

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

**BOARD WORKSHOP
May 25, 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 (8:00pm.), Raeann B. Hofkin, Wilfred E. Pike, Joan T. Smith, Dr. John L. Farris, John L. Gehman, Jonathan A. Warren, Kimberly A. Baccari and Dr. Kerry A. Drake. Others in attendance were: Alexis McGloin, EdD., Sandra M. Kassel, Judith Clark, Ashley Kitten, Dyan Hipszer, Andrea Farina, EdD., Carol Giblin, Robert Carpenter, EdD., Arthur Vigilante, Meredith Wickard, and Ruth Guenther,

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion by Wilfred E. Pike, seconded by Jonathan A. Warren, to approve **the April 27, 2017, Board Workshop Minutes** (Attachment A). VOTE: Elliott – absent, **Hofkin – no**, Pike – yes, Smith – yes, Farris – yes, Gehman – yes, Warren – yes, Baccari – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

1. **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

a. PAYS Survey Presentation – Dr. Andrea Farina

Dr. Farina presented results from the PAYS, Pennsylvania Youth Survey, that students in Grades 6th, 8th, 10th & 12th voluntarily participated in during the 2015-2016 school year. The results provide school administrators, state agency directors, legislators and others with critical information concerning the changes in patterns of the use and abuse of these harmful substances and behaviors. The survey also assessed risk factors that are related to those behaviors and the protective factors that help to guard against them.

b. Tiered Intervention and Student Identification – Dr. Andrea Farina

Dr. Farina and Carol Giblin discussed the Tiered Intervention and Student identification process. Mrs. Giblin gave a scenario of a student and explained the steps that would be taken to determine what types of instruction would work best for that student.

c. Freshman Academy Update – Dr. Robert Carpenter & Ninth Grade Teachers

Dr. Robert Carpenter, Arthur Vigilante, Ruth Guenther and Meredith Wickard presented an update on the Freshmen Academy. Some of the goals of the Academy were to guide and develop High School students to maximize individual student potential and to increase communication between teachers to help the students. Ruth Guenther talked about some of the engaging activities the freshmen participated in at the beginning of the school year. Meredith Wickard spoke about the Academy Scholars program – students helping students. This program allowed students to tutor fellow students.

Dr. Farris thanked the presenters from the night.

Motion by Joan T. Smith, seconded by Raeann B. Hofkin, to **adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.** Motion carried; all voted aye.

