

COCALICO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Denver, PA

A special meeting of the Cocalico School Board was called to order on Monday, March 4, 2019 by the President, Mr. Allen Dissinger, who welcomed all those in attendance.

Board Members Present

Richard Brenner

Juanita Fox

Lin Sensenig

Douglas Graybill

Randall Renninger

Brett Buckwalter

Desiree Wagner

Allen Dissinger

Administrators Present

Dr. Ella Musser

Sherri Stull

Dr. Stephen Melnyk

Dr. Nathan Van Deusen

Guest Present

Lesley Stricker

Mr. Dissinger called the meeting to order and announced that immediately prior to the public work session, the Board met in an Executive Session to review personnel details pertaining to the roles of Elementary Dean of Students and Director of Technology Services. He then turned the meeting over to Dr. Ella Musser, Superintendent, who together with Mrs. Sherri Stull, Business Manager, and Mrs. Lesley Stricker, Assistant Business Manager, presented the first draft of the Cocalico School District's Proposed Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. They provided specific information on key revenue and expenditure components of the General Fund, and explained how the District would be impacted financially by utilizing various Act 1 scenarios. They shared how the District budgets conservatively for revenues and aggressively for expenditures, and described the effects that the rising PSERS liability and Special Education costs have had on district revenues which have not been able to keep pace in comparison. They provided details of Governor Wolf's state budget proposal, including how the Cocalico School District would fare if passed as presented. Historical budget information utilized in the preparation of the budget was cited as well. Dr. Musser stressed that various options were being investigated to reduce the preliminary budget expenditures number.

Before the meeting concluded, Dr. Musser reminded the Board of the upcoming Legislative Breakfast scheduled for March 11th at the Lancaster-Lebanon IU.

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

Sherri L. Stull
Secretary