

## MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING/GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The May Special Meeting/General Business Meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, May 4, 2017. Mr. Sanderson called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. Gretzula, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Dorsey, Dr. Dunar, Mrs. Godzieba, Mrs. Langtry, Mr. Millward, Mrs. Morett, Mrs. Rarrick and Mrs. Spack.

Administrator Absent: Mr. Taylor.

Others Present: Mr. Clarke, Solicitor.

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

Mr. Sanderson announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting. Mr. Clarke reported that during the executive session, the Board discussed several personnel matters and a matter involving the collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Sanderson informed the public that the Board intends to meet in executive session after this meeting and the Board will report on that at the next Board Meeting.

## PENNSBURY SEA FALCONS SUBMERSIBLE AND APPLIED ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY CLUBS RECOGNITION – DR. DUNAR

Dr. Dunar welcomed members of the Submersible Sea Falcons and also the Prototyping Team along with their advisors, Mr. John Sanders, a teacher in Applied Engineering and Technology Education and Ms. Jessica Perfetto, Coordinator of Applied Engineering and Technology Department.

Mr. Sanders thanked Dr. Gretzula, the Board and the parents for support. Mr. Sanders shared that over the last five years the Pennsbury Sea Falcons Submersible Robotics Team have won more awards than any other high school team at the Sea Perch Competition. The Team participated in the annual National Sea Perch Competition at Temple University on March 18th sponsored by Temple University, the United States Navy and the Office of Naval Research. The PHS Team received commendation for their submitted notebook as well as three trophies: Spirit and Sportsmanship; Oral Presentation and Pool Performance.

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Ms. Perfetto proudly shared the project that the Applied Engineering and Technology Team planned to submit for the May 19<sup>th</sup> Competition. After researching concussion recovery, the Team developed a pair of interchangeable glasses with six therapeutic lenses that actually help filter out different types of light. Ms. Perfetto thanked the Board for their continued support.

The students introduced themselves and shared their plans after high school graduation.

The students thanked Mr. Sanders for being the “keystone” that holds the Pennsbury Sea Falcons Team together and presented him with a plaque officially ordaining him as the “Pennsbury Sea Falcons Fleet Admiral”.

EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY TASK FORCE UPDATE – DR. DUNAR

Dr. Dunar provided a brief update on the work of the Districtwide Task Force on Excellence and Equity. Dr. Dunar explained that this is a Districtwide team effort of administrators, principals, teachers and coordinators. Four subgroups of the Task Force were created to include: Hiring Practices; Expectations and Tracking; Curriculum and Instruction and Professional Development. Short term objectives include professional learning, developing curriculum, developing leadership and resilience in students and attending job fairs. Over the course of the next two years the Task Force plans to develop professional learning among our principals and teachers with plans to develop outreach with parents.

Questions and comments were addressed.

2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION – MR. RODGERS

Mr. Rodgers outlined highlights of the budget schedule and discussed both the revenue budget as well as the expenditure budget. Mr. Rodgers also presented a budget comparison of the Preliminary Budget approved on February 9, 2017 and the Proposed Budget presented this evening to the Board for approval. The 2017-2018 Proposed Budget reflects the need for a 2.9% increase in the real estate tax rate. The 2017-2018 Act 1 Index for Pennsbury is 2.5%. Work continues to update and amend the Proposed Budget in preparation to present the Final Budget at the June 8, 2017 Board Meeting for final adoption.

Questions and comments were addressed.

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BOARD POLICIES 2<sup>ND</sup> READ – MRS. WACHSPRESS

Board Policy 249.1R2 – *Bullying/Cyberbullying*  
Board Policy 201.1R1 – *Admission to Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade*  
Board Policy 006.1R2 – *Board Meetings*

Mrs. Wachspress informed the public that copies of these three policies are available online and hardcopies are available at the back of the room during this meeting. Mrs. Wachspress outlined the changes, if any, that were made to these policies since the First Read and shared that the three policies are on the Agenda of the May 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to vote upon. Mrs. Wachspress also described the Board Meetings new schedule for 2017-2018.

Mrs. Wachspress reiterated that all comments and recommendations are welcome and can be submitted to the District via the offices of Ann Langtry, Dr. Dunar or Dr. Gretzula.

Discussion ensued regarding the Bullying/Cyberbullying Policy. Dr. Gretzula addressed all questions and comments regarding this Policy and the Code of Conduct Manual.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sanderson opened the floor to public comment at 10:00 p.m. The following people came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 10:31 p.m.

Robert Abrams, Lower Makefield Township	Public Comment/Academics/Budget
Pamela McGrath, Falls Township	Bullying Policy
Frank Carr, Falls Township	US News World Report Rankings/ Budget
John Quinn, Falls Township	Bullying Policy
Venkata Tallapaneni, Falls Township	Pupil Services

Dr. Gretzula addressed public comments regarding school rankings and reminded everyone that the data currently published is from the 2014-2015 school year and the more recent data tells a much more positive story for our District.

Mr. Rodgers responded to public comment regarding \$1.4 million in the District's initial Budget for the 1:1 Initiative which he explained was never the case. Mr. Rodgers reminded everyone that when comparing items, do not just pick and choose items to support an argument but look at the totality of the Budget. Mr. Rodgers also clarified the District's Bond Issue in regard to the Pennwood Middle School Project.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rodgers announced that there were two modifications to the May 11th Agenda:

Item A – 2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET – The amended budget amount is \$202,088,581.

Item B – SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – add one item titled  
“Proposal Acceptance – Appraisal Services”

A motion was made by Mrs. Redner, seconded by Mr. Waldorf and unanimously approved with no abstentions that the Board approve the motion for Item A on page 1-2 of the Official Board Agenda.

A. 2017 - 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

MOTION: Move that the Board adopt the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$202,088,581 and that the budget be made available to the public in accordance with Act 1 of 2006 and the School Code.

A motion was made by Mrs. Redner, seconded by Mrs. Hilty and unanimously approved with no abstentions that the Board approve Item B on page 1-2 of the Official Board Agenda.

B. SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

- I. Old Business
- II. Resolution – Student Representative
- III. Settlement and Release Agreements
- IV. Spanish Exchange Program
- V. Internship Agreement
- VI. Legal Services Consultation Agreement
- VII. Board Treasurer Appointment
- VIII. Contract Renewal
- IX. School Meal and A La Carte Prices
- X. PTO Partnership Proposal
- XI. Pennsbury Partners Recognition
- XII. Change Order Procedure
- XIII. Facility Usage Policy Waiver Request
- XIV. Board Policies
- XV. Overnight Educational and Other Leaves
- XVI. Personnel
- XVII. Proposal Acceptance – Appraisal Services

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OTHER BUSINESS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Meeting  
8:00 p.m., May 11, 2017 – Fallsington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room
- Board Partnerships and Marketing Committee  
7:00 p.m., May 17, 2017 – Fallsington Elementary School Cafeteria
- Board Education Committee Meeting  
4:30 p.m., May 18, 2017 – Superintendent’s Conference Room
- Board Budget Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m., May 22, 2017 – Superintendent’s Conference Room

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

There was no further Board Discussion and Comment.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sanderson opened the floor to second public comment at 10:50 p.m. No one came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 10:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Redner, seconded by Mrs. Hilty and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Rodgers  
Board Secretary