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Study Session

The Board met in public study session on Thursday, February 11, with President Candioto presiding.

Review of February 18 Board Agenda

Dr. Stoltz provided an overview of the February 18 agenda. He highlighted a capital reserve fund resolution and the potential for refinancing a bond.

Board Policy Update

Dr. Argot presented proposed revisions to Board Policies 011: Principles for Governance and Leadership, 701: Facilities Planning, and 916: Title I Parent Involvement. He also introduced a new proposed policy 119: Alternative Education.

2016 Graduation Venues

Dr. Fillgrove along with Cedar Cliff High School Seniors Olivia Dalby and Marie Jendrysik with Mrs. Sayre and Red Land High School Seniors Vincent Aciri and Erin Brenneman reviewed the process used to evaluate potential off-site graduation locations due to the stadium renovation project. A committee of staff and students weighed the pros and cons of the various venue options and has recommended the State Farm Show Complex for this year's commencement ceremonies.

Dr. Stoltz thanked students for their assistance and input in selecting an alternate site for graduation. He added that it was important to himself and the process to have student involvement.

Dr. Jones answered some questions from the Board and clarified that there would be no fee charged for parking if graduation is held at the Farm Show. She also highlighted the Complex's willingness to work with the District to keep costs within budget.

Following this discussion, the Board granted its permission to proceed with securing the State Farm Show Complex for graduation ceremonies in June.

Board Meeting

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, February 18, with President Candioto presiding.

Cedar Cliff High School's JROTC Color Guard presented the colors for the evening. JROTC members included:

- Charles Henninger, sophomore
- Steven Myers, sophomore
- Nicholas Ricci, sophomore
- Ryan Wittle, sophomore

The Cedar Cliff High School String Octet performed the National Anthem. The Octet featured:

- Madlyn Campbell, sophomore
- Eric Desrosiers, sophomore
- Rachael Fissel, senior
- Olivia Frutiger, junior
- Briana Heinly, senior
- Zachary Rearick, junior
- Anna Traub, junior

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held January 21, 2016, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2016, showing invested and available funds of \$45,032,266.61.

Communications

Dr. Stoltz distributed a copy of the latest legal update from the solicitor's office and the Board denied the AFSCME grievance regarding the suspension and termination of Matthew J. O'Haren.

Dr. Argot shared the Central Treasury Reports for Cedar Cliff and Red Land High Schools.

The Board approved the student discipline recommendations as presented.

Mrs. Moyer indicated the Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School (CPAVTS) Joint Operating Committee was scheduled to meet on Monday, February 22.

Mrs. Tierney highlighted the positive feedback coming out of Washington Heights Elementary School's Board visit related to computers, Study Island, small class sizes, the new math program, and the Kindergarten Acceleration Program.

Mr. Kambic echoed these comments and praised the work of those involved with the Health Fair held at Washington Heights and those responsible for the snow removal efforts throughout the District. He also thanked Mrs. Barr, District Dental Hygienist, and Mrs. Fickel, school nurse, at Washington Heights for the incredible job they are doing for students.

Mrs. Crocenzi shared information discussed during the February 17 District Advisory Council meeting including several school events and opportunities for parent and community involvement.



Mrs. Debra Barr at the Washington Heights Health Fair made possible thanks in part to Capital BlueCross.

Mr. Candioto echoed his pride in all of the things shared by the staff at Washington Heights during the Board visit.

Recognition by the Board

Mrs. Fodness, Math Teacher at New Cumberland Middle School, and Mrs. Brubaker, health room nurse at Cedar Cliff High School, were recognized as the Employees of the Second Quarter.

Senior Marie Jendrysik shared recent events from Cedar Cliff High School and Senior Jacob Puliti shared recent events from Red Land High School.

Mrs. Williamson highlighted the upcoming Four Diamonds

fundraiser at Fairview Elementary School and other mini-THON events taking place at schools throughout the District "for the kids." She also gave a shout out to Coach Sparrow for his work building up the basketball program at all levels.

Mrs. Tierney gave a shout out to the Jump Rope for Heart participants at Washington Heights who raised \$6,000 and to all the students who have taken part in efforts to give back to the community this school year.

Mrs. Moyer gave a shout out to the custodial and maintenance staff who assisted in snow removal last month. She also thanked Dr. Stoltz for his decision making related to school closings and delays following the winter weather.

Mr. Candioto shared a shout out he received from a parent who was pleased to see Dr. Stoltz at the Mid-Penn swim meet congratulating students and speaking with parents. The parent commented that Dr. Stoltz's support and presence at the event was greatly appreciated. Mr. Candioto added his own shout out and commended Dr. Stoltz on a job well done.

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Dr. Stoltz echoed Mrs. Moyer's thanks to the custodians and maintenance staff for their snow removal efforts. He also shared that this month's Board Room display features the art of Red Land students and commended Marie Jendrysik, Cedar Cliff and Eugene Henninger-Voss, Red Land on their selection as National Merit Finalists.

Lastly, Dr. Stoltz gave a shout out to the District's Career Coordinators, Mr. Gay and Mr. Miller, and the Capital Region Partnership for Career Development for the opportunities they are granting students through their collaboration.

Recognition of the Public

Opportunity for Students to Speak

No students addressed the Board.

Agenda Items

No community members addressed the Board.

Business Items

Bills for Approval

The Board approved bills for the period January 20, 2016, through February 10, 2016, listing checks which totaled \$1,781,951.27.



Refunds

The Board approved three refunds as presented.

Personnel

The Board approved all personnel items as presented.

Budgetary Transfers

The Board approved the budgetary transfers as presented.

Fund Balance Management

The Board approved a resolution to transfer \$4,000,000 of the general fund's fund balance to the capital reserve fund for the purpose of funding capital expenses and/or the payment of debt services.

It also approved a resolution to commit \$2,000,000 of the fund balance for health insurance rate stabilization and catastrophic loss prevention.

Appointment of Financial Advisor

The Board appointed Public Financial Management, Inc. (PFM) as financial advisor for bond issue refinancing.

Cedar Cliff Weight Room Project

The Board approved upgrades to the Cedar Cliff High School Weight Room and granted permission for the Cedar Cliff Football Boosters to sell bricks or pavers. The project will be funded entirely by the Football Boosters at no cost to the District.

Approval of AppliTrack Customer Agreement

The Board approved a customer agreement with Frontline Technologies for AppliTrack through June 30, 2019. AppliTrack will allow the District to



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Contract for Psychological Services

The Board approved a contract for Psychological services to be provided by Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.

Student Trips

The Board approved the following student trips:

- Allen Middle School
Marine Science Consortium, Wallops Island, VA
May 15-18, 2016
- Crossroads Middle School
Southern Dorchester County, MD
May 21-23, 2016
- Red Land High School
Key Club Trip Convention, State College, PA
March 11-13, 2016

Staff Attendance at Professional Meetings

The Board approved staff attendance at professional meetings as presented.

Information Items

Policy Update

Dr. Argot shared proposed revisions to Board Policies 122: Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities and 232: Participation in School Affairs.

Proposed School Calendar for 2016-2017

Dr. Argot shared a draft of the 2016-2017 school calendar. The calendar is available on the District website along with information on how to submit feedback. Staff, parents, students, and community members are encouraged to provide input by the Monday, March 14, 2016, deadline.

The draft is based on a starting date for students of August 24, 2016, with all teachers beginning on August 18, 2016. The last day for students, pending an unanticipated extension due to weather, will be June 2, 2017, with a half day of school.

Recognition of Public

General Items

No community members addressed the Board.

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Join Our Team & Start 2016 with a New Job!

The District has several openings for cafeteria employees as well as extra duty openings for high school coaching staff.

For information about these and other support staff vacancies, visit our employment page.