

COCALICO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Denver, PA

A special meeting of the Cocalico School Board was held virtually and called to order on Monday, April 6, 2020 by the President, Rev. Kevin Eshleman, who welcomed all those in attendance. A moment of silence was held, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present

Richard Brenner	Lin Sensenig	Desiree Wagner
Pamela Blickle	Randall Renninger	Douglas Graybill
Juanita Fox	Brett Buckwalter	Rev. Kevin Eshleman

Administrators Present

Dr. Ella Musser	Dr. Stephen Melnyk	Dr. Beth Haldeman
Sherri Stull		

Guests Present

Kim Marselas	Brad Kafferlin	Robin Boyer
Kent Sweigart		

On a motion made by Mr. Sensenig and seconded by Ms. Wagner, the Board approved a Motion to Suspend the Requirements in School Board Policy 003. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 9-0. (Addendum attached)

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve School Board Policy 006.1 effective immediately. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 9-0. (Addendum attached)

On a motion made by Mr. Sensenig and seconded by Mrs. Fox, the Board approved Continuation of Construction – Middle School Chiller Project and Adamstown Elementary School Renovation and Addition Project. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 9-0. (Addendum attached)

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sensenig, for Board approval of the Fuel Agreement with Adamstown Borough. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 9-0. (Addendum attached)

Mrs. Sherri Stull, Business Manager, shared a Multi-Year Capital Projects Plan outlining estimated revenues and expenditures for the Capital Fund through fiscal year 2027-2028. She explained that the plan includes needed renovations to all five school buildings, regular cyclical mechanical replacements, preventive maintenance projects, replacement of vehicles, upgrades to technology infrastructure, and replacement of Food Services equipment. Mrs. Stull presented a preliminary option provided by the District's bond advisor, Mr. Ken Phillips of RBC, for possibly financing the projects in the future through two separate bond issues.

Mrs. Stull presented the second draft of the Cocalico School District's Proposed Final Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. She provided specific information on changes made to certain revenue and expenditure components since its last presentation to the Board on March 2nd. Mrs. Stull reported that the changes to the General Fund Budget thus far resulted in a decrease in revenues of \$168,411 and a decrease in expenditures of \$676,566. She shared that the millage increase for this draft was reduced from 1.7313% to 1.5%. Dr. Musser added that the budget to budget increase over the current year is less than \$900,000. Mrs. Stull stressed that the budget process will be ongoing until its final adoption in June.

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic resulting in the closure of Pennsylvania schools, Dr. Beth Haldeman, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, provided information on the District's Continuity of Education Plan. She stated that the initial goal of the plan was to offer continuity of education to students by having teachers provide optional non-graded enrichment materials, as well as opportunities for curriculum exploration and suggestions for educational activities appropriate for the grade level and content areas they teach. Then, in the next steps of the plan, secondary and elementary teachers will begin posting selected assignments from their curriculum that students are missing during this time, utilizing Schoology, Edgenuity and Seesaw. Dr. Musser explained that the transitions in online instruction would ultimately be accomplished in three phases. Dr. Haldeman added that in order to facilitate this online learning, the Technology department will be ensuring grades 3-12 will have access to learning, while iPads will be deployed for students in grades K-2.

Mrs. Stull described the Grab & Go meal distribution program provided by the District's Food Services department. She stated that all children under age 18 are eligible for free breakfasts and lunches during the school closure, which they can access by a drive-thru/walk-up at the rear of each elementary school building. Mrs. Stull shared that after Easter week, meal distribution would be reduced to two days per week, Monday and Wednesday, with 2 days of meals provided on Monday and 3 days of meals provided on Wednesday.

Dr. Steve Melnyk, Assistant to the Superintendent for Education Administration, provided the District's 2019-2020 Safety Report. The report lists various safety activities conducted at each school building, such as drills, trainings, presentations, lessons, and materials/equipment purchases. He also spoke of the safety activities performed by the District's school resource officer, and reviewed the number of detentions and reportable offenses to date.

Time was given for questions and answers after each presentation. There being no more business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Buckwalter, with a second by Mr. Sensenig, and all members voting yes. The Board immediately entered into an Executive Session to discuss matters of employment and personnel.

Sherri L. Stull
Secretary