

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

**BOARD WORKSHOP
April 27, 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 (6:45pm.), Raeann B. Hofkin, Wilfred E. Pike, Joan T. Smith, Dr. John L. Farris, John L. Gehman, Kimberly A. Baccari (7:05pm.), and Dr. Kerry A. Drake. Absent member was Jonathan A. Warren. Others in attendance were: Alexis McGloin, EdD., Judith Clark, Ashley Kitten, Dyan Hipszer, Lesley Motruk, Jeffrey Fries, Robin Ewer, Carly Worman, Allison Stephens, John Walsh, Melanie Cunningham, James Marsh, Jr., Cathy Davidson, Steve Stracka, Michael Ackerman and Arif Fazil.

Dr. Farris read a statement on the guidelines of the public comment period.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion by Joan T. Smith, seconded by Wilfred E. Pike, to approve **the February 23, 2017, Board Workshop Minutes** (Attachment A). Motion carried; all voted aye.
- B. Motion by John L. Gehman, seconded by Joan T. Smith, to approve **the following student expulsion:**
1. Student ID# 253196
Motion carried; all voted aye.

DISCUSSION

1. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- a. Update on Everyday Math Implementation, Grades 3-5
 - Mrs. Lesley Motruk and Mr. Jeffrey Fries, Elementary PrincipalsJudy Clark introduced Lesley Motruk, Jeffrey Fries, Robin Ewer and Carly Worman who presented an Update on the Everyday Math Program. The principals and Math Coaches talked about the benefits of the program for the students, the teaching methods and assessment use.
- b. Upper Perkiomen Personalized Learning Program
 - Mrs. Allison Stephens, Technology, Curriculum & Innovation SpecialistJudy Clark introduced Allison Stephens who gave an explanation of the Personalized Learning Plan. Allison explained the reasons for offering an online program. She also spoke on how the district would reach out to cyber charter school students and encourage them to use the program that the district will be offering.

2. FACILITIES

- a. Middle School Construction Update
 - D'Huy Engineering and Breslin, Ridyard & Fadero ArchitectsMr. Arif Fazil, D'Huy Engineering and Mr. Michael Ackerman, Breslin, Ridyard & Fadero presented an update on the new Middle School project. Mr. Fazil reported that the project was on track and the timeline to advertise bids, receive bids and award the bids should be on schedule.

James Marsh, Jr, East Greenville, questioned the location of the sidewalks.

John Walsh, Palm, inquired about the bid process. He stated that he thought the board should consider using lower cost materials. Mr. Walsh also asked if the legal fees were included in the budget and the sidewalks.

Cathy Davidson, Pennsburg, asked if the geotechnical report was completed. She questioned what limited rock removal meant and how it got removed. Mrs. Davidson asked if the Facilities meeting would be open to the public.

Steve Stracka, Marlborough Township, asked how much money the district would receive for the reimbursement of PlanCon and how much money had come out of the General Fund for the project.

Mr. Fazil and Mr. Ackerman responded to questions from the board and the public.

3. **FINANCE**

a. Recommended Athletic Capital Expenses

Sandy Kassel presented the needed athletic equipment that was discussed at a previous budget meeting. She spoke where the funds would come from.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

John Walsh, Palm, asked what the Everyday Math program cost. Mr. Walsh asked where the budget stood to date.

Motion by John L. Gehman, seconded by Joan T. Smith, to **adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.** Motion carried; all voted aye.