

The Board met in a work session at 7:10 pm on Monday, October 30, 2023, with the following present: Dr. Eckley, Mandi Daugherty, Heidi Kennedy, Joseph Musselman, Jeremy Knott, Rich Gergely, Jerome Dodson, Matt Hall, Chuck Kassick, Brannon Raptosh, Stacey Claycomb, Lesa Imler, Curt Rodgers, Suzanne Wicker, Todd Imler, Carl Beard (Beard Legal Group), Dena Burket and Brian Helsel.

Mr. Gergely noted that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Dr. Helsel addressed the Board during his Superintendent report. He advised that AMB wants to present their findings to the Board on November 8, 2023. He spoke briefly about procedures developed for maintenance of turf fields. TB tests for Position Volunteers are required. Act 55 of 2022 mandated school safety-related training for all Pennsylvania public school employees was discussed. He also addressed Policy 200 – Enrollment, Policy 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students and Policy 906 – Public Complaint Procedures. These were addressed in response to recent public comment brought before the Board at the September 13, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Hall addressed the Board during his Elementary Principal report. He had two elementary teachers, Curt Rodgers and Suzanne Wicker, present some new things they are working on with students to introduce the Bill of Rights and local Claysburg History in a fun way. Matt also spoke of the recent Fall Festival, NED Show Assembly, Halloween Parade, Vision Screenings, Book Bingo, Faculty Fun Fridays and other things going on at the Elementary.

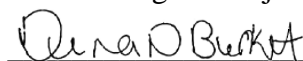
Mr. Kassick addressed the Board during his Secondary Principal report. He informed the Board of the recent Safety Training at the high school. He spoke about ISafe Training and Chapter 339 to be managed by Mr. Bilchak and Mr. Dodson. He spoke about STEELS training. He addressed that PDE has been slow to roll out this new science program. The plan is for PDE to train the IU8 and the IU8 to train the District. However, PDE has not given much direction so far. He told the Board about the upcoming Powder Puff Game on November 16th. He spoke about PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) and training given to the staff. A fall festival was held as part of a PBIS initiative. He addressed the Incentive Lounge and the progress of the soft opening. He informed the Board that our textbook inventory was reviewed, and we are up to date regarding that matter. He also informed the Board that we currently have nine dual enrollment opportunities.

Mr. Helsel informed the Board of the possibility of a Spring Musical/Show. Mrs. Kennedy said a few local directors are interested in applying for this position. The topic of stipends and some other costs were discussed.

The Board was informed that there are many first and second readings of Board Policies to be reviewed as the result of an ongoing PSBA policy review.

The Board was informed of Athletic Project updates. The new deck is almost finished. Mr. Helsel informed that Board of a donation being made by a local business for the deck project is expected to come in soon. Most of all work is complete. Mr. Beard informed the Board before signing and Certificates of Completion to look at a “punch list” of things that may need corrected or addressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.



Board Secretary