

increases, Lenape part-time tuition anticipated increase of 62% to current \$385,000 rate, enrollment projections, \$640,000 unsustainable Lenape full-time student tuition, approximately 30 Lenape students in grades 11-12, repeat Lenape classes in 10th and 11th grades, Lenape part-time per student cost \$6,000, Lenape full-time per student cost \$9,000, Lenape full-time special education costs contracted out to Armstrong School District staff. Tenth grade tours available to determine interest and possibility of offering tours to 9th and 10th grades. These key issues previously discussed approximately five years ago with public presentation and input in auditorium and may need again. Highly qualified teachers (98% to 100%) at Leechburg and Lenape, state funding losses with full-time Lenape students, potential presentation by Lenape Director and Business Manager, current allocation split subsidy with part-time, Lenape receipt of full-time student subsidy yields no decrease in costs, alignment of curriculum, and full-time/part-time SPP scores. Lenape schedule adjustments to accommodate full-time students, April 15th Lenape application deadline, 10 out of 70 Pennsylvania Career and Technical Centers full-time or 20%, four sending districts and standardized test scores on core cross sample when students taking PSSA standardized tests.

Board will research further, conduct fact finding and discuss further at future Public Work Session/Agenda Setting meetings.

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Retirements will require replacements and jobs available in vocational fields.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD SECRETARY UPDATES:

Principal Reports –

Mr. Kruluts reported on special education transition planning, meeting with PDE in identified areas and planned inservice programs to address de-escalation training. Reviewed Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Jobs program for juniors and seniors' job placement in community and OVR reimbursed business costs. Alisa Shinko, junior, presented on working with Steve Banko's State Farm office and thanked District for opportunity. Grant awarded to place 50 student workers at \$9.00 per hour, working with representative from OVR and job coach for shadowing and work, self-referral, several local business sites considering and parameters need met. Weekly evaluations, check in with job sites and needs being met for employers and student workers. Post placement reviews will be conducted. Also, Wave Two of Keystone Exams being conducted.

Mr. Wilson and Science Olympiad student participants presented on \$900 Science Olympiad Grant awarded to 4-6 grades participating on premier science competitions teams, 7,600 teams in 50 states, permitted 15 students in 23 events including research, learning and testing at competition and designing projects at State competitions in April and National competitions in May. Meet two times per week and Saturday, with almost 100% attendance. The following students were in attendance and spoke about their experience, including Christine Guo, Eli Sherbondy, Hannah Henry, Jessica Ramey, Kylie Fabry, Nick Sherbondy and Katherine Huth. Noted a very challenging program. Thanked teachers, Mr. Kirk Wilson, Ms. Tanya Sherbondy and Ms. Nancy Burger for assistance, Ms. Nancy

Tarella for wood offered to program, Ms. Jeanine Bono for chemistry and biology supplies needed and thanked Ms. Nix and Mr. Keibler for offering the opportunity to students in these content areas.

Ms. Nix reported the David Leech Elementary Title I program received the Title I Distinguished Schools Award designation and provided District with award plaques received for display. Ms. Nix thanked all involved including students, teachers and staff.

Mr. Keibler reported on data team meetings regarding Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), Study Island and positive behavior multi-tiered support academically and socially. Next meeting scheduled April 2017.

Reported on meeting with United Way regarding grant awards for Kindergarten transition, day for parents/guardians to meet with teachers, read books and activities with incoming students, three transitions anticipated in Fall, Winter and Spring. Applied for \$2,000 grant and will update at future meeting.

Kindergarten registration and screening on March 16, 2017, Dial 4 screening process to be used and meeting with each parent to provide data at that time.

First grade classes delivered over 100 Valentine's Day cards to residents at Leechburg high rises. Student and staff had opportunity to meet residents, field trip was well received and will request ratification of Field Trip at next voting session.

Full-Day Kindergarten Proposal including positions, costs, student needs and reviewing human and financial capital. Reading and Math instructional time adjustments, universal screener, progress monitoring, skills development, focus on kindergarten and first grade next year on benchmarks, meeting existing student needs, transportation cost savings and elementary student bus counts. Reviewed middle school concept, transition, team teacher planning, building master schedule, middle school teacher team collaboration, Learning Support K-2 to 3-5 classes, refocusing teacher position from special education due to retirement to kindergarten, intervention teams, K-Pals curriculum or other programs, building foundations prior to moving forward, individualized level instruction and opportunity to realign with 191 schools participating. Spoke with PA Department of Education Secretary Rivera regarding funding available, standards in state and time for students to receive instruction needed. Previously full-time kindergarten students lost to parochial schools with five attending all-day kindergarten programs currently. Sixth grade will be transitioned to middle school with 6-8 grades on fourth floor of high school only and teachers sharing pod on floor. Learning support high school teacher team researching realignment of job duties, one transition coordinator, benefits to middle school students and working with high school principal in transitions. Elementary schedule will remain similar as currently with inclusion of rotation.

Architect Update – Building and Grounds assessment by Axis Architecture P.C., toured facilities with Mr. Jon Turiak, Building and Grounds Facilitator, to develop long-range plan, last renovations in 1995

and comprehensive facilities review in 5/10/15 years and educational review. Axis Architecture provided introduction, facility assessment objectives, review field investigation findings and recommendations prioritized, budget estimates and addressed questions and concerns. Identified needs in plumbing, electrical, building and educational needs. Completing projects in stages, working document, regulations with grandfathered facilities, facility condition assessment, educational adequacy assessment, Technology Readiness Assessment and Capacity and Utilization Assessment. Create appropriate spaces, meet accessibility requirements, aesthetics, cost-effective renovations, proper function of building and programs, productivity for students and teachers, secure and safe environment, sustainability and current emerging issues. Proposing replacement of entire roof membrane, repair deteriorating retaining walls, restore areas of building masonry as required, repair damaged sidewalks and repave lower level driveway access. In David Leech Elementary building: Secure main entrance and lobby, renovate main office security, adjust room locations to accommodate full-day kindergarten and renovate library for greater flexibility and computer learning. In Leechburg Middle/High School building: Renovate wood shop, CAD Lab and Computer Room Area in Baker Building to house new "Creation Nation" space, renovate existing secondary art room, renovate chemistry, biology and physics labs to current standards and renovate main offices for better security. Overview of electrical/HVAC/Plumbing systems condition assessments. Reviewed recommended areas of renovations, reviewed vision for Creation Nation suite for hands-on learning environment, priority issues budget breakdown in listings #1 and #2 and long-term budgeting for further discussion. Items not included in budget projections include: technology systems costs, civil engineering or survey costs and asbestos consultant costs.

Discussions ensued regarding professional and contingency fees and project management depends upon specific needs. Renovations to home economics and wood shop area renovations which proposed to include shop with updated equipment and broader curriculum.

Board will review and revisit at future meeting with a prioritized listing for safety and facilities.

Property Tax Relief-Discussion ensued regarding property tax relief legislation and impact on District.

Lenape Discussion – Discussion continued regarding part-time and full-time Lenape vocational programs, budget anticipation and timeline for decision.

Board recommendation to review and revisit at the March 8, 2017 Public Work Session/Agenda Setting Meeting.

2017-2018 School District Calendar – Currently working on draft and will present at future meeting. Will be developed and shared with committee prior to presentation to the Board.

Spring Memorial Concert – Prior students interested in concert performance in honor and memory of teacher, Mr. David Ritzel. Family has chosen to donate proceeds to newly developed music scholarship.

Summer Workers – Discussion ensued regarding reinstating Summer Worker program for students.

PERSONNEL:

- Supplemental Positions:
 - Baseball Boys' Varsity Assistant Coach
 - Volleyball Girls 7&8 Assistant Coach

Board recommendation to place action on February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- Updated Bank Signature Cards
- ARIN Intermediate Unit's 2016-2017 Pregnant and Parenting Teens (PPT) Program- \$900 cost.

Board recommendation to place action on February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:

- Sonya Heasley-Leechburg Public Library-Pre-K Storytimes-01/31/17 (Ratify), 02/28/17, 03/28/17, 04/25/17 and 05/30/17
- Ashley Mondale-Senior Class Dodgeball Tournament-Gymnasium-03/03/17
- Connie Jerich-Robert E. Nigro Education Foundation-Jim O'Brien Speaker, Auditorium-03/24/17
- Shayle Prorok-Art Club-Eat Your Art Out-Cafeteria-03/24/17 and 03/25/17

Board recommendation to place action on February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS:

- Kelly Sadler-Interested 11th Grade Students-Pittsburgh College Fair, David Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA-02/09/17
- Jeanine DeCapite-SADD-2017 Youth Leadership Conference-IUP, Indiana, PA-02/22/17 (Ratify)
- Kathy Hooks-Selected Students-PMEA Region Chorus-Freeport Area High School, Freeport, PA-02/25/17
- Jeffrey Zelonka-Science/Technology Classes-SciTech Festival, Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, PA-03/09/17
- Rob Reams-Taiko-Performance at South Buffalo Elementary, Freeport, PA-03/20/17
- Kirk Wilson-4-6 Grade Science Students-Science Olympiad-California University-03/22/17
- First Grade Teachers-First Grade-Pittsburgh Children's Museum, Pittsburgh, PA-04/13/17
- Kindergarten Teachers-Kindergarten Classes-Pittsburgh Zoo, Pittsburgh, PA-04/27/17
- Second Grade Teachers-Second Grade-Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, PA-04/27/17
- Third Grade Teachers-Third Grade-Carnegie Museum of Natural History-05/08/17

Board recommendation to place action on February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

OVERNIGHT EXCURSION REQUEST:

- Rob Reams-Band/Choir-Washington D.C. Trip-03/31/17-04/02/17 (Final)

Board recommendation to place action on February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

FUNDRAISING REQUESTS:

- Ashley Mondale/Eve Hebrank-Senior Class-Glow-In-The-Dark Dodgeball Tournament-02/20/17-03/03/17
- Jolynn Young-National Honors Society-Change Wars-02/21/17-03/10/17 (Ratify)
- Shayle Prorok-Art Club-Eat Your Art Out-03/24/17 and 03/25/17

Board recommendation to place action on February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

BOARD RELATED ISSUES

- Board Treasurer Appointment

Board recommendation for action this evening.

- Updated Memorandum of Understanding with Local Police Departments

Board recommendation to place action on the June 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

STUDENT RELATED ISSUES:

Cell Phone Usage During Lunch and Study Halls-Student petition being circulated for use of cellular phones during lunch periods, proposing 30 calendar day trial period at lunch only. Criteria must be available and responsibility of students to gain opportunity. Concrete expectations for student use and adult monitoring, establish rules, meet with students and parents in grades 6-12 and use only during lunch period. Research and data will be provided to Board following 30-day trial.

ATHLETICS:

Track Team Proposal – Track Club sponsored by Mark Jones and Mark George previously on volunteer basis, 26 students participated last year and 42 signed up this year with higher projected increase anticipated, proposing 2017-2018 WPIAL schedule as sport, fundraising this year to cover costs associated with Track Club including transportation costs-\$210 per trip, 8 buses, equipment, using other schools' facilities and need for long-term budgeting. \$18,560 in salaries at Riverview and \$14,150 projected for District team. Mr. Jones offering to redirect his salary back to team. Benefits include reduction of childhood obesity issues and increased student athlete interest. Coed sport in grades 9-12 and potential practice and invitational participation in grades 7-8.

Board recommendation to place action on February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:

Amendment: Policy 008 – Organization Chart

Second Reading: Policy 255 - Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

Board recommendation to place action on February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

II. NEW BUSINESS:**A. BOARD RELATED ISSUES:**

1. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to appoint Mr. Bradley Walker as Treasurer for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school term/fiscal year.

Voice Vote- Motion Carried.

All Ayes

Ms. Smith and Mrs. Yurjevich were absent.

2. Mrs. Hamm made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brady to approve RESOLUTION 2016-2017-05 for changes in Signature Cards on the District accounts at First Commonwealth Bank and Nextier Bank to reflect new signatures as presented in (Exhibit A1).

Voice Vote- Motion Carried.

All Ayes

Ms. Smith and Mrs. Yurjevich were absent.

Mrs. Hamm made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to approve a 30-day trial for cell phone use during lunch periods as per administrative expectations.

Voice Vote- Motion Carried.

All Ayes

Ms. Smith and Mrs. Yurjevich were absent.

ADJOURNED: On a motion by Mrs. Shea, seconded by Mr. Brady the Public Work Session/Agenda Setting Meeting of February 8, 2017 adjourned at 10:07 PM in the J. D. Orr Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,



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Board Secretary