

School Board Work Session Meeting May 7, 2024

The work session was called to order by Bill Reddinger. The following members were in attendance: Chris Merwin, Heidi Byers, John Sayers, Kevin Johnson, Matt Confer, Chris Adams, and John Kimmel. Brent Wile was absent.

Mrs. Shirey presented her board report. In April, the fifth grade students participated in Mission Transition at the high school. They were given an opportunity to tour around the high school and ask any questions they may have about their move to the building. The Primary and Intermediate buildings had their perfect attendance celebrations for the third quarter. Kindergarten registration was held for incoming students. 55 students were tested. PSSA testing was conducted for ELA, Math, and Science. Garden Club and Smokey the Bear held assemblies for the students at both buildings. The Book Fair was held at the Intermediate building. Earth Day activities also took place for students in the Primary and Intermediate buildings. Essays were reviewed for the RV Foundation Scholarship. Meetings were held at Head Start and Pre K Counts to plan for the incoming Kindergarten students. In May, a Step Up Event will be held for the 2nd graders going to the Intermediate building. The 1st and 2nd graders will also participate in Discovery Ed Day. 4th graders will participate in a 24 Challenge Competition. Field Day will also be taking place in May. No further questions for Mrs. Shirey.

Mr. Hartle presented his board report. Departmental meetings were held to discuss goals for the 24-25 school year. Mission Transition took place at the High School April 8th – April 11th. Dr. Lewis from PennWest-Clarion spoke to seniors about their resumes. Mr. Hartle also met with Dr. Lewis to discuss opportunities for new education majors and student teachers within our district. The Spring band concert was April 11th. NOCTI testing was held at the Career Center on April 17th and 18th. PSSA's began on April 22nd and were completed on May 3rd with some retakes necessary. Keystones will begin on May 13th and go until May 24th. Testing will be done online with the exception of Math. Next year, the state will require that all tests be done online. Mr. Hartle then gave a brief update on the record of the baseball and softball teams. He also mentioned that the RV Track Invitational will be held on May 9th. Districts will follow on May 17th and States on May 24th and 25th. No further questions for Mr. Hartle.

Mr. Temchulla presented his board report. Transition surveys are being completed by the Transition Coordinator for the graduating seniors. In the gifted department, the Math 24 Challenge will be held May 8th at the IU. The gifted program was in Harrisburg this past weekend at a STEM Challenge. Mr. Watkins also attended this challenge. Mr. Temchulla attended the Special Education Contact Meeting through the RIU6 on April 26th. Bill Ferko came to the district on April 23rd. This was part of the audit. The district is on track for completing the final steps of this audit. A high school special education meeting was held on April 8th. The completion of paperwork and planning/placement for next year were among the topics of discussion. Teacher observations will be completed by May for the 23-24 school year. No further questions for Mr. Temchulla.

Mr. Rapp gave his report. He met with Bloese Electric and Delco Electric to get perspective bids on backup generators. The focus for the generator would be the Intermediate Campus. The new floor scrubber has arrived and is being utilized. The soil samples from the football field have all been collected. Mr. Rapp has obtained fertilizer with herbicide to treat this area for weeds.

Supplies needed for campus floor maintenance have been ordered. Mr. Rapp has also met with a roofing contractor concerning the roofs on the two elementary buildings. Both of these roofs are currently out of warranty. A discussion ensued concerning financing the roof projects. No further questions for Mr. Rapp.

Mr. Reitz presented his report. He discussed his application for the Fresh Fruit and Veggie program. This program would bring in an afternoon snack and some educational materials for students. Mr. Sayers questioned Mr. Reitz about the status/funding of free breakfasts/lunches that the students are currently receiving. No further questions for Mr. Reitz.

Mrs. Reitz will present her report next week. Discussion ensued with the board regarding the potential of getting Mrs. Reitz more assistance in the business office and what options were available. No further questions for Mrs. Reitz.

Dr. Rupp gave her report. Graduation is planned for May 29th. The district is applying for grants to assist with the parking lot and roof repairs. We are also applying for an environmental grant to assist with asbestos removal at the Intermediate School. The Education Foundation received approval for accepting EITC funds. Wendy Smith will need to be upgraded from 80% to 100% in order to serve the incoming students in the school district. There are many high-level need students coming in next year. Developmental Kindergarten will have 11 students this year. This number is on the larger side. The administration met on May 7th to plan for the 24-25 school year. We reviewed data and the teacher placements for next year. Professional development was also reviewed for the upcoming school year. Mr. Johnson asked some questions concerning the Career Center and the District. No further questions for Dr. Rupp.

Mr. Confer had nothing to add to the IU6 Report.

Mrs. Byers had nothing to add to the Career Center Report.

There were no Board Committee Reports.

Old Business:

Dr. Rupp discussed Item #13- 904. She was questioning if the board would want board members and school employees admitted to athletic events for free. Mr. Reddinger stated that he didn't think that this would be fair to the parents of the children participating. Mr. Sayers agreed with Mr. Reddinger. Mr. Merwin questioned the absence of 903 on the agenda. Dr. Rupp said that 903 was put on hold and that it was just an optional policy. Further discussion followed about staff attendance numbers at athletic events. The board talked about the financial ramifications of free admission for members/employees. Extensive discussion between board members continued about the policies on the agenda.

Dr. Rupp mentioned needing to add "and roofing" to Item #16.

Dr. Rupp explained Item #17 and the Physics Honor Credit to the board. The board further talked about the Honor's Credit/Courses and their GPA impact for students.

Financial Matters:

Mr. Sayers brought up the topic of selling the unused parcel of land in Mahoning Township. Dr. Rupp talked about the appraisal value of the property. She questioned if the board would be willing to pay for a new appraisal on the land. Mr. Reddinger reminded the board that there is a procedure to follow for the sale of the property. Mr. Sayers sees retaining this property as a liability to the district. Dr. Rupp will follow up on this topic with some information.

Personnel:

Dr. Rupp stated that there was one school nurse application for the open position. She was waiting to see if they got any more applicants. The board questioned what the salary numbers were for this position.

Additional Board Items:

Mr. Johnson brought up usage of the library facilities in the district. He questioned if the library room at the high school should be repurposed since it's not being utilized. He asked the board to consider the topic.

Public Comments: None

The work session was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with an executive session to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

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