

Eastern York School District
School Board Meeting
January 7, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
District Administration Offices
Wrightsville, PA 17368

The meeting was called to order by D. Caldwell, President. The following members were present and they were: R. Abel, D. Caldwell, K. Clark, R. Flaharty, Jr., K. Graby, J. Higgins, M. Keller, D. Shelley, R. Zepp. Others in attendance were: Dr. D. Pianowski, Superintendent; Dr. R. Becker, Assistant Superintendent; T. Weaver, Secretary; M. Shue, High School Principal; J. Marin, Middle School Principal; and a reporter from the York Dispatch. There were three patrons present.

President Caldwell stated that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting this evening to discuss Personnel and Legal Issues.

President Caldwell stated that the purpose of the meeting of the Eastern York School Board is to conduct the business of the school district, understanding that our primary focus is toward policy as it relates to promoting the goals of the district established in the Strategic Plan.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

On a motion by J. Higgins, seconded by K. Graby, the Board approved the minutes from the December 10, 2009 Reorganization Meeting and the minutes from the December 10, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, as previously distributed. The motion passed: 9 - Yes, 0 - No.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION - Dr. Becker

Dr. Becker discussed that the high school science teachers have been conducting an in-depth pilot of a new biology textbook that will be recommended for approval at the next Board meeting. The new textbook is aligned with State Standards. Dr. Becker introduced the following high school science teachers: Carol Barnett, Daphne Leeder and Clay Campbell. Several members asked the teachers questions regarding the current science curriculum and the textbooks. Dr. Becker thanked the teachers for their continued hard work for the students of Eastern York School District.

Mr. Shelley asked Mr. Campbell several questions regarding his responsibilities as the Audio Visual Coordinator and the Keeper of the Knight.

Dr. Becker shared that the High School has implemented a reading intervention program for struggling adolescent readers. The program is called Read 180. The Administration researched various programs before choosing this program. The program has been implemented in grade 9. The preliminary results are showing that the program has been very successful. Another assessment will be completed in January. Discussion ensued among the members and the Board was pleased with the preliminary results.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION - Cont'd.

Dr. Becker introduced Mr. Mark Shue, High School Principal who discussed an intervention program implemented by his staff to decrease the failure rate at the high school. (Academic At Risk Program) The program involves identifying students earlier to help them succeed. It uses a team concept in which various staff members are involved in assisting the student not just the one specific teacher whose class a student is failing. The failure rate decreased by 43% for the first marking period in the 2009-10 school year. Discussion ensued and the Board thanked the staff for their hard work and success with this program.

Dr. Becker introduced Mr. Mark Shue, High School Principal and Dr. Jason Marin, Middle School Principal who presented a proposal to the Board to implement a Saturday School Program as a Tier II academic and behavioral intervention. They shared that implementing a Saturday School Program will reduce the number of ISS days assigned per year, improve attendance rates, and increase instructional time for students who violate the district's attendance policy. The program will be conducted by the Middle School and High School Administrators and the Attendance Officer. Discussion ensued among the members regarding various aspects of the program, including the costs and transportation of students. The Administration will be recommending approval of a Saturday School Program at the next meeting.

Mr. Abel asked Mr. Shue if he is aware of who is in his building at all times. Mr. Zepp asked that this line of questioning be discontinued as it did not relate to the Saturday Program that was being discussed. Mr. Zepp asked to "Call the Question," no second was made to the motion.

HEARING OF PATRONS - None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. York County School of Technology 2010-11 Budget

Mrs. Weaver shared that the York County School of Technology 2010-11 Budget was included with the Board packets. The Superintendents and the Representatives from the Boards to the Technology School Board have reviewed the budget. Mr. Flaharty asked whose salaries composed the line item 2300-111 in the amount of \$254,128. Mrs. Weaver will obtain the detail and provide to the Board prior to the next meeting. Mr. Shelley shared information regarding how the School of Technology will refund funds to the districts after the enrollment is finalized. The Administration will be asking for approval of the York County School of Technology 2010-11 Budget at the next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Pianowski stated that the art work in the room was provided by elementary students in Ms. Luttenberger's classes.

She shared that it is National School Board Member Recognition month and she thanked the Board Members for their service to the district. In recognition of the Board, she presented them with a certificate from the National School Boards Association. She also gave them a clipboard as a token of appreciation from the district.

Dr. Pianowski provided an update on the status of the Race-to-the-Top Grants. Pennsylvania will be applying for the federal grants. Eastern York has sent in the initial required letter stating our intention to participate. By January 13, the districts need to send a letter to the Department of Education with the Superintendent's, Board President's and Association President's signatures, if the district intends to participate. She is still reviewing information so a decision can be made. She has discussed the grant with the Association.

Dr. Pianowski met with Matt O'Brien, the General Manager of the York Revolutions and Eastern York has been selected to host a game at the Revolution Stadium on October 23, 2010.

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Saturday School

This item was discussed during the Educational Presentation.

B. APPROVAL ITEMS

On a motion by J. Higgins, seconded by R. Zepp, the Board approved the following:

1. PERSONNEL

A. Resignation

Andrea Moyers-Bloss - Full-Time Principal, at Kreutz Creek Elementary School - Effective January 7, 2010.

B. Stipend for Principal Responsibilities

Approved a stipend of \$75 per day for Dr. Paula Westerman to assume Principal responsibilities at Kreutz Creek Elementary, effective 12/21/09 until the position is filled.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Cont'd.

2. **MISCELLANEOUS**

A. Adoption of Resolutions

Approved adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. *BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Adjudication and Final Order of the Board of School Directors in regard to a student disciplinary hearing held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 is hereby adopted.
2. *BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Adjudication and Final Order of the Board of School Directors in regard to a student disciplinary hearing held at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 is hereby adopted.
3. *BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Adjudication and Final Order of the Board of School Directors in regard to a student disciplinary hearing held at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 is hereby adopted.

The motion passed: 9 - Yes, 0 - No.

Dr. Higgins asked about the Senior Honors Program. Dr. Pianowski stated it will be held at the Pullo Center on March 9, 2010.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Caldwell

President Caldwell shared that he will be stating the Purpose of the Meeting at the beginning of each meeting. He shared the purpose is to conduct the business of the school district, understanding that our primary focus is toward policy as it relates to promoting the goals of the district established in the Strategic Plan.

President Caldwell stated that if Board Members have concerns that are general in nature or are citizens concerns, they should be addressed in accordance with *Board Policy #906 - Public Complaints*.

If a Board Member has a concern that is a Board matter, this should be directed to the Superintendent's Office and they will be forwarded to Mr. Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell and the Superintendent will review to determine if the item needs to be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Mr. Shelley asked if there could be a specific form that Board Members would use to communicate their concerns. Mr. Caldwell stated he will come up with a form.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Cont'd.

Mr. Caldwell will provide a written summary of what he would like the Board Members to do when they have an issue or concern.

President Caldwell asked if Mr. Shelley would like to have a final Building and Grounds Committee Meeting to closeout the High School Project. Mrs. Weaver will schedule a close out meeting of the High School Project with the Building and Grounds Committee.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

D. Caldwell Would like to form a committee for the purpose of developing a Compensation Package for the Superintendent of Schools. The following members agreed to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee: Dr. Higgins, Chairperson; Mr. Flaharty, Mr. Keller and Mr. Zepp.

Mrs. Weaver respectfully requested that the Board obtain the opinion of the Solicitor before the committee is established. The Board agreed.

D. Shelley Expressed the following concerns regarding the High School Building Project:

- Signage at the High School
- Path between the top and bottom parking lots
- Completion of Punch Lists
- Fence damaged during gas line incident
- Landscape at the High School
- Flashing Light on Cool Creek Road
- Manhole opening across from Knights View Road

Expressed the following concerns regarding other buildings:

- Lighting around the Wrightsville Elementary and Administration Building
- Dirty lights around the building covered with cobwebs
- Lighting at the parking lot in Wrightsville
- Tower used by the Band

FINAL BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

D. Shelley Provided two brochures about the Susquehanna Heritage Park

R. Flaharty, Jr. Shared that Jack Gotwalt, Student Representative to the Board has two nominations to the service academies.

FINAL PATRONS COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by J. Higgins, seconded by K. Graby, the Board Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Teresa Weaver, Board Secretary

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