, and Mr. Snyder.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Deem and Mrs. McCready

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Dietz, Dr. Riedel, Dr. Kennedy, Mr. McDonnell, and Mr. Hartman

Attendees: Mr. S. Georgeadis, Kozloff Stoudt and list of attendees included as part of these official minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge, Mr. Snyder announced an executive session was held for personnel reasons on April 18, 2006, and the Board took no action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Fitzgerald, and second by Dr. Shuttlesworth, the minutes of the following meetings were approved as presented and included as part of these official minutes.

March 20, 2006 Work Session
March 27, 2006 Regular Business Meeting

Yeas: 7
Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RATIFIED FINANCIAL REPORTS

Upon motion by Dr. Shuttlesworth, and second by Mr. Larkin, payment of properly approved vendor invoices for the General Fund, and the 2003 G.O. Bond, April 2006 were approved.

Yeas: Barnett, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.
Nays: None. Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Dietz reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- A letter from Mrs. Sheila Raith announcing her retirement at the end of the 2006-07 school year after more than 35 years as an English teacher in the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

The Superintendent provided an update on the recent repair of the chiller at the Jr./Sr. High School.

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FINANCE ITEM DISCUSSION

There was discussion on Finance item C) Emmaus Bond Authority Documents, and it was stated that the money would not be available for 30 days.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET ADOPTION

Mr. McDonnell informed the Board that he was prepared with a summary presentation on the budget similar to the previous week's presentation, with a few additional slides. The Board chose not to view the presentation. Mrs. Barnett commented on the amount of funds allocated for curriculum, and stated she felt it was not an appropriate level of funding.

Both Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Riedel commented that the curriculum portion of the budget has gone up significantly this year. Last year it was lower because it didn't include any type of large cyclic expenditure. Mrs. Barnett requested that the adoption of the budget for 2006-07 be voted on separately from the Superintendent's report.

Discussion continued on the budget and the Superintendent reminded the Board that the new staff that was proposed several months ago was included in this budget and by approval of the budget, they are indirectly approving funds for those positions. Similar to last year, the administration will take steps to hire those people although the Board will still have to vote on the hiring of those individuals.

The Superintendent noted that included in the staffing presentation made to the Board was a potential new school nurse. He commented that the administration felt the Board had reached a final conclusion on whether to accept the District's recommendation.

Several of the Board members discussed the issue and President Snyder recommended on voting on the hiring of a school nurse separately.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The President asked the Board for a motion to approve the Superintendent's Report excluding Finance item 3.d) The Preliminary Budget for 2006-07.

APPROVED SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mr. Larkin, seconded by Dr. Shuttlesworth, the Board of School Directors approved the Superintendent's Report dated April 24, 2006, excluding Finance Item D) Preliminary Budget for 2006-07, to be voted on separately.

Yeas: Barnett, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The President asked for a motion to approve the preliminary budget for 2006-07.

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Upon motion by Dr. Shuttlesworth, second by Mr. Hinsey, the Board approved the preliminary budget for 2006-07.

Yeas: Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.
Nays: Barnett and Sakmann. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL NURSE APPROVED

The President asked for a motion to approve hiring an additional school nurse for 2006-07, with the understanding that the individual would most likely start closer to the beginning of the school year, not July 1, 2006.

Upon motion by Mrs. Sakmann, and second by Dr. Shuttlesworth, the Board approved the hiring of an additional school nurse for the 2006-07 school year.

Yeas: Barnett, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Berks Career & Technology Center

Mr. Snyder reported that their Board approved the BCTC budget and it was approved this evening as part of the Superintendent's report.

Berks County Intermediate Unit

Mr. Snyder reported that the Board approved their budget for 2006-07.

Legislative & PSBA

It was announced that a meeting is scheduled for May 4 at the Antietam School District and members were encouraged to attend and meet with the legislators.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Dietz reported that he contacted Brad Scribner and is awaiting a response concerning planning a joint partnership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Larkin informed the Board that PSBA is doing a proposal for updating and refining the salary study.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Mrs. Sakmann to adjourn to executive session at 8:28 p.m.

Arthur J. McDonnell
Board Secretary