

DALLASTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
700 New School Lane, Dallastown, PA 17313-9242

MINUTES – October 8, 2015

The Board Workshop: 2014-15 Student Data - PSSAs/Keystones/School Performance Profile (SPP) ([PowerPoint](#)) ([Comparison](#)) was held at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Theater Room. As Dr. Doll explained, this annual presentation is different because of the changes in testing/assessments and other legislative variables. He and Mr. Shirey have been reviewing the data and subsequent plans with principals who are working with their data teams. From the PowerPoint, Dr. Doll reviewed the following slides:

- School Performance Profile (SPP): the PSSA state waiver and pending Keystone SPP results from the state.
- Two important PSSA changes: new content and cut scores (to meet increased rigor in the new PA Core Standards).
- Below Basic/Basic and Proficiency/Advanced combined percentages
- State Average: % Proficiency Drop
- A few comments related to historical notes and comparing current and previous assessments (i.e., a change in target).
- Analysis slides for the following: DASD K-8 PSSA Performance, DASD Percent Above PA Proficiency Averages, Accomplishments and Opportunities, York County Building Results (Please be cautious and consider building size, demographics and grade configurations.), and, York Dispatch's article ranking top York County performers.

Mr. Shirey continued the PowerPoint with a review of Keystones and other testing, calling attention to:

- Middle School Keystone Achievement (Grade 8 Algebra I) and its comparison to the grade 8 PSSA exam
- High School 3YR Keystone Performance – Percent Proficient – Spring Keystone Exam (taken at the end of the course)
- College Preparedness: American College Testing (ACT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Advanced Placement (AP) results (several slides). In ACTs and SATs, we continue to exceed state and national scores while participation holds steady or continues to grow, respectively. Dr. Duckworth commented on the need to also emphasize the PSAT.
- 2015-16 Focal Areas (a list of seven)

Board inquiry/comments touched upon the factors resulting in the lower grades everyone is seeing across the state; the concepts that were missed (i.e., cohort gaps); remediation considerations; whether a particular grade's test matters more than another; movements in other performance measurements; SAT's (higher number of students in 2012, and the importance of these scores to other institutions); and, comparing student population/demographics.

Dr. Doll will share Keystone SPP results with the Board as soon as they are received.

The workshop adjourned to a short break at 7:28 p.m.

1.0 CALLED TO ORDER

The regular business meeting of the Dallastown Area School Board convened in the High School Theater Room on Thursday, October 8, 2015. Kenneth ("Butch") A. Potter, Jr., Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. An Executive Session for legal and personnel matters and a workshop were held prior to this meeting.

2.0 ATTENDEES

Board Members: Steven C. Bentzel, John E. Hartman, Sue A. Heistand, Dr. Thomas J. Nicholson, Michael D. Noll, Jr., Kenneth ("Butch") A. Potter, Jr. and Hilary S. Trout.

Absent Board Members: Ronald J. Blevins and William A. Lytle

Solicitor: Attorney Jeff Rehmeier

Student Representative: Daniel ("Danny") Godstrey

Administrators: Dr. Greg Anderson, Dr. Susan Brousseau, Chad Bumsted, Scott Carl, Donna Devlin, Dr. Josh Doll, Dr. Kevin Duckworth, Keith Downs, Dr. Ronald Dyer, Dr. Stephanie Ferree, Troy Fisher, Zach Fletcher, Dr. Erin Heffler, Kelly Kessler, Chris Martin, Chip Patterson, Dr. Wayne Senft, Scott Shirey, Brian Smith and Tom Stauffer.

Other Dallastown Area School District Staff/Citizens/Guests/Presenters: Attendance sheet attached/filed. ([Click Here](#))

News Media: *York Daily Record* – N/A *York Dispatch* – N/A

3.0 APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA (copy filed)

Mrs. Heistand moved and Mr. Noll seconded approval of the Agenda as is.

By voice vote...

Ayes: Steven C. Bentzel, John E. Hartman, Sue A. Heistand, Dr. Thomas J. Nicholson, Michael D. Noll, Jr., Hilary S. Trout and Kenneth ("Butch") A. Potter, Jr.

4.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – There were none.

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Dyer highlighted the following:

5.1 Status of State Budget – The impasse will be highlighted in Mrs. Trout's legislative report.

- 5.2 Meetings with District Stakeholders: PTO's** – Dr. Doll and board members continue to join him for these visits. As a group they discuss Personalized Learning (through a “Who Controls the Learning” activity led by Dr. Dyer) and Dr. Doll’s review of our new active shooter and other safety protocols. They close each visit with a forum.
- 5.3 Today’s Lockdown for a planned and unannounced Narcotics Search** – Instruction continued during the full campus search which is in the best interest of student safety. The district works with York Area Regional Police Department and our SRO, Corporal Keith Dyke; they bring in specially-trained dogs.
- 5.4 Personalizing Learning ([Maker Movement](#))** – He alluded to the previous [Inevitable](#) book study and the show “MacGyver” to describe a new movement in student entrepreneurial activities. Within the linked PowerPoint pulled together by Tom Stauffer, there are links to an article co-authored by Gary Stager and a student’s (Sylvia’s) show, along with a list of the initiatives in our District. Students are also coming together in “Maker Fares” in which they share their ideas. Those, along with robotic conventions, are highly attended by young people and vividly display their personalization of their education. In true American spirit, these are the new entrepreneurs. Our teachers and students are exploring this topic, too, and our One:World devices are creating an ease of access and seamless integration for our students and classrooms. He closed with a quote: “*Doing is what matters... makers learn to make stuff by making stuff.*”
- 5.5 Upcoming Events/School Schedule:**
- 5.5.1 [Friday, October 9th](#)
 - 5.5.1.1 Early Dismissal / Half-Day In-service
 - 5.5.1.2 Homecoming Game - Hosting the Northeastern Bobcats at 7:00 p.m.
 - 5.5.2 [Saturday, October 10th: \(“Blast from the Past”\)](#)
 - 5.5.2.1 Homecoming Parent Open House (Decorations/Promenade), 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - 5.5.2.2 Homecoming Dance, 7-10 p.m., HS Cafeteria
 - 5.5.3 [Monday, October 12th](#) – Columbus Day Holiday (Schools are closed)
 - 5.5.4 [Thursday, October 15th](#) – ES/HS Big Buddy Fall Festival, 9:15 – 11:15 a.m.

6.0 [SPECIAL PRESENTATION\(S\)](#): There were none.

7.0 [CONSENT ITEM\(S\)](#): (copies filed)

- 7.1 Approval of September 10 and 17, 2015 Board Minutes** ([09-10-15](#)) ([09-17-15](#))
- 7.2 Treasurer’s Report 09-30-15** ([Click Here](#))
 - 7.2.1 Expenditures Report 09-30-15 ([Click Here](#))
 - 7.2.2 Revenue Report 09-30-15 ([Click Here](#))
- 7.3 Final AP Check Register: October 2015** ([List of Bills](#)) ([Details](#))
 - 7.3.1 General Fund - Ck. 62279 and Ck. 62851 to Ck. 63103 \$ 1,221,603.10
 - 7.3.2 Cafeteria – Ck. 2883 to Ck. 2905 \$ 319.38
 - 7.3.3 Capital Reserve – Ck. 415 \$ 16,300.00
 - 7.3.4 Payroll - \$ 1,859,558.22
 - 7.3.5 On-line Bill Pay - \$ 32,774.51
- 7.4 Personnel Report** ([FINAL](#))
- 7.5 Rental Requests** ([Click Here](#))
- 7.6 Budgetary Transfers: Quarterly** ([Click Here](#))
- 7.7 Budgetary Transfers: To Close Out 2014-15** ([Click Here](#))

Mr. Fisher provided the changes to the Personnel Report since Tuesday’s distribution. He also called attention to our volunteer list, which is now over 400 individuals, and that we’ve filled 43 positions since the end of last school year.

Mr. Noll moved and Mrs. Heistand seconded approval of Item 7.0, the Consent Items as listed.

By roll call vote...

Ayes: Steven C. Bentzel, John E. Hartman, Sue A. Heistand, Dr. Thomas J. Nicholson, Michael D. Noll, Jr., Kenneth (“Butch”) A. Potter, Jr. and Hilary S. Trout

President

Secretary

Treasurer

8.0 ACTION ITEM(S):**8.1 As presented September 10, 2015, Approval of Board Policies from 8/24 Policy Committee Meeting (copies filed) ([Report/Memo/Policies](#))**

Mr. Bentzel received no comments.

Mr. Bentzel moved and Mr. Noll seconded approval of Action Item 8.1.

By roll call vote...

Ayes: Steven C. Bentzel, John E. Hartman, Sue A. Heistand, Dr. Thomas J. Nicholson, Michael D. Noll, Jr., Kenneth (“Butch”) A. Potter, Jr. and Hilary S. Trout

8.2 Approval of High School Field Trip: Forensics Team travel to St. Joseph University in Philadelphia, PA, November 21-22, 2015 (copy filed) ([Click Here](#))

Dr. Duckworth commended the advisor, Mrs. Dacheux, and the continual performance of these students.

Mr. Bentzel moved and Mrs. Heistand seconded approval of Action Item 8.2

By roll call vote...

Ayes: Steven C. Bentzel, John E. Hartman, Sue A. Heistand, Dr. Thomas J. Nicholson, Michael D. Noll, Jr., Kenneth (“Butch”) A. Potter, Jr. and Hilary S. Trout

9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 9.1 Report from Student Representative** – Mr. Godstrey noted the success of Monday’s *Remember the Troops* drive – raising over \$700. They also sold over 1,000 tickets for the upcoming Homecoming dance which will require over 10 hours for setup. The dance decorations are open for public viewing at 6:00 p.m. The guidance office is displaying students’ acceptance letters; he’s been accepted to PITT’s engineering school.
- 9.2 Cougar Field Lease: Second Amendment for Five-year Renewal 12/10/15 – 12/9/20 (copies field) ([Click Here](#)) ([First Amendment 2010-2015 / Original Lease 1999-2010](#))** – Mr. Rehmeyer provided the history of the lease. The intent of this amendment is to import requirements related to background checks and insurance, as well as property maintenance as required by Dallastown Borough. This will be an Action Item on 10/15.
- 9.3 HS-MS Campus Planning Task Force Report: 10/1 Meeting** – On behalf of Mr. Lytle, Dr. Dyer shared the intent: to assess the exterior areas of the secondary campus. We have an engineers’ planning document to consider throughout the process.
- 9.4 Appointment of the 2015-16 Nominating Committee** – Mr. Potter asked board members to consider their interest; the process is listed below. This will be an Action Item 10/15.
- Shall consist of three (3) members and selected and ratified by a majority vote of the Board as follows: At a regular meeting in October or November, the President will inquire which Board members are interested in serving on the nominating committee. If only three (3) members express interest in serving, those individuals will be appointed to the nominating committee. If more than three (3) members express interest in serving, each Board member will identify, on a written ballot, the names of three (3) individuals to serve on the nominating committee. The Board Secretary will tally the ballots and identify the three (3) individuals with the highest number of votes. The Board Secretary will publicly state the selections made by each Board member and document the details in the meeting minutes. The chair of the nominating committee will be selected from and by the nominating committee members. The chair is responsible for determining meeting dates and location of committee meetings.
- 9.5 PSBA Liaison Report ([Click Here](#))** – Mrs. Trout briefly noted the budget impasse and PDE’s release of PSSA scores. Dr. Dyer spoke to the challenge in discussing the 2016-17 budget while this year’s budget is not finalized.
- 9.6 York Adams Academy Report: 9/29 Meeting (copies filed) ([Report](#)) ([8/25 Minutes](#))** – Mrs. Heistand highlighted the “Student of the Month” from Dallastown; the director’s report on a graduation survey; and, the enrollment report (with DASD currently using 11 of 12 available seats). The next meeting will be held October 27th. For Mr. Potter, Dr. Dyer explained that graduates receive a dual diploma (from YAA and their home district).

- 9.7 York/LIU Joint Authority: 9/23 Meeting (copies filed) ([9/23 Treasurer's Report](#)) ([6/30 Financial Report](#)) ([5/27 & 6/24 Minutes](#))** – Mrs. Heistand could not attend due to a scheduling conflict; she provided documentation from that meeting.
- 9.8 York County School of Technology: 9/24 Joint Operating Comm. Meeting (copies filed) ([Report](#)) ([Strategic Planning](#))** – In Mr. Lytle’s absence, Dr. Dyer referred to the ‘Strategic Planning’ link to highlight YCST’s Mission Statement; the Overview – noting his interest in “Earn a Career Within a Year;” the Senior Exit Survey trends; Class of 2014 follow-up; program transitions since 2010; and, so on. He encouraged board members to review the comprehensive document.
- 10.0 CALENDAR OF BOARD EVENTS:** *(They are open to the public and located at 700 New School Lane, Dallastown, PA 17313, unless noted otherwise.)*
- 10.1 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference – October 13-16, 2015 at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center ([Schedule/Educational Sessions/Speakers](#))**
- 10.2 Board Meeting – Thursday, October 15, 2015, 7:30 p.m. in the High School Theater Room**
- 10.3 Finance Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.: ([2015-16 Meeting Schedule Update 10-05-15](#))**
- 10.3.1 Monday, October 19, 2015 – Middle School Library
- 10.3.2 Monday, November 23, 2015 – High School Library
- 10.4 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meetings – 7:30 p.m.: ([2015-16 Meeting Schedule](#))**
- 10.4.1 Monday, October 19, 2015 – Middle School Library
- 10.4.2 Monday, November 23, 2015 – High School Library
- 10.5 Community Outreach Committee Meeting – Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building**
- 11.0 CONFERENCE REQUESTS (copy filed) ([Click Here](#))**
- 12.0 BOARD COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** – Mrs. Heistand read aloud a thank you note from one YAA student. Mrs. Trout highlighted the spoon-full-of-sugar fundraiser to “Help Mary Fly.”
- 13.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – There were none.
- 14.0 ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Kirby,
Dallastown Area School Board Secretary