

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

MINUTES – November 3, 2016

A Board Workshop on 2015-16 Student Data ([Click Here](#)) (copy filed) was held at 6:30 p.m. in the HS Theater Room. Dr. Doll walked through each section of the handout which included the linked PowerPoint, a York County comparison, a PDE/statewide lens, SPP (School Performance Profile) scores for each building, achievement versus growth explanation, “depth of knowledge” (how questions have changed), and lastly, the clear action plans which principals spend countless hours developing for respective buildings for the coming year. He also spoke about standardized assessments given to non-standard students; Goal 1 of the DASD Comprehensive Plan; how the target has changed from 2012-13 through 2015-16 and beyond; the purpose and calculations for SPP; the difference between achievement and growth (referencing PVAAS for the latter); and SPP scores since 2012-13 – noting the different SPP calculation for K-3 (no growth and the challenge in comparison). Overall, for the 2015-16 school year:

- Dallastown Elementary School received the highest score of all schools in York County
- Dallastown Area High School received the highest high school score in York County
- Dallastown Area Intermediate School received the highest intermediate school score in York County
- Dallastown Area Middle School received the second highest middle school score in York County

Dr. Ferree spoke to DASD’s strengths and opportunities: our instructional program, grit/stamina/work ethic, relationships, and focus on instruction/extension/remediation, vocabulary, and use of data. She also reviewed the high school’s results for college preparedness (i.e., ACT, SAT and AP scores).

Dr. Nicholson asked if we could compare ourselves to other “like” districts/schools, which we can do for SPP. Mr. Noll inquired about special education students, staff/resource coordination across the elementary level, and indicators/correlation of students through those grades. Additional questions/feedback can be addressed to Dr. Doll. Mr. Potter suggested further activity on this topic.

The workshop adjourned to a 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, November 3, 2016. Kenneth (“Butch”) A. Potter, Jr., Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. He announced the prior Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and litigation, namely ongoing tax assessments appeals, and the Board Workshop regarding 2015-16 Student Data (results of state testing).

2.0 ATTENDEES

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

Absent Board Members: Ronald J. Blevins

Solicitor: Attorney Jeff Rehmeyer

Student Representative: Maggie Lytle

Administrators: Denise Blackwell, Marcus Bouchillon, Dr. Brousseau, Chad Bumsted, Donna Devlin, Jim Dierolf, Dr. Joshua Doll, Dr. Kevin Duckworth, Dr. Ronald Dyer, Hap Eimerbrink, Dr. Stephanie Ferree, Troy Fisher, Dr. Erin Heffler, Amy Kostoff, Chip Patterson, Dr. Wayne Senft, Brian Smith, Tom Stauffer and Misty Wilson.

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

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

3.0 APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA (copy filed)

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

By voice vote...

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

4.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S):

4.1 Marine Corps Reserve Association (MCRA) Award – Lt. Col. Innerst noted the unit’s exhaustive report on academics, community service, scholarships, high school engagement, etc. and that point-system comparison to 52 other schools to be awarded the Region 1 winner. Deputy Director Ralph Engles spoke to the highly coveted (only five given nationwide) award--Dallastown’s fifth! Lt. Col. Innerst thanked the board for its support. A photo was taken with Dr. Dyer and Dr. Duckworth and the cadets. Dr. Dyer commended the leadership, contributions and community involvement of the JROTC program.

5.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – There were none.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Dyer highlighted the scrolling announcements on our website and these happenings:

- 6.1 United Way Campaign Results ([Click Here](#))** – He thanked Jodi Schuler and Jamee Robinson who coordinated the contributions from 135 employees totaling \$19,059.00.
- 6.2 Various School Activities ([District Calendar](#)):** 11/4 MS Fall Play; 11/6 HS Fall Concert; 11/9 HS Night of Science; 11/9 International Thespian Society Induction Ceremony; 11/10 Veterans Day JROTC Drill Event and Marine Corps Birthday Ball, and 11/15 NHS Induction Ceremony
- 6.3 Time Change: Fall Back One Hour** – Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 2:00 a.m.
- 6.4 School Schedule ([Calendar-at-a-Glance](#)):** Friday, November 11th – Half-day In-Service/Early Dismissal HS/MS/IS/ES

7.0 CONSENT ITEM(S): There were none. *(To be presented at 11/10 Board Meeting)*

8.0 ACTION ITEM(S): There were none.

9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 9.1 Report from Student Representative** – Miss Lytle first highlighted the Homecoming King and Queen. Last weekend’s Haunted House raised over \$3,000 with approximately 450 attendees and 10 group participants such as the National Art Honor Society. November is a quiet month except for the “Beat the Boop” no-shave challenge to raise money for families in need at Christmas. The end of the First Trimester is fast approaching.
- 9.2 Two High School Field Trips Traveling Abroad (copy filed) ([Click Here](#))**
 - 9.2.1 Spanish III, IV and V travel to Costa Rica – November 18-27, 2017
 - 9.2.2 German III, IV and V travel to Germany, Austria and Switzerland – November 22-30, 2017

Dr. Duckworth described both student opportunities that would be taken during time frames to minimize the loss in instructional time. There would also be minimal district cost for bus transportation to/from the airport. This will be an Action Item on 11/10.

- 9.3 Curriculum & Instruction Report: Four (4) New High School Course Proposals (copies filed) ([PowerPoint](#)) ([Proposal Forms](#)):**
 - 9.3.1 Honors Robotics II - Jay Rexroth, Technology and Engineering Education Department
 - 9.3.2 AP Computer Science Principles - Kyle McAllister, Mathematics Department Chair
 - 9.3.3 Cryptology – Elliott Gottlob, Mathematics Teacher
 - 9.3.4 Forensics – Mark Ilyes, Science Department Chair

Dr. Ferree emphasized the limited presentation window and the caveat for staffing implications. The department chairs/teachers explained each of the proposed courses. Dr. Duckworth spoke about having to turn students away from Cryptology due to the lack of staffing (i.e., budget implications).

Mrs. Heistand inquired about the Honors Robotics increase to four sections, which was possible due to the trimester scheduling. Dr. Doll acknowledged the analysis of all career pathways with a goal of filling deficiencies. Dr. Nicholson inquired about following trends and weeding out other courses. This will be an Action Item on 11/10.

- 9.4 Community Outreach Committee Report: 10/18 Meeting ([Click Here](#))** – Mrs. Heistand noted discussions on the following: Dr. Dyer’s PTO visits/activity, Dr. Dyer and Ms. Devlin’s budget meetings with staff, the book study with the Leadership Team, utilizing interns for public relations, responses to tax rebate letters, the pending recommendation from the LS Facility Study Committee and a future tour/information session with the community, and finally, whether to meet with our state representative and senator to discuss budget impacts. On the latter, there was board agreement to meet with them and to include the governor.
- 9.5 York Adams Academy Report: 10/25 Meeting ([Click Here](#))** – Mrs. Heistand spoke about the business director’s presentation of the proposed budget with these unknowns: LIU rent charges and PSERS increase. The

Superintendent of Record spoke about state assessments. Enrollment remains at 10 occupied seats with one eligible student, and at least two students will graduate in January. Five students have withdrawn to date.

- 9.6 York Adams Tax Bureau Report: 10/31 Meeting ([Click Here](#)) ([Tax Coll Comm](#))** – Mr. Bentzel explained the York and Adams County tax collection committees working together under the tax bureau. The committee discussed and agreed to another five-year Articles of Agreement; it also reviewed the Act 32 survey results (showing most of the taxing authorities are pleased) and adopted its 2017 budget of only \$1,000. The Tax Bureau adopted its 2017 operating budget and established a records retention policy. The Director also spoke about assisting the Montour County Tax Collection Committee.
- 9.7 York County School of Technology Report: 10/27 Meeting ([Click Here](#)) ([2017-18 Prelim Budget](#))** - Mr. Lytle spoke about Mr. Rogers wanting to link with other districts on the comprehensive plan to be registered with PDE. Also, the 2017-18 budget numbers were well received by the superintendents so there will be a vote at the November JOC Meeting followed by ratification through the member districts who would see a 1.60% increase in tuition. He called out the operational expenditures increase of \$124,000 – those items they can control.
- 9.8 PSBA Liaison Report ([Click Here](#)) ([Liaison vote for Reg 9 Director](#))** – Mr. Bentzel noted the charter expansion bill died in its final day and that our District would not lose the revenue that could be lost by other districts under HB 245. Mr. Bentzel also announced that he would vote for Ellen Freireich from York Suburban SD because he knows a number of individuals who know her.
- 9.9 Report on PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference** – Mr. Bentzel reported that the final Legislative Platform voted on by the Delegate Assembly is available on the PSBA website; it was a good networking opportunity. He also attended a session on the transgender issue. Mr. Lytle attended the vendor/exhibitors hall and was also inspired by technology speaker Alan November who highlighted Google. Dr. Dyer networked with superintendents and has access to the conference handouts. He is also inspired by Mr. November’s relevant and compelling work as he also hosts the BLC Conference which Dr. Dyer attends each July.

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 Board Meeting – Thursday, November 10, 2016, 7:30 p.m. in the High School Theater Room

10.2 Policy Committee Meeting – Monday, November 14, 2016, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building

10.3 Finance Committee Meetings in the Board Room of the Administration Building:

10.3.1 Monday, November 14, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

10.3.2 Monday, November 21, 2016, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

10.4 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting – Monday, November 21, 2016, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building

11.0 CONFERENCE REQUESTS (copy filed) ([Click Here](#))

12.0 BOARD COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE – Mr. Bentzel spoke about the “patriots” – other students involved with JROTC. Mr. Potter was impressed with the JROTC program and its award/recognition.

13.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – There were none.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Kirby,
Dallastown Area School Board Secretary