

**UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2229 E. BUCK ROAD
PENNSBURG, PA 18073**

**BOARD WORKSHOP
February 23, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Workshop of the Board of School Directors of the Upper Perkiomen School District was held in the Upper Perkiomen School District Education Center with the following people attending: Mike W. Elliott (6:55 pm.), Raeann B. Hofkin (6:50 pm.), Wilfred E. Pike, Joan T. Smith, Dr. John L. Farris, John L. Gehman, Jonathan A. Warren, and Kimberly A. Baccari. Absent member was Dr. Kerry A. Drake. Others in attendance were: Alexis McGloin, EdD., Sean Arney, EdD., Sandra M. Kassel, Ashley Kitten, William Gorman, Keith McCarrick, John Walsh, Steven Cunningham, Melanie Cunningham, Donna Steinhauer and Beth Sheldon.

Dr. Farris read a statement on the guidelines of the public comment period. Dr. Farris announced that after the Audit Report is presented the Board will be allowed to ask Mr. Gorman questions and public comments will also be allowed.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by Joan T. Smith, to approve **the January 26, 2017, Board Workshop Minutes** (Attachment A). VOTE: **Elliott – absent, Hofkin – absent**, Pike – yes, Smith – yes, Farris – yes, Gehman – yes, Warren – yes, Baccari – yes, **Drake – absent**. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Joan T. Smith, seconded by Jonathan A. Warren, to approve **Judith Clark, Interim Assistant Superintendent, effective March 1, 2017, until date to be determined but no later than June 30, 2017, at the rate of \$650 per day**, with no fringe benefits or paid leave entitlements. Ms. Clark will provide full-day services, following the 2016-2017 Calendar for 12 month Administrators for 3-4 days per week. Ms. Clark and Superintendent will mutually agree a specific schedule on or by March 1, 2017. These terms shall be set forth in an employment agreement approved by the Superintendent and Solicitor. (Attachment B). VOTE: **Elliott – absent, Hofkin – absent**, Pike – yes, Smith – yes, Farris – yes, Gehman – yes, Warren – yes, Baccari – yes, **Drake – absent**. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

1. **FINANCE**

a. **Audit Presentation** – Gorman & Associates. P.C.

Mr. Gorman gave a summary of the Auditor's Report of the financial statements for the district.

Several Board members had questions for Mr. Gorman and for the Administration. Dr. Farris allowed comments from members of the public regarding the Audit Presentation.

Keith McCarrick, Pennsburg asked about the conversion of the software program and how the whole process was done.

John Walsh, Upper Hanover asked if a refund was coming from Skyward for the additional time it took for the auditors to fix some issues.

Steve Cunningham, Hereford Township asked about using the old software system and the new software system together for a few months.

Melanie Cunningham, Upper Hanover asked if the Board would be trained on the Skyward system or possibly on the reports they will be receiving. She asked about when the Board knew about the findings of the Audit Report.

Donna Steinhauer, East Greenville asked what could have been done in hindsight with the software conversion.

Keith McCarrick, Pennsburg asked if the Board knew there was software system issues.

Beth Sheldon, Pennsburg asked when the software conversion was started and what the timeline for the project was.

John Walsh, Upper Hanover asked if the software conversion was on budget.

b. **Budget Meeting Dates**

Dr. McGloin talked about the tentative Budget Meeting dates that were presented to the Board. Board members discussed dates to come up with a schedule that will allow for members to attend.

2. **CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY**

a. **Future Ready Index** – Dr. Sean Arney, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Arney presented on Future Ready PA Index which is replacing SPP (Student Performance Profile). The goal from the Secretary of Education is to establish a system of school performance measures that moves beyond point-in-time achievement and values schools efforts to help all students learn, grow and succeed in the classroom and beyond.

b. **Upper Perkiomen Virtual Academy** – Mrs. Allison Stephens, Technology, Curriculum & Innovation Specialist

Dr. McGloin reported in Mrs. Stephens' absence. Dr. McGloin talked about wanting to bring a district run cyber program back, Upper Perkiomen Personalized Learning Program would be the proposed new name. The program's vision is that all students in the Upper Perkiomen Community will be provided with flexible and equitable learning opportunities and environments tailored to their specific interests, passions, and needs. The program is designed towards all students and not only cyber students, but the focus will be to get current cyber school students back.

c. **2017-2018 School Calendar** – Dr. Sean Arney (Attachment C)

Dr. Arney talked about the Draft of the 2017-2018 School Calendar. He explained the number of professional days, parent teacher conference days and the early dismissal days which will now be three hour early dismissals instead of two hour early dismissals.

Motion by Joan T. Smith, seconded by John L. Gehman, to **adjourn the meeting At 9:25 p.m.** VOTE: **Elliott – no**, Hofkin – yes, Pike – yes, Smith – yes, Farris – yes, Gehman – yes, Warren – yes, Baccari – yes, **Drake – absent**. Motion carried.
Motion carried.