

**Union City Area School District**  
**SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Elementary Large Group Instruction Room**  
**February 1, 2018**

Vice President Brian Gregor 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, Barbara Miller and David Robinson were present. Lori Lewis and George Trauner were absent.

**Others Present**

Dr. Sandra Myers, Joan Quickle, Tara Lineman, Adam Shrout, Melissa Tomcho, David Swanson, Stacey Mulson, Timothy Brown, Ann Sill, Solicitor Carl Moore, Dona Fox, Teresa Pacileo, Racquel Gray, Jeannette Boyd, Frank Snyder, Sharon Reagle, Cathy L. Dobrzynski, Jamie Doyle (PFM), David Swanson, Melissa Tomcho, and Hunter Powell were present.

Mr. Gregor announced that if anyone in the audience did not sign in to please do so before leaving the meeting.

**Presentations**

Mr. Gregor announced that there would be two presentations tonight - one by Jamie Doyle from **Public Financial Management**, and the other by Dr. Myers on the **Renovation Project**.

1. Ms. Doyle distributed a handout of her PowerPoint presentation to the Board before proceeding with her presentation. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] She went through the document page by page and responded to questions from the Board. It was asked her fee which she explained would be approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 which her company can save the District that amount many times over as they seek nationwide bids for funding for the proposed bond as well as for bond insurance, the paying agent and the underwriter.
2. Dr. Myers showed her presentation on the screen as previously reviewed with the Board's Renovation Committee. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] The presentation was developed based on questions submitted by the Board following discussion at the January 11 meeting and research conducted. She asked Attorney Moore to explain the law regarding the window replacement and piecemeal projects. He cited Section 751 of the PA School Code which states projects that must be done under contract, the bidding process, and those that can be done by the District's Maintenance Department. There was discussion regarding who is responsible financially for change orders, not wanting to raise taxes, getting a second feasibility study done, keeping up on maintenance needs, additional financing, water retention and green construction.

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It was brought up at the January 4 Committee of the Whole meeting about the new District logo and trademarking it. Attorney Moore explained that a federal trademark costs approximately \$2,000, and the District has a common law right to this trademark. A cease and desist letter can be sent by his firm to anyone outside of the District using our trademark.

Attorney Moore also explained the resolution that's on next week's draft agenda for approval. He stated that the resolution is based on Senate Bill 2, the proposed Educational Savings Account voucher program. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] PSBA recommends PA public school districts passing this resolution and he is in agreement of it, however, he stated it's the Board's choice as to whether they wish to approve it or not.

*Attorney Moore left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Committee B Report**

Mr. Blakeslee reported that the Athletic Committee met with Dr. Myers to review the stipulations and wording in the Athletic Handbook. Dr. Myers then met with Mrs. Tomcho and Mr. Keefer. The committee will be meeting with Dr. Myers, Mrs. Tomcho and Mr. Keefer in the near future.

## **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

### Erie County Technical School Joint Operating Committee

Mr. Fox reported that with Dr. Jackson's resignation, Mr. Tarasovich (current Principal) will become the Interim Superintendent and Mr. Dale Lewis will become the Interim Principal. Seven District students achieved honor roll status in December with one being here tonight whom Mrs. Tomcho will introduce. Six students had perfect attendance.

### **Administrative Reports** [See Supplementals enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Mrs. Tomcho introduced ECTS December Student of the Month, Hunter Powell, who is in the Tourism and Hospitality Management program. (Hunter then exited the meeting.) Mrs. Tomcho also added that the fall football schedule was just released and UC Homecoming will be Friday, September 28.

Mrs. Quickle added that the first District Newsletter in several years was just completed and a copy was given to each Board member. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] She was thanked for this effort and it was noted it's good advertisement for the District. In referring to Mrs. Quickle's report, she was asked about the classroom numbers that will be installed on the outside of each classroom window as part of the District's Safety Plan. It was asked if they could have been done on our 3-D printer. Mrs. Quickle explained that because they have to be installed on the outside of the windows and must be reflective, using the 3-D printer (which prints on wood) wouldn't work. Additionally, they cannot be installed between the two panes of glass as there are blinds already installed between the windows.

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**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Myers reported as follows:

1. Mr. Reagle has officially notified Dr. Myers that for next year he would like to go back to teaching Middle School Social Studies. It was stated how much it is appreciated that he was willing to move to the Agriculture position for the year and that he did a wonderful job. Dr. Myers was asked if they now need to start looking at prospective college grads to fill the position. She replied that they are looking in-house for a possible solution at this time.
2. Former Middle School Guidance Counselor Tom Zakovitch passed away last month and to please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.
3. Dr. Myers displayed a document the Elementary School Nurse would like to send home with students which states that parents need to keep their children home if they have certain conditions as well as when they child could return to school, humorously depicted by emojis. She stated that some parents have been sending their children to school who have been feverish or vomited that morning which spreads the sickness to others. The Board had no problem with the paper being sent home. Mr. ShROUT stated he will let Mrs. Watkins know the paper can be sent home tomorrow (Friday). It was asked that with the flu and other sicknesses currently rampant if the parents can somehow be educated. Mr. ShROUT stated that approximately three to four students per day have been diagnosed with strep or influenza in the past three weeks.
4. It was asked if the cafeteria staff wear hairnets. Dr. Myers will find out.

**Other Business**

Mr. Gregor asked the Board to review next week's draft agenda and ask any questions at this time. He announced that there will be two presentations – one by Mr. Ferretti and students, and the other by Mrs. Mulson and Mr. Robinson.

Ms. Sill asked if it was the Board's pleasure to have a motion on next week's agenda to approve the Latin Grading System following Mrs. Tomcho's report regarding the parent informational meetings that were held. Mrs. Tomcho stated other than one parent who voiced some concern, all others have been in favor of it. The Junior class would like this to be effective for them rather than waiting for it to be effective with the current Sophomore class as was proposed. Mrs. Tomcho stated that three presentations were given (one in November in conjunction with a Regional Rural College presentation and the other two in January). Letters were mailed to parents of students in grades 6-12 along with Global messages regarding the meetings. Mr. Hopson stated that he attended two of the three meetings which were very informative. Dr. Myers said that parents have had ample opportunity to attend meetings, gather information and ask questions about the proposed change. It was asked if there will still be a Valedictorian and Salutatorian to which Mrs. Tomcho replied that a secret list will be kept of the class ranks for any post-secondary entities who might need to know the top ranking students. Mrs. Tomcho said they will be contacting area districts who have already instituted the Latin Grading System for their procedure as they develop one that works best for us. The Board was in favor of putting

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the motion on next week's agenda for approval effective with the current Junior class (Class of 2019).

It was also asked the pleasure of the Board in retaining the resolution regarding the resolution opposing proposed Senate Bill 2 voucher system on next week's agenda as Attorney Moore stated before he left the meeting that it's at the discretion of the Board whether they would like to approve the resolution or not. The Board was in favor of leaving it on the agenda.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Blakeslee moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Fox. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gregor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Sill  
School Board Secretary