

COCALICO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Denver, PA

A special meeting of the Cocalico School Board was called to order on Monday, April 1, 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

Rev. Kevin Eshleman

Allen Dissinger

Administrators Present

Dr. Ella Musser

Sherri Stull

Dr. Stephen Melnyk

Chris Irvine

Dr. Nathan Van Deusen

Guests Present

Chris Messner

Kim Marselas

Joe Gallucci

Rocky Brent

Nick Heil

Mr. Dissinger called the meeting to order and then turned it over to Dr. Ella H. Musser, Superintendent, who introduced Mr. Chris Irvine, High School Principal, and Mr. Nick Heil, High School Math Teacher. Mr. Irvine provided some background on Mr. Heil, stating that he serves as the AP Computer Science Teacher as well. Mr. Heil then shared his proposal to take students on a West Coast STEM trip to San Francisco in June 2020. The six-day tour, which focuses on science and technology, would include visits to various museums, the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island, Yosemite State Park, and Berkley University. The program is currently open to students in grades 9 through 11 and includes a guide/chaperone. Approximate cost per student is \$2,400, with fundraisers and financial assistance available. Mr. Heil stated that six students have already expressed interest, but he would like at least ten to sign up. He added that students completing the tour could possibly earn college credits.

Dr. Musser spoke about the current Wiki site used for school board meetings not being reliable and the need to transition to another option. She explained that Mrs. Christine Messner, Executive Assistant, had researched and found a suitable replacement for the Board. Mrs. Messner introduced Mr. Joe Gallucci and Mr. Rocky Brent, both of Capitol Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU), who provided information and a demonstration of their product, AgendaManager. The software would streamline and automate the creation of board meeting agendas. We will be utilizing both the Wiki site and AgendaManager for the April board meeting to ensure that AgendaManager is fully operational before completely eliminating the use of the Wiki site.

Mrs. Stull, Business Manager, presented the second draft of the Cocalico School District's Proposed Final Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. She provided specific information on changes made to certain revenue and expenditure components since its last presentation to the Board on March 4th. Mrs. Stull reported that the changes to the General Fund Budget thus far resulted in a decrease in revenues of \$314,876 and a decrease in

expenditures of \$1,109,838. She shared that the millage increase for this draft was reduced from 2.3% to 1.5%. Mrs. Stull stressed that the budget process will be ongoing until its final adoption in June.

Dr. Nathan Van Deusen, Assistant to the Superintendent for Elementary Education, informed the Board that the District's five-year contract with Central PA Rehabilitative Services, Inc. (CPRS) will expire the end of this school year. According to the contract, CPRS was to provide athletic trainer services as well as onsite physical therapy, the latter of which was eventually pulled from the District. Dr. Van Deusen explored various other entities that could provide the services, evaluating them on cost, continuity of care, types of services offered, and proximity for parents. As a result, he found that WellSpan Health is willing to offer a five-year contract for a full-time athletic trainer and team doctor for \$24,000 per year, with the option of a part-time athletic trainer for an additional \$12,000, or 400 hours at \$30/hour. Concussion management and PIAA sports physicals services are also available at discounted rates. Dr. Van Deusen shared that in this 5th year of the contract with CPRS, we were charged \$40,314 for the athletic trainer, with the rate climbing to over \$58,000 for next year if we were to renew with CPRS, plus an additional \$4,000 for the team doctor through WellSpan.

Dr. Musser asked board members to share their experiences regarding the school building tours conducted on March 28th. Rev. Kevin Eshleman remarked on the cleanliness of the buildings and how he appreciated seeing first-hand the projects that need to be done. He also commented that it was nice to see some extra space in a few of the buildings. Mr. Dissinger stated that he enjoyed his visit to the buildings. Dr. Musser said the principals and teachers were very appreciative of the board members taking the time to tour their buildings.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Musser reported that a letter would be sent out to all families at the end of the school day Tuesday. The purpose of the letter is to inform everyone that all water quality test results have now been returned, and each water source that was tested in each school building located in the Cocalico School District now meets the EPA standards regarding lead levels. She also shared that East Cocalico Township had informed the District of two possible LERTA applications coming its way, one with Garden Spot Frame & Alignment and another with a developer that recently purchased the Blackhorse property.

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