



Tuesday, May 24, 2022
Virtual Board Meeting – Work Session
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – 7:04 PM

2. Work Session Opening

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Roll Call

Ms. Tracy Baron, President; Ms. Shannon Stringer, Vice President; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Ms. Brooke Bass; Ms. Penny Sullivan-Nunes; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; Dr. Darrell Stinchcomb, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction and Equity; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Ms. Rita Kennedy and Mr. Massimo Bufalini were not in attendance

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Bass moved, and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, that the Board accept the May 24th Agenda.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

3. Announcements

Walk-to-School day will be next Thursday at Springhurst.
First Responder Day will be celebrated tomorrow at 11:00 am in the Commons.

4. Citizens Comments

4.01 Notice

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None.

5. Work Session

5.01 Sleep and Adolescent Mental Health

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The attendees watched a video on Teen Sleep Deprivation.

Dr. Brady thinks that by the District moving to a later start time we are heading in the right direction.

Next, the group was asked to think of the following questions:

- How can we help teens make sleep a priority?
- What is the role of parents?
- What is the role of schools?
- What are two things that resonated with you based on the discussion this evening?
 - We need to figure out how to get kids to take ownership
 - Parents can help with younger students but HS students are on their own

Comments included:

- How to motivate kids to get enough sleep – reports say they need at least 8 to 10 hours
- Change to Daylight Savings time affects students
- Possibly creating a rule in the house with a definite stop and go-to- bed time
- Sleep plays an important role in students' mental health
- Kids stay up too late for various reasons
- Too much screen time – social media
 - In some instances, at an early age screen time is used as a babysitter or entertainment so they are programmed
 - Science shows that device programs have algorithms that are built in to make you additive to them – watch “Social Dilemma” or “Screenagers”
- If you don't have enough sleep, you will not be able to process everything you are studying.
- A “no screen” policy in the student's bedroom from an early age
- Parents should model less screen time
- Too much homework keeps students from getting enough sleep
- Working on a PC or Chromebook leads to more access to social media
- Schools should offer courses on time management, how to study properly or an advisory time for students to discuss issues related to late night hours
- A water polo team made a commitment to get 10 hours of more sleep a semester and they did better
 - Can coaches make it part of their training?
- Get our start time to 9:00 AM
- Parents are complaining that 8:45 AM causes issues for working parents
 - This is what is best for kids not convenience for parents
- To push it back further would impact our sports teams
- Students should have bedtime routines which includes wind down time – read, listen to music, etc.
- Students should have a morning routine as well, possibly a walk outside or walk to school
- How do we get kids to take ownership?

Dr. Brady thanked everyone for reading and participating in the conversation and this conversation

6. Public Hearing

6.01 District-Wide Safety & Emergency Management Plan

The District held a Public Hearing on the District-Wide Safety & Emergency Management Plan which has been posted to the District website for 30 days.

There were no comments.

7. Board Action

7.01 Budget Transfer

Ms. Sullivan-Nunes moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer to cover the installation of Springhurst Playground equipment:

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Account	Decrease	Increase
A 9730-600-00-0000 BAN Principal	\$75,000	
A 1621-401-08-0000 Maintenance Projects		\$75,000

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Dr. Clamser explained the details of the budget transfer.

7.02 Budget Transfer

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer to move funds from In-District Transportation to Out-of-District Transportation:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 5540-436-09-0000 Contract Trans-In District	\$75,000	
A 5540-435-09-7200 Contract Trans-Out of District		\$75,000

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.03 Budget Increase

Ms. Bass moved, and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, that the Board approve decreasing the Reserve for Debt Service and increasing the budget in the amount of \$174,557 to pay for the BAN premium received on June 4, 2021 and payable on June 4, 2022:

Reserve Account to Decrease	Amount	Expenditure Account to Increase	Amount
A884 Reserve for Debt Service	\$174,557	A9730-700-00-0000 BAN Interest	\$174,557

Dr. Clamser explained the details of the budget increase/decrease.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.04 Change Order

Ms. Bass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the following change order:

Project #	Change Order #	Contractor	Amount	Description
03-03-0004018	SC-SES-2-02	DeRosa Sports Construction, Inc.	\$28,970.47	Install asphalt paving and gate for walkway behind softball field to CV

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.05 Contract External Auditor 2022

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board authorizes its President to sign an agreement with the firm of PKF O'Connor Davis, LLP, to conduct the external audit of the District's financial proceedings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 and subsequent fiscal years at the District's options. A copy of said agreement, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.06 Personnel

Ms. Bass moved, and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, that the Board approve the civil service and staff personnel recommendations.

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Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Dr. Brady explained the personnel recommendations and congratulated all the retirees.

Dr. Brady also stated that Mr. Douglas Berry will be appointed at a future meeting as the Interim Superintendent from July 1 to approximately August 15.

8. Acknowledgements

8.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Reports for March, 2022.

8.02 Warrant

The Board acknowledged the following warrants:
Warrant No. 56, 57 and 59 Multi.

9. Citizens Comments

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None.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

11.01 2022-2023 Reorganizational Board Meeting Date

The Board decided the 2022-2023 Annual Reorganizational Meeting will be held on July 6th at 7:00 PM details to be determined.

11.02 Draft 2022-2023 Board Meeting Dates

Draft of possible BOE Meeting dates that will be adopted at the Reorg meeting.

The District Clerk will revise the document and bring it back to the Board.

12. Upcoming Meetings

12.01 Calendar

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

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Tuesday, June 21, 2022 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

13. Adjournment

At 8:37 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

14. Approved Minutes

14.01 Approved Minutes - April 12 and 26, 2022



Loretta Tularzko
District Clerk