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Study Session

The Board met in study session on Thursday, March 14, with President Crocenzi presiding.

2019-2020 General Fund Budget

Mrs. Stuck led a panel discussion related to the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget. This presentation and others made during the budget development process can be viewed on the [District website](#).

Comprehensive Plan Update & Special Education Plan

Dr. Argot shared that the Comprehensive Plan Update and Special Education Plan are available for community review on the [District website](#). A recommendation will be made for the Board to approve the updates in April.

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Building Policies

Dr. Argot informed the Board that administration would be recommending formal approval of the building level Title I Parent and Family Engagement policies.

Board Meeting

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, March 21, with President Crocenzi presiding.

Cedar Cliff High School's JROTC Color Guard presented the colors for the evening. JROTC members included Sophomores Abby Delligatti and Aven Sandoval with Juniors Tom Sorrow and Josh Weber.

Red Land High School's Brass Quintet featuring Sophomore Isaac Emlet, Juniors Spencer Burnheimer and Garrett Spangler, with Senior

Peyton Sholly performed the National Anthem. Mr. David Wertz, student teacher from Messiah College, directed the musicians.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held February 14 and 21, 2019, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2019, showing invested and available funds of \$42,874,905.50.

Communications

Dr. Stoltz distributed a copy of the latest legal update from the solicitor's office, and Dr. Argot shared the Central Treasury Reports for Cedar Cliff and Red Land High Schools.

The Board approved the student discipline recommendations as presented.

Board Reports

Mr. Kambic highlighted building updates from members of the District Advisory Council.

Mrs. Williamson shared stories from her recent Board visit to Lower Allen Elementary.

Mrs. Tierney praised the students and staff involved with the [Cedar Cliff Sentinel](#), an online, student produced newspaper, on their national attention.

Mr. Guistwhite provided an overview of the Board Policy Committee's recent actions.

Mrs. Tierney shared that the [West Shore Foundation](#) is a beneficiary of the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community fundraiser on May 18. She encouraged everyone to register.



NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST

Congratulations to Lance Miller, 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist.
#WestShoreProud

Recognition by the Board

As we have done in the past, the West Shore School District partnered with Lamar Advertising this year to celebrate Youth Art Month with a community-wide billboard display. The Board recognized this year's fifteen student billboard artists, their teachers, and sponsors. A complete list of featured artists and a slideshow of their work can be viewed on the [District website](#).

Red Land High School Senior Lance Miller was recognized for becoming a finalist in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Ms. Elissa Henry, Food Service Lead at Lower Allen Elementary, and Dr. Argot, Director of Federal Programs, were recognized as 2019 Pennsylvania School Breakfast Heroes. Dr. Argot expressed his appreciation for being nominated for the award and thanked the members of the Food Service Department for their hard work.

Senior Donovan Ball, Cedar Cliff, and Junior Jessica Rowzer, Red Land, shared recent events from their respective high schools. Board reports for [Cedar Cliff](#) and [Red Land](#) can be downloaded from the Daily Announcements page of each school website.

Board Shout Outs

Dr. Falvo highlighted the great work done by Mr. Robert Glass and Mr. Robert Sherretz with

the West Shore Color Guard and thanked them for their service to the District.

Mrs. Williamson provided a West Shore Ice Hockey update.

Dr. Stoltz commended the achievements of our high school athletes at the state level. He also spotlighted the efforts of our students and staff to raise funds for outside organizations, most recently for the Four Diamonds Fund during the mini-THONs.

Dr. Stoltz attended Shrek Jr. and The Addams Family musicals produced by our high schools and praised the students and staff on their performances. He also highlighted the career development opportunities being provided to our students.

Lastly, Dr. Stoltz shared information about the senior exit interviews conducted at Cedar Cliff and Red Land. He thanked staff and students for their participation after the early dismissal on Friday, March 15.

Recognition of the Public

Opportunity for Students to Speak/ Agenda Items

No students or community members addressed the Board.

Business Items

Bills for Approval

The Board approved bills for the period February 21, 2019, through March 13, 2019, listing checks which totaled \$2,790,165.09.

Personnel

The Board approved all personnel items as presented.

Memorandum of Understanding - AFSCME Four-Day Work Week

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with District Council 89 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO for a four-day work week during the summer of 2019.

Capital Area Intermediate Unit 2019-2020 General Operating Budget

The 24 school districts of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) contribute towards its general operating budget. The Board approved the CAIU's proposed 2019-2020 General Operating Budget totalling \$6,390,000.00. For 2019-2020, West Shore will contribute \$90,986.24. This represents a \$2,096.54 decrease from the 2018-2019 budgeted allocation.

Amendment to Articles of Agreement for Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School

The Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School is interested in changing the school's name to Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technical Center.

In order to become effective, this change must be ratified by the member school districts through a change to the articles of agreement. The Board supported the change by adopting a resolution in favor of amending the articles of agreement.

Board Policies

The Board approved revised Board Policies 108: Adoption of Textbooks, 127: Assessment System, 704: Maintenance, 810: Transportation, and 818: Contracted Services as well as New Board Policies 317.2: Educator Misconduct, 810.2: School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers, and 810.3: School Vehicle Drivers.

The Board repealed Board Policy 351.1: Controlled Substance/Alcohol Requirements for Covered Personnel.

Student Trip

The Board approved a trip for the Cedar Cliff High School JROTC to compete in the First Annual JROTC Joint Services Invitational Fitness Challenge in Fort Story, Virginia from May 9-12, 2019.

Staff Attendance at Professional Meetings

The Board approved the requests for staff attendance at professional meetings as presented.

Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 34 and House Bill 526 for School Districts Providing Their Own Cyber Learning Program

The current funding formula for cyber charter schools is based on school district expenditures with no relationship to the actual instructional costs for regular and special education students attending the charter school. As a result, since 2009-2010, funding of cyber charter schools has cost school districts and their taxpayers a substantial amount of money.

The Board adopted a resolution calling for reform of funding for cyber charter schools. The resolution is [posted on the District website](#) and will be submitted to all elected state representatives and senators serving the District in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, and to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Information Items

Resource Adoption

Dr. Whye provided the Board with an overview of the resources they will be asked to adopt next month.

Board Policies

Dr. Argot shared proposed language for Revised Board Policies 103: Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices, Policy 104: Nondiscrimination in Employment Contract Practices, Policy 247: Hazing, 248: Unlawful Harassment, 249: Bullying/Cyberbullying, and 348: Unlawful Harassment.

Recognition of the Public

General Items

No community members addressed the Board.