

Shade-Central City School District Board of Directors

January, 2018

The regular meeting of the Shade-Central City School Board of Directors is called to order by the board President at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018 in the Library of the Shade Junior/Senior High School.

The board members present are: Randy Kiser, Dorothy Gindlesperger, John O'Ship, Robert Mulcahy, Cecelia Corradini, Olivia Hinden, Heather Kabala, Steve Muha, and Steve Sesack.

Also present are: John Krupper, Superintendent and Cairnbrook Elementary Principal, Sean Wechtenhiser, High School Principal, Stacey Papinchak, Business Manager and Board Secretary and, Jeff Berkey, Solicitor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cindy Kipp spoke regarding the Central City Youth League. They are requesting the use of our High School or Elementary gym for indoor practices. They will use indoor balls and will only be practicing the fundamentals. They will have a staff member attending at all times and will take responsibility for any damages. She stated they currently have to travel to Somerset for indoor practice and it is difficult for some parents to make this trip. They are willing to work around the High School sports schedules and will take any times available. Mr. Mulcahy stated that it will be discussed in a Buildings and Grounds committee meeting that Mr. Kiser will set up with Mr. Gibbons.

Elementary report was given by Mr. Krupper. He reported the following: he looked at enrollment projections from the state and into having a feasibility study completed on combining schools. The state will not pay for a study but suggested we contact Punxsutawney School District as they just combined Elementary schools. Mr. Krupper stated he spoke to the Superintendent at Punxsutawney School District and their feasibility study cost approx. \$50,000. Mr. Krupper spoke to the Engineering firm and estimated our study would cost approx. \$10,000. Mr. Sesack suggested that we would use a local firm and that we put approx. \$3,000/yr into a reserve account to pay for a study to be completed within the next few years.

High School report was given by Mr. Wechtenhiser. He stated that the Keystone exams started today, we were accepted into the Carnegie STEM program and will be sending staff to the workshop to improve our STEM programs, and the speaker on Dec. 5th was well received by the students.

JO'Ship motions and DGindlesperger seconds to approve the minutes for December. Voice call vote is all ayes with no nays sounded; motion carried.

EDUCATION: John O'Ship, Chairperson

JO'Ship motions and DGindlesperger seconds to ratify Olivia Hinden and Heather Kabala to attend the new board member training in Bedford, PA on Dec. 8, 2017 at an approx. cost of \$340.00. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carried

JO'Ship motions and DGindlesperger seconds to reject to add another stop for Bus #2 at 1977 Central Ave. (previously discussed at the December board meeting). Mr. Krupper stated he offered a reasonable alternative to be picked up by another bus. Voice call vote, RKiser, JO'Ship, CCorradini, DGindlesperger, SMuha, OHinden, Ssesack and RMulcahy all ayes and HKabala opposed; motion carried.

JO'Ship motions and DGindlesperger seconds to approve Sean Wechtenhiser and possibly 5 other staff members to attend the STEM workshop at the IU8 office in Somerset, PA on February 5, 2018 at an approx. cost of \$440.00, paid out of Title II funds as budgeted. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carried.

JO'Ship motions and DGindlesperger seconds to approve Troy Carbaugh and Jenny Damin to attend the Student Assistance Program (SAP) at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA on February 1, 2018 at an approx. cost of \$222.50, paid out of Title II funds as budgeted. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carried.

For information, Mr. Krupper stated that we now have 3 North Star students enrolled in our Elementary Life Skills classroom.

For information, the 2018 Committee list was distributed.

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Career and Technology Center report was given by Dorothy Gindlesperger. She stated the following: SADD Club sponsored the "Kick Butts" program for The Great American Smoke Out Day and the "Giving Tree" which items were donated to the Somerset County Humane Society, 30 students competed in the SkillsUSA District competition and 21 will be going to Hershey, PA to compete in the State competition, Safety committee training was completed and a discount on insurance will be received, pole building is still in process, Instructor observations were completed, policies have been updated, meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month and there are 2 new board members – 1 from Meyersdale Area School District and 1 from Somerset Area School District.

BUDGET & FINANCE: Steve Sesack, Chairperson

SSesack motions and JO'Ship seconds to approve the payment of the bills. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carried.

SSesack motions and JO'Ship seconds to approve the November Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carried.

SSesack motions and JO'Ship seconds to approve to adopt a resolution not to raise the tax rate by more than its index of 3.5% for 2018-2019. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carried

SSesack motions and JO'Ship seconds to retain Kotzan CPA & Associates as the districts local auditor for the next 3 years at a cost of \$12,500, \$12,750, and \$13,000. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carried.

For information, the final audit letter was distributed from Kotzan CPA & Associates. The Audit report is available in the Business Office for review.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Randy Kiser, Chairperson

RKiser motions and JO'Ship seconds to approve the Cairnbrook Improvement Association to use the High School Cafeteria on February 28, 2018 at 7:00p.m. for the Annual Stockholders' meeting. Voice call vote, all ayes; motion carried. RKiser stated he will attend.

RMulcahy added HKabala to the 2018 Buildings and Grounds committee.

Information: Mr. Krupper and Mr. Gibbons will schedule a walk-thru for new board members to familiarize them with the facility.

ATHLETICS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Randy Kiser, Chairperson

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:36 p.m. – 7:52 p.m. for personnel matters. Motion was made by JO'Ship and seconded by RKiser.

Meeting Resumed

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NEGOTIATIONS & PERSONNEL: Stephen Sesack, Chairperson

SSesack motions and DGindlesperger seconds to approve Jill Boncoski to take 1 day off without pay. Voice call vote, all ayes; motion carried.

SSesack motions and RKiser seconds to approve Tom Miller as the Assistant Track Coach at 80% of schedule C, pending all clearances. Mr. O'Ship stated he is a Teacher at North Star and lives in our district. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carried.

SSesack motions and JO'Ship seconds to approve to hire Mr. Yaste through The Learning Lamp as an Academic Instructional Math Coach to help Teachers and Students, pending the recommendation of the Personnel committee, paid out of Title I. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carried.

SSesack motions and JO'Ship seconds to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a letter between the Church and the School District to specify that the plowing in front of the Church is within the scope of the Maintenance employee's employment. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carried.

For information, Mr. Berkey is working with the estate of Mr. Dooley to donate the land adjacent to the school. There are specific releases and consents required.

For information, a Personnel committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th at 8:15am in the Business Office.

OTHER:

JO'Ship motions and SMuha seconds to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Stacey L. Papinchak, Secretary