

# On BOARD

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## *Study Session*

The Board met in public study session on Thursday, March 3, with President Candioto presiding.

### **2016-2017 Budget Update**

Mrs. Stuck facilitated a discussion between the Board and central office administrators introducing the [2016-2017 General Fund Expenditure Budget](#).

## *Study Session*

The Board met in public study session on Thursday, March 10, with President Candioto presiding.

### **Review of March 17 Board Agenda**

Dr. Stoltz provided an overview of the March 17 agenda, focusing on student recognition, four-day summer work week, and appointing bond counsel.

### **Policy Update**

Dr. Argot highlighted proposed changes to Board Policies 229: Student Fundraising, 609: Investments of District Accounts, and 915: Booster Organizations.

### **Bond Refinancing Update**

Mrs. Stuck introduced Mr. Gordan Walker and Mr. Zach Williard from Public Financial Management, Inc. to discuss the potential of refinancing District debt.

## *Board Meeting*

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, March 17, with President Candioto presiding.

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

- Hayden Cramp, junior
- Sarah Fenicle, junior
- Michael Mumper, senior
- Connor Snell, freshmen

The JROTC was joined by the following Red Land vocalists who performed the National Anthem:

- Avery Van Etten, junior
- Grant Moore, senior
- Jacob Puliti, senior
- Anna Smith, senior

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held February 18, 2016, were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 29, 2016, showing invested and available funds of \$37,648,379.61.

### **Communications**

Mr. Justin Bruhn, Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School (CPAVTS) Administrative Director, thanked the Board and District for their support and introduced two Cedar Cliff High School Seniors who attend CPAVTS to share their experiences.

Catelynne Cutting, cosmetology student, and Pauline Matthew, criminal justice student, described the opportunities that attending a vocational school afforded them and shared their plans for the future following graduation.

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.

Dr. Falvo reported that Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) is renovating the student union and is increasing their scholarship funds. He passed on that there are several scholarships currently available and reminded residents that they can attend HACC at a discounted rate. In May, HACC will begin

negotiating contracts with its sponsoring school districts including West Shore.

Mrs. Crocenzi shared information from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit Board meeting including accolades for Mrs. Stuck, state budgetary concerns, and the anticipated arrival of ballots for the PSERS Board. She also highlighted the Cedar Cliff vs. Red Land Brain Busters competition, Future Chefs Competition sponsored by Sodexo, and thanked the staff at Newberry Elementary School for placing handicap parking signs at the school.

Mrs. Tierney shared exciting news from Red Land High School's Board visit including the work of the students during mini-THON and the success of the musical *Footloose*. She also shared that good work is being done with senior projects; the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives; and a ninth grade PSAT pilot program.

Mrs. Tierney also attended the Crossroads Middle School Board visit where she learned about the formation of a new Parent Teacher Organization, a student lock-in for seventh grade girls, fundraising for Hope Express, and the lasting impact of Sea Camp. Lastly, Mrs. Tierney encouraged everyone to mark their calendars and plan to attend the West Shore Foundation's Gala on October 15, 2016.

Mr. Guistwhite encouraged community members to attend the Board Finance Committee meetings held on the second Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. and the Board Policy Committee meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. He highlighted the work being done by both committees including updates to older policies and new policy formatting.

Mrs. Moyer added her support to Mrs. Tierney's comments about the great things going on at

Red Land High School. She also highlighted the opportunity for Board members to visit CPAVTS on May 10.

Mr. Candioto highlighted multiple successes at CPAVTS, including the popularity of its Café for breakfast on Fridays and Chef McGrath's recent recognition as American Culinary Federation Harrisburg Chapter 181's Chef Educator of the Year. He also mentioned the District's support of CPAVTS students by providing transportation on days West Shore is closed, but CPAVTS is open.

Finally, Mr. Candioto recommended a YouTube video shared by CPAVTS titled [Success in the New Economy](#) and encouraged parents to take a few minutes to view the video as they begin to plan for their student's future.

### Recognition by the Board

The Board recognized seniors Marie Jendrysik, Cedar Cliff High School, and Eugene Henninger-Voss, Red Land High School, for earning the distinction of National Merit Finalists.

Dr. Argot highlighted the Board room art display featuring students from throughout the District. He also recognized student artists and their teachers who participated in the District's annual Youth Art Month Billboard Project.

Dr. Argot expressed his thanks to Lamar Advertising and the multiple business partners who sponsored the project. A [video showcasing](#) the billboards was shared with the Board and each student featured was then presented with a Certificate of Achievement.

Grant Moore, Senior, shared recent events from Red Land High School and Danielle Sklar, Senior, shared recent events from Cedar Cliff High School.



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Mrs. Moyer gave shout-outs to Catelynne Cutting, Cedar Cliff and CPAVTS senior who spoke earlier during the meeting, on her accomplishments and shared how impressed she was with the level of performance by students in both high school musicals.

Mrs. Tierney gave a shout-out to CPAVTS staff and students for their assistance in printing the program for Cedar Cliff's musical and she commended them on the quality of the finished pieces.

Mrs. Williamson gave a shout-out to the Fairview Elementary School community for helping students raise more than \$12,000 for local charities in one month. She also encouraged the West Shore community to join the Red Land Little League team for a major announcement on March 23.

Dr. Stoltz gave a shout-out to the leads of *Footloose* and shared his support of the shout-outs already mentioned by members of the Board.

### **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 February 18, 2016, through March 9, 2016, listing checks which totaled \$1,140,770.30.

#### ***Personnel***

The Board approved all personnel items presented.

**Catelynne Cutting, Cedar Cliff High School & CPAVTS cosmetology student, spoke to the Board in March.**

**Catelynne placed 1st in the SkillsUSA District Cosmetology Competition and in April will compete in the state competition.**



### ***Memorandum of Understanding***

A Memorandum of Understanding with District Council 89 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for four-day work weeks from June 13, 2016, through August 5, 2016 was approved by the Board.

### ***Budgetary Transfers***

The Board approved the budgetary transfers as presented.

### ***Appointment of Bond Counsel***

The Board appointed Stock and Leader to act as Bond Counsel in connection with the two financings to refund the District's Series AA of 2010 Bonds for a fee of \$13,000 plus expenses.

### ***Authorizing Bond Refinancing***

The Board authorized the Working Group to proceed with the refinancing of the General Obligation Bond Series AA of 2010.

### ***Energy Management Services***

The Board approved an agreement with Enernoc,

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### **Employee Term Life Insurance**

The Board approved a life insurance proposal from BSI Corporate Benefits, LLC through Mutual of Omaha.

### **2016-2017 School Calendar**

After receiving feedback from staff, students, and the community, the District made a few revisions to the draft version of the calendar for next school year. After some brief discussion, the Board adopted the proposed [2016-2017 school calendar](#) reflecting these changes.

### **2016-2017 CAIU Budget**

The Board approved the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) 2016-2017 General Operating Budget.

### **Policy Updates**

The Board approved revised Board Policies 011: Principles for Governance and Leadership, 122: Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities, 232: Participation in School Affairs, 701: Facilities Planning, and 916: Title I Parent Involvement. The Board also approved new Board Policy 119: Alternative Education.

### **Student Trips**

The Board approved the following student trips:

- Cedar Cliff High School  
Captain's Club/Leadership Council  
Whitewater Rafting Trip  
Ohiopyle State Park, Ohiopyle, PA  
May 22-23, 2016

- Cedar Cliff & Red Land High Schools  
Music Ensembles Performance  
Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL  
April 28, 2017-May 2, 2017
- New Cumberland Middle School  
Great Fox Island, Crisfield, MD  
April 30, 2016-May 2, 2016

### **Staff Attendance at Professional Meetings**

The Board approved staff attendance at professional meetings as presented.

### **Appointment of a CAIU Director**

The Board re-elected Mrs. Crocenzi to the Capital Area Intermediate Unit Board of Directors for a three year term, beginning July 1, 2016.

### **Information Items**

#### **Textbook Adoption 2016-2017**

Dr. Whye shared the proposed textbooks for adoption to be used next school year including Benchmark Literacy (English Language Arts, Grade 3-5), Journeys (English Language Arts, Grade 6), and Science Fusion (Middle School Science).

Dr. Whye mentioned that each of these textbooks has a technology component and Mr. Konieczny, Crossroads Middle School principal, demonstrated one of the online tools included.

### **Red Land Boiler Project Progress**

Mr. Shayne Homan from McClure Company provided an update on the Red Land High School heating system upgrades and a plan for moving forward.

### **Recognition of Public**

#### **General Items**

No community members addressed the Board.



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