

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID SPECIAL WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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Monday, December 11, 2023

South Assembly Room

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Chair, called the meeting to order (6:13 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Chair (in-person); Mr. Steven Lawrence, (in-person); Dr. Michael Strambler (in-person) and Ms. Erin Williamson (in-person).

STAFF: Vonda Tencza, Superintendent.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session in accordance with State statute to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation Process and invited the Superintendent to attend.

MOTION #1 – EXECUTIVE SESSION (6:13 PM)

Move that we enter Executive Session in accordance with State statute to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation Process and invite the Superintendent to attend.

Mr. Lawrence
Second by Ms. Williamson
UNANIMOUS

The Board discussed the Superintendent Evaluation Process.

MOTION #2 – RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Move that we return to Public Session (6:55 PM).

Mr. Lawrence
Second by Dr. Strambler
UNANIMOUS

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Chair, called the meeting to order (7:06 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Chair (in-person); Dr. Maria Madonick, Vice Chair (in-person); Dr. Jay Dahya (in-person); Mr. Jeff Hughes (remote); Mr. Steven Lawrence (in-person); Dr. Michael Strambler (in-person) and Ms. Erin Williamson (in-person).

STAFF: Vonda Tencza, Superintendent; Analisa Sherman, Principal; James Sapia, Assistant Principal; Cheryl Tafel, Assistant Principal; Carrie Borcharding, Special Services Director; Donna Coonan, Director of Business Services/Operations; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

The Board reviewed the 2024/25 Superintendent’s Proposed Budget of \$17,679,200 representing a 3.89% increase. Budget includes increases in negotiated staffing contracts, transportation, and insurance allocation rates.

Proposed Staffing Changes include:

- Reduce one (1) FTE Elementary Section due to exiting Grade 6 section while maintaining Class Size Guidelines (*projected enrollment decreasing from 885 to 873*).
- Restoration of STEAM teacher (*reallocation of current staff*).
- Restore 10 hours per week of Business Office Accounts Payable/Account Clerk position (*return to pre-Covid staffing level*).
- Increase North Office 10 month position to 8 hours per day vs 6.
- Reduce two (2) vacant para positions (*result of enrollment scheduling efficiencies*).

Increases in Technology

- 150 iPads
- Touch Board Replacements Grades 2 and 5 Classrooms
- 15 Document Cameras
- 15 Macbooks

Questions were raised relative to the impact of the Library / Media staffing reduction in the 2023/24 school year, the percentage of discretionary funding / increases in non-instructional areas as well as insurance, classroom supplies, special education staffing and associated costs, professional development and math curriculum programming, maintenance of the STEAM position and math differentiation in future years, and the potential for Grade 1 becoming a hot spot next year resulting in an additional section.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (8:32 PM)

Dr. Madonick
Second by Mr. Lawrence
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