

**UPPER ST. CLAIR BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 - 8:00 AM
CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD ROOM**



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Notice having been advertised and posted and members duly notified, the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of School Directors was held on August 12, 2019 in the Central Office Board Room.

School Board Members in attendance:

Mrs. Amy L. Billerbeck, President (via speaker phone)
Mrs. Barbara L. Bolas, Vice-President
Mrs. Jennifer L. Bowen
Dr. Daphna Gans
Mr. Patrick A. Hewitt
Mr. Louis P. Mafrice, Jr.
Mrs. Angela B. Petersen
Mr. Dante R. Plutko, Jr.

School personnel in attendance:

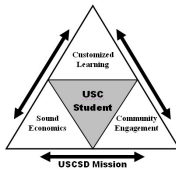
Dr. John T. Rozzo, Superintendent
Dr. Sharon Suritsky, Assistant/Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Amy Pfender, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Raymond Berrott, Director of Technology
Dr. Judith Bulazo, Director of Curriculum & Professional Development
Mr. Scott P. Burchill, Director of Business & Finance
Mr. Brad Wilson, Supervisor of Customized & On-Line Learning
Mrs. Mary Ann Stabile, Stenographer
Ms. Jocelyn Kramer, Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER (Bolas)

Mrs. Bolas called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m. Mrs. Bolas noted that Mrs. Billerbeck was attending via speaker phone and that she would be chairing the meeting in Mrs. Billerbeck's absence.

READING OF THE MISSION

Dr. Gans read the following School District Mission Statement:



Developing lifelong learners and responsible citizens for a global society is the mission of the Upper St. Clair School District, served by a responsive and innovative staff who in partnership with the community provides learning experiences that nurture the uniqueness of each child and promotes happiness and success.

SHARED BELIEF STATEMENT #6 FROM STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Mafrice read the following Shared Belief Statement #6 from the Strategic Plan:

We believe that:

A school district that offers a variety of programmatic choices ensures greater student engagement in the learning process.

RESIDENTS’ COMMENTS (REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Note: *As per Guidelines for Residents’ Comments, please state your name and address and limit your comments to three minutes.*

There were no residents’ comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Bolas)

MOTION: By Petersen: I move that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Bowen, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

CONVENE BOARD MEETING (Billerbeck)

At approximately 8:07 a.m. the Board recessed the Committee of the Whole meeting to convene a voting Board meeting to discuss the following items:

- a. **APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SOLICITOR (Billerbeck)**
- b. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS REGARDING STAFFING (Rozzo)**
- c. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL LISTING (Rozzo/Carson)**
- d. **ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND CHARGE (Billerbeck)**

The Committee of the Whole meeting reconvened at approximately 8:19 a.m.

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE (Burchill/Brennan/McLean)

Mr. Joe Brennan of PJ Dick and Mr. Dave McLean of McLean Architects provided an update regarding the Capital Projects, including recommended change orders.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (Rozzo)

UPDATE REGARDING NEW STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Rozzo stated that Dr. Wagner recommended Carsen Damon to be appointed as the new Student Board Representative. Carsen would begin joining the meetings in September, along with Gabriella Spina. Dr. Rozzo commented that he is looking forward to welcoming Carsen and that Gabi Spina will be a great mentor for her.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF BUS STOPS FOR 2019-20 (*Consent Agenda*)

Dr. Rozzo stated that a listing of bus stops would be available for the Board meeting and recommended approval.

The Committee will recommend approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR ADL TRAINING (Suritsky)
(*Consent Agenda*)**

Dr. Suritsky requested approval of a Training Program Contract with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for training sessions to be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the cost for the complete training program of \$12,000 per session.

She stated that it is Dr. Rozzo's intention for all six schools to implement the No Place for Hate Program. She explained that the first step is to approve the contract with the Anti-Defamation League to provide training for staff. The second part is for the buildings to form No Place for Hate committees comprised of staff, parents and students, implement appropriate activities, and earn a designation in May for working collaboratively with the League. Dr. Suritsky noted that a curriculum recommendation regarding this initiative was approved in June and that additional recommendations are forthcoming.

Dr. Rozzo thanked Dr. Suritsky, Mrs. Pfender, and Mrs. Madia for coordinating this initiative and stated that he is looking forward to the buildings fulfilling the associated activities.

Board members thanked Dr. Rozzo and the administrators for implementing the program and provided positive comments regarding the initiative.

The Committee will recommend approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF WATERFRONT LEARNING SERVICES CONTRACT
WITH ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT (Bulazo)**

Dr. Bulazo requested approval of the Waterfront Learning Services Contract with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, which provides services used in circumstances where students need a different type of learning than what the District is able to offer.

The Committee will recommend approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

REQUEST APPROVAL TO DECLARE ITEMS SURPLUS (Burchill/Berrott)

Mr. Berrott requested approval of a listing of items to be declared surplus and authorize the administration to sell, exchange, dispose, or donate the items in accordance with the provisions in Policy #3006 - Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property, Equipment, Supplies and Textbooks.

The Committee will recommend approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SUPPORT
SERVICES AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS (Pfender)**

Mrs. Pfender requested approval of the following special education and student support services agreements/contracts for the 2019-20 school year:

- PHASE 4 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION FOR DISRUPTIVE YOUTH - pre-approval at a rate of \$3,750.00 per semester or prorated by the number of weeks of attendance

- WESLEY SPECTRUM CREATIVE ARTS - \$125/per hour up to 48 weeks
- ARC HUMAN SERVICES - for transition vocational services between \$115 to \$150/daily - 2 students (flexible schedule)

The Committee will recommend approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES (Rozzo)

- **MR. BERROTT** - Mr. Berrott provided an update regarding Back-to-School Online and shared the roles that many individuals perform to ensure its success. He also explained the importance of parents completing the online registration information.

Mr. Berrott shared information regarding technology initiatives that were completed over the summer, including training sessions. He also gave an update regarding Dell providing 300 additional Chromebooks and extending a warranty for one additional year as part of their restitution.

- **DR. BULAZO** - Dr. Bulazo shared information regarding summer professional development for professional staff, new teacher orientation and induction and the professional development days planned prior to the students arriving on the first day. She invited Board members to the staff opening day breakfast and program.
- **MR. WILSON** - Mr. Wilson shared information regarding Canvas for grades 5-12 and how parents can go to one place to view their child's information. He stated that he has been working on simplifying trainings, project management and how to effectively manage initiatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Gans announced that the first Parent Teacher Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday, September 7 at the Boyce LGI Room at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Bolas shared information regarding Act 64 passed in 2019 for instructional snow days and noted the deadline of November 1 to choose that option. She also shared information regarding the flexibility for composite scores on Keystone Exams beginning with the class of 2022.

MATTERS OF INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT & ADMINISTRATION

BACK TO SCHOOL ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS - AUGUST 5

Dr. Rozzo stated that Back-to-School Online registration began on August 5 and encouraged parents to complete the information before the start of school on August 26.

WELCOME BACK STAFF BREAKFAST - AUGUST 19

Dr. Rozzo invited Board members to the welcome back staff breakfast on Monday, August 19. He noted that all new staff members will be introduced and individuals with 25 years with the District will be recognized.

NEW FAMILIES WELCOME DINNER - SEPTEMBER 6

Dr. Rozzo reminded Board members regarding the New Families Welcome Dinner at the High School Nutrition Center sponsored by the Parent Teacher Council on September 6 before the opening home football game.

THANK YOU TO OFFICER BELAK

Dr. Rozzo thanked School Police Officer Mike Belak for attending the School Board meeting. He noted that Officer Belak joined the School District last school year and has been a tremendous member of the school police team.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous voice vote that the meeting adjourn at approximately 9:25 a.m.

Amy L. Billerbeck, President
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Scott P. Burchill, Secretary
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Submitted by: Mary Ann L. Stabile
School Board Stenographer