

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2017 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The October Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, October 5, 2017. Mrs. Redner called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Hilty, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Schwartz,
Mrs. Wachspress, Mr. Waldorf and Mrs. Redner.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Kannan and Mrs. Smith.

Administrators Present: Dr. Gretzula, Mrs. Aldridge, Mr. Dorsey, Dr. Dunar,
Mrs. Langtry, Mrs. Morett, Mrs. Rarrick, Mr. Rodgers and
Mrs. Spack.

Administrators Absent: Mrs. Godzieba and Mr. Millward.

Others Present: Mr. Cooper, Student Representative and
Mr. Clarke, Solicitor.

Others Absent: Miss Camara, Student Representative.

PRESENTATION: PROGRAM OF STUDIES 2018-2019 – DR. DUNAR, MS. PERFETTO
AND MR. STAUB

Dr. Dunar introduced Ryan Staub, Coordinator of Guidance, and Jessica Perfetto, Coordinator of Applied Engineering and Technology, who explained revisions to the Program of Studies with the goal that the 2018-2019 Program of Studies be approved by the Board at the Action Meeting of October 19, 2017.

In Applied Engineering and Technology Education, Ms. Perfetto described *Project Lead The Way (PLTW)*, a nonprofit organization that partners with colleges to develop and write curriculum that better suits students for preparing them for STEM careers and colleges. Ms. Perfetto explained PLTW costs and benefits as well.

Mr. Staub shared that in the Art Curriculum two additional courses are proposed: Stained Glass Techniques 2 and Advanced Placement Art History.

In the English Department, Mr. Staub shared that the new course proposed is English 11 year-long. An added component to this course will involve a focus on individual reading via Scholastic's *Read 180*.

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In Mathematics, Mr. Staub reported that the Mathematics Progression Chart has been updated. Concepts of Algebra and Geometry is the new course proposed which replaces the remediation course for the Keystones.

In Physical Education, Mr. Staub stated that Exercise Physiology with Lab is the proposed new course. This course targets students who would like to go into the medical field. It has some STEM components to it and it will concentrate on nutrition and lab work.

In JROTC, Mr. Staub reported that currently Pennsbury offers two introduction courses for JROTC. The proposed new course, Cultural Studies/Leadership Education 3, is the next course in the line of studies. This course prepares students to take a leadership role in the program and when they transition into the fourth year, these skills should allow them to become ranking members and have leadership roles.

Changes for future consideration were outlined. All questions and comments were addressed. Discussion ensued regarding Weighted Grading.

BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Wachspress requested that Weighted Grading be put on the next Education Committee meeting agenda for November 2, 2017.

BOARD FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Schwartz reported that the Facilities Committee met on Tuesday evening with an update on the Pennwood Project from Project Manager, Jamie Lynch from D'Huy Engineering and Annina Hogan, Director of Engineering, Remington & Vernick Engineers. Mr. Schwartz explained the change orders discussed at the Committee Meeting and the submission from D'Huy Engineering for a change in their contract. Mr. Schwartz also discussed the status of the LEED Grant for the Pennwood Project. A final draft of the District's Building Utilization Study Facility Assessment is being prepared and will be submitted to the solicitor for final review before sending the Request for Proposals (RFP) to architects.

Questions and comments from the Board were addressed.

BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

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BOARD PARTNERSHIPS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Partnerships and Marketing Committee's scheduled meeting on October 9, 2017 has been postponed.

BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL JOINT BOARD REPORT

Mr. Schwartz reported that the BCTHS Joint Board met on the 4th Friday of September. General routine business was taken care of at this meeting as well as discussion of the BCTHS Capital Improvement Project. A concern has been raised that BCTHS has no monies for capital improvements. The possibility of adjusting the Articles of Agreement to add a factor that a small percentage of the budget is held each year for capital improvements was recommended. A subcommittee of the Joint Board will be formed to further discuss this recommendation.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOLS INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD REPORT

There was no report given this evening. Mrs. Smith did attend the Intermediate Unit Board meeting and will report next month.

BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report given this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Redner opened the floor to public comment at 8:28 p.m. The following people came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 8:38 p.m.

Doug Marshall, Lower Makefield Township	D'Huy Engineering Costs; Curriculum and DARE
Robert Abrams, Lower Makefield Township	Textbooks; Enrollment; Test Scores and Building Utilization Study

Dr. Gretzula addressed the following public comments:

- D'Huy Engineering costs which Dr. Gretzula stated that we are on time and on budget;
- DARE shirts reading *JUST RESIST* reminding everyone that the "R" in DARE stands for Drug & Alcohol Resistance Education;
- cost of AP Class textbooks since there was not an online version available and
- enrollment.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

Dr. Gretzula reported on the ranking highlights comparing PSSA by schools and Pennsbury's Keystone scores across the county:

- Algebra Keystone, Pennsbury scores are 7 out of 19 high schools;
- Biology, Pennsbury scores are 6 out of 19 and
- Literature, Pennsbury scores are 3 out of 19.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

There was no further Board Discussion and Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Palmer and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Rodgers
Board Secretary