

**Union City Area School District
SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
Elementary Large Group Instruction Room
January 4, 2018**

President George Trauner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The salute to the flag and a moment of silence were observed.

Roll Call by the Secretary

Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Brian Gregor, Douglas Hopson, David Robinson and George Trauner were present. Lori Lewis and Barbara Miller were absent.

Others Present

Dr. Sandra Myers, Joan Quickle, Tara Lineman, Adam Shrout, Melissa Tomcho, David Swanson, Stacey Mulson, Amy Webber, Steve Thompson, Timothy Brown, Ann Sill, Dona Fox, Wendy Mangol, Frank Snyder, Sharon Reagle, Jacqueline Kaday and Kiera Kaday were present.

Mrs. Lewis entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Presentation

Mrs. Quickle and Dr. Myers gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled “**School Data Report II.**” [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] The presentation showed the District’s Elementary, Middle School and High School PSSA and Keystone testing results as compared with other area school districts. They responded to many questions and comments from the Board. Among the discussion was that change is needed to make positive steps in improvement, discussion on Mass Customized Learning, and a continued focus on trade skills for those students not college-bound, especially beginning at a younger age. Dr. Myers stated that she meets regularly with the Erie Regional Manufacturing Partnership who is working with building trades and developing coops and apprenticeships.

An individual the audience spoke up regarding her concerns, but Mr. Trauner stopped the comments and invited the community member to come back to the next meeting and share the concerns with the Board during Public Comment. He stated that the Board wants public and parent input to make decisions that are right for students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee A Report

Mrs. Lewis had nothing to report

Committee B Report

Mr. Blakeslee presented the second reading of new policy #3360.1 “Procurement Cards.” There were no questions or discussion.

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REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors

Mr. Trauner stated that when a District appoints a new representative to the IU Board, they also must be approved by the IU Board. A recently recommended Crawford Central Board member was rejected by the IU Board. Crawford Central School Board must now appoint another representative and submit the name to the IU Board.

Erie County Technical School Joint Operating Committee

Mr. Fox reported that ten District students achieved the quarterly honor roll. They are currently in the process of re-vamping the charter so the financing is on a more level playing field. It is expected that our contribution will go up .5% which he stated is likely due to the needed renovation. Twenty-five percent of the student body (187 students) achieved honor roll status. He stated that technical school students are basically the middle kids and blue-collar future employees who are learning a trade to become employable.

Administrative Reports [See Supplementals enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Mrs. Lineman was asked about construction timelines and there was lengthy discussion regarding doing needed repairs in-house, consideration of other architectural firms, the list of priorities, having a presentation by PRM for possible financing, PlanCon, moving the retreat to March 3 (from March 10) and what happens if we borrow and the school is forced to close. Many questions were brought up regarding the renovation which require legal counsel. Mr. Trauner directed the Board to submit their questions to Dr. Myers. Also, Mrs. Lineman was directed to have PFM come to give a presentation at the Feb. 1 Committee meeting. Mr. Gilbert stated he cannot come to the retreat if it's held on March 3 and Mr. Gregor cannot come if it's held on March 10. Mr. Trauner stated the retreat would remain as previously scheduled – March 10.

Mr. Shrout was thanked for including the enrollment numbers in his Elementary report. He was asked what the enrollment was at the beginning of last school year. Mr. Shrout stated he did not have the answer, but that he would find out.

Mrs. Tomcho introduced Kiera Kaday, ECTS Culinary Arts student (along with her mother, Mrs. Kaday). Kiera was Union City's November Student of the Month.

Under Mr. Brown's report, it was asked what is done with the logo. Dr. Myers responded that it's put on the District's various letterheads, business cards and athletics uses it. Copyrighting the logo was discussed. Dr. Myers will check into it.

Mrs. Quickle was asked about the Safe School's Grant that was not awarded to the District. She replied that she didn't expect to receive this grant and if we had been, it would have been a bonus.

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Superintendent's Report

Dr. Myers reported as follows:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding with Titusville for the Distance Learning Grant has been signed by the two districts. They are awaiting the signature of Edinboro University. The Rural Regional College and RCI provide additional opportunities for student education.
2. Mr. Gregor had asked last month about lodging for officials which was on the November checklist. She stated that the coach paid for the entire team and was reimbursed.

Mrs. Lineman was asked about the increase in healthcare costs for next school year. She stated that the District is in a five-year agreement with the Reschini Group and there is no increase in administrative costs.

Other Business

The draft agenda was reviewed. There was a question about tenure to which Dr. Myers explained that after three years of successful evaluations, tenure is granted. There were no other questions. Mr. Trauner instructed the Board to contact Dr. Myers if other questions arose regarding next week's motions.

Mr. Trauner stated that when discussion ensues and progress is not being made, he will stop the discussion and move forward. He also stated that if there is a motion to table an agenda item, it must receive a second.

It was questioned that regarding the student walk-out last spring if a policy needs to be adopted on how to punish participating students. Dr. Myers will check the code of conduct.

Finally, there was a question on the spring coaching staff and those positions that are blank due to the intended coaches not completing their child abuse recognition and reporter training to which Ms. Sill responded that once the training is completed and they have submitted their certificate, their name can go on the agenda for approval.

Adjournment

Mr. Blakeslee moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Fox. Mr. Trauner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Sill
School Board Secretary