

## COCALICO SCHOOL DISTRICT Denver, PA

A special meeting of the Cocalico School Board was called to order on Monday, April 3, 2017 by the President, Mr. Allen Dissinger, who welcomed all those in attendance.

### Board Members Present

Juanita Fox

Richard Brenner

Douglas Graybill

Randall Renninger

Barry Harting

Desiree Wagner

Rev. Kevin Eshleman

Allen Dissinger

### Administrators Present

Dr. Ella Musser

Sherri Stull

Dr. Stephen Melnyk

Dr. Nathan Van Deusen

Mr. Dissinger called the meeting to order and then turned the meeting over to Dr. Ella Musser, Superintendent, who presented a recap of the recent School Board visitation within the District on Tuesday, March 28th. The tour, which began at the Central Office, included all five school buildings and the Service Center. The six Board Members who participated agreed that it was time well spent. Although they noted that the buildings are in good shape, they appreciated the opportunity to see areas that may need attention in the future. They also enjoyed observing what's going on in the classrooms and witnessing personally the enthusiasm exhibited by principals, teachers and students alike. Board members additionally commented that it's good for staff to see the Board is sincerely interested in the activities taking place in the buildings.

Mrs. Sherri Stull, Business Manager, reported that the District was presented with an opportunity to save \$45,500 on the lease/purchase of 500 Apple MacBook Air laptops. The laptops, which are included in the 2017-2018 budget, are required to complete the 1:1 Mission Inspire initiative. If purchased in the 2016-2017 school year instead, the savings could be realized due to an incentive offered through Apple. The cost of the laptops would then be removed from next year's budget, thereby decreasing the budget by \$395,000.

Mrs. Stull also presented the second draft of the Cocalico School District's Proposed Final Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. She provided specific information on changes made to certain revenue and expenditure components since its last presentation to the Board on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Stull reported that the changes to the General Fund Budget result in a net decrease in the budget deficit by \$943,735. She then reviewed various tax scenarios, explaining the pros and cons of a no tax increase vs. a

minimal millage increase. Both Dr. Musser and Mrs. Stull stressed that the budget process will be ongoing until its adoption in June.

Under miscellaneous items, Dr. Musser (1) reminded the Board Members of the upcoming Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 Reinventing Learning Showcase scheduled for Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, (2) announced that Cocalico High School's Mock Trial Team successfully won their case against a team from Manheim Township High School, (3) and shared that Mrs. Georgette Hackman, a Middle School Social Studies teacher, has advanced as a finalist for Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year.

Time was given for questions and answers after each presentation. There being no more business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Sherri L. Stull  
Secretary