

CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP/SPECIAL ACITON MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES/DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ROOM

JANUARY 10, 2017

1.0 MEETING OPENING

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Chartiers Valley Board of School Directors was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Mazzarini in the District Assembly Room.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Present

Mr. Tony Mazzarini, President
Mrs. Patel, Vice President
Mrs. Sandra Zeleznik
Mr. Eric Kraemer
Mr. Mark Kuczinski
Mrs. Julie Murphy
Mr. Jeff Choura
Mr. Jamie Stevenson
(arrived at 6:30)

Also Present

Dr. Brian White, Superintendent
Mr. Scott Seltzer, Assistant Superintendent
of School Leadership
Dr. Yvonne Hawkins, Assistant Superintendent
of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Nicholas Morelli, Director of Finance
and Support Operations
Mrs. Kara Droney, Director of Communications
and Partnerships
Mr. Don Palmer, Solicitor

Absent

Mr. Kearney

D. Public Comments

2.0 ACTION/DISCUSSION

2.1 Presentation by the University of Pittsburgh Institute for Learning.

Victoria Bill, Allison Escher and Cheryl Sandora from the Institute for Learning (IFL) spoke about partnering with Chartiers Valley School District. IFL focuses on what it takes for all students to become effective, enthusiastic and independent learners. The other focus is what it takes for educators at every level to inspire, foster, and sustain high levels of achievement in their students.

IFL has provided professional development and coaching to the CV staff this year and identified the goals of the partnership, measuring success and the next steps for Math and English Language Arts.

The goals for this year are to create a common vision and language around high quality mathematics instruction. We do this by learning characteristics of cognitive demand math tasks, ask assessing and advancing questions of students, engaging students in productive discussions so that students are the owners of the math ideas and teachers have opportunities to assess what students know. Another piece is to support teachers in creating and selecting high-level tasks and build capacity for assessing and advancing student learning and curriculum writing.

Two videos were presented that Mrs. Floro gathered up showing students talking about their learning experience this year.

Mr. Stevenson asked what the take away was for us as board members, what do you want us to get out of this.

Dr. White said at budget time, we are going to have a lot of tough choices to make, and I hope we find a way to commit to at least what we're doing this year and possibly expand the Mathematics at the Intermediate School next year as well. He said, we as an administrative team are placing a lot of value on the work that is going on with our curriculum leaders and IFL, I think it is important to commit to improving instructional practices in our classrooms.

Mr. Stevenson asked if we're able to correlate that to metrics, in terms of measurement, that what they're doing, bringing to the table is impacting our district from a performance perspective.

Dr. White said that if you're looking at the PSSA's, you'll know this summer.

Mrs. Murphy asked about the 3 to 8 year timeline, and what exactly takes 3 to 8 years.

Ms. Bill said that our average district stayed with us for 3 to 8 years. She said that they have seen some gains in the first year, in the second they see even more. She said that it is a gradual process and it depends on how much time and effort is being put into it. The striking difference in Chartiers Valley is that we come in and do sessions, but when we leave, your administrators keep the work going and we don't often get that kind of support.

Mr. Stevenson asked if they worked with neighboring school districts.

She said that they work with West Allegheny, Peters Township and Pittsburgh Public.

Mrs. Patel said that they have been working with us since the summer, she asked where they saw strengths and what areas we need to work on.

Ms. Bill said that we need to work seriously on curriculum. She said that the curriculum does not have a steady diet of high level tasks.

Mrs. Patel asked about the Parent/Community role in this.

Ms. Bill said that they do not work directly with parents, but every district we have worked with usually has a component for parents.

Mr. Mazzarini said that he wanted to thank all of them for the wonderful presentation and the work they are doing with our staff. He also said that he would like to thank our staff, the level of excitement and that we truly appreciate your efforts.

2.2 Monthly Construction Report – January, 2017.

Mr. Day said that Phase 2B has started, which is located behind the cafeteria and food court area where the new service elevator will be. It is anticipated to be done by June 1, 2018. He said that the Middle School structural steel erection is ongoing and the steel detailing will continue into early February. The slab-on-deck pours are ongoing and in the tented areas on the northeast corner of the learning tower the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors are poured. The exterior structural studs are to commence early this month.

Dr. White asked if the steel erection included the gym.

Mr. Day said that he was informed that the steel for the gym should be on sight early in February. He said by mid-February, the structure should be up. The bridge is ready, they just need to build the connector. Mr. Day said they have completed all the foundations through the gym except for the bridge connector.

Mr. Day said at the High School, the Auditorium is complete and the punch list and closeout are ongoing. He showed the board a picture of the Auditorium, stating that is was much brighter and it look great with the color scheme. He said that the Performing Arts drywall is ongoing and should be finished soon and then the next step will be painting. The Tech Ed is nearly weather tight, the air barrier is going to start tomorrow, the metal studs, drywall and MEP rough-in is ongoing.

Mr. Kuczinski asked about the stage floor.

Dr. White said that there were still some divots from staples, Rycon is working with us to correct the problem.

Mr. Day said that there were three change order on the agenda for approval, if anyone had any questions to ask.

Mr. Stevenson asked when the project schedules would be submitted to the board.

Mr. Day said he would send it early next week.

Mr. Kuczinski said that he didn't see a lot of activity over the break and wondered if there were a lot of days off.

Mr. Day said that there were a few days that the crane wasn't moving and that they didn't erect any steel, but they were detailing.

2.3 Motion to approve Lugaila Mechanical Change Order #01 for an add of six thousand on hundred eighteen dollars and zero cents. Value = \$6,118.00.

**Motion to approve item 2.3 listed above.
MOVED by Mr.Kuczinski, seconded by Mrs. Zeleznik.
On a voice vote, the motion passes 7-1.**

2.4 Motion to approve Rycon construction change Order #03 for an add of thirty-two thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars and zero cents. Value = \$32,815.00.

**Motion to approve item 2.4 listed above.
MOVED by Mr. Kuczinski, seconded by Mr. Kraemer.
On a voice vote, the motion passes 7-1.**

- 2.5 Motion to approve Mucci Construction Change Order #04 for an added cost of thirty-five thousand three hundred fifty-seven dollars and zero cents. Value = \$33,357.00.

Motion to approve item 2.5 listed above.

MOVED by Mr. Kraemer, seconded by Mr. Kuczinski.

On a voice vote, the motion passes 7-1.

- 2.6 Motion to approve Technology bid for Middle School/High School construction project as recommended by the Technology Director, Mr. Scott Kelly, and Construction Manager, Mr. Jason Day and to accept the lowest responsible bid as submitted by Horizon for the base bid amount including Alternates #1, #2, #4 and #5 in the total amount of \$1,421,100.00.

Mr. Kelly said that the base bid was for all the work and that they separated out alternates to ensure that contractors weren't gouging us on the price of equipment. He said out of the alternates that 4 came back incredibly cost effective.

Dr. White said that all the alternates are equipment only, not install, the install is in the base bid.

Mr. Mazzarini asked how the bids reflected on the budget.

Dr. White said that our technology budget was 1.5 million, he said that the bid is under that, but what is not in there, is the sound bars which are the one alternate.

Mr. Mazzarini asked if there were any warranties on the items.

Mr. Kelly said that most of the items have the standard 1 yr. manufacture warranty. He said there is a host of products, but he could get a list of all the warranties.

Mr. Mazzarini said that now would be a good time to push for extended warranties. He said that we are buying in bulk now is the time to negotiate the length of the warranty.

Motion to approve item 2.6 listed above.

MOVED by Mr. Kraemer, seconded by Mr. Kuczinski.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- 2.7 Motion to approve minutes from October 25, 2016 and November 23, 2016 meetings.

Motion to approve item 2.7 listed above.

MOVED by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mrs. Zeleznik.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- 2.8 Motion to approve Rob Oliver as the facilitator for the Anti-bullying Task Force Forum at a cost of \$1500.00.

Mr. Seltzer passed out a cover sheet about Rob Oliver and said that there were two people that the committee discussed would be good facilitators, and Ron was the one who showed interest and is available to do this.

Mrs. Patel said that Mr. Kuczinski, Mrs. Zeleznik and Mr. Seltzer and herself have had a few calls about how they were going to engage the community in these discussions. They discussed bring a third party in to come a facilitate a community dialogue on bullying and what we as a school district and community can do to prevent it or to have best practices.

Mr. Stevenson said that we have two or three programs going on now and in his experience, none of them seem to be working. He said, if we engage this person and thinking that we are going to fill a room with community members, it's probably farfetched.

Mrs. Patel said that it is not just to have him talk to the group, it's to engage them in a working session, so there should be outcomes from that meeting.

Mrs. Murphy asked if anyone had any experience with Rob Oliver and if anyone had seen him. She said that on the surface he looks to be a presenter, not a facilitator.

Mrs. Patel said that the challenge was that the facilitators that they were looking at were not comfortable with the subject matter. She said that they could facilitate, do the community engagement dialogue, but didn't have the bullying subject matter expertise.

Mr. Mazzarini said that the thinking that it would be best for our parents and administration or teachers, what is the thinking behind that. Why not do it in a mass assembly.

Dr. White said that the point of this session was to let people brainstorm, put things on the table and talk about experiences. He said that we need someone that knows what bullying is.

Mrs. Zeleznik said that one of the things they were thinking of along the way was that they would figure out what they needed in the pre planning session with him and getting somewhat of a needs assessment. That is why we want to engage the community, to see what they think our needs are and what they are perceiving is going on in the schools.

Mr. Kuczinski said that we could send out a survey also. He is not going to stand up and give us the answers, what he is going to do is draw things out of people so you can put something to paper and say here's what we can do, try to make it better.

The board also discussed ways to be transparent and a system of measurement to show how the district as a whole is doing.

Motion to approve item 2.8 listed above.

MOVED by Mrs. Zeleznik, seconded by Mrs. Murphy.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- 2.9 Motion to approve the appointment made by Lisa M. Riley, elected Tax Collector for properties located in Scott Township, to Jordan Tax Service, Inc. as Deputy Tax Collector for the collection of school district taxes for the term commencing January 10, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, subject to the execution of the attached agreement by both the Tax collector and Jordan Tax Service, Inc. pursuant to the terms of the attached Deputization of Deputy Tax Collector agreement between the Tax Collector and Jordan Service, Inc. dated January 10, 2017.

Lisa Riley, tax collector discussed the changes for collecting property taxes in Scott Township.

Item 2.9 was tabled until the next meeting.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.
MOVED by Mrs. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Choura.
On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas D. Morelli
Board Secretary