

*SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
C.O.W. Meeting  
August 12, 2015 – Administration Building  
Minutes*

The Board of School Directors of the Shaler Area School District held a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at the Shaler Area Administration Office, Glenshaw, PA, with Mr. John Fries, School Board President, presiding. This meeting began at 7:51 p.m.

Board Members Present:

- Mr. William Coutts
- Mrs. Suzanna Donahue
- Mr. James Fisher
- Mr. John Fries
- Mr. Tim Gapsky
- Mrs. Susan Hunt
- Dr. April Kwiatkowski
- Mrs. Jeanne Petrovich
- Mr. Steve Romac

Others Present:

- Dr. Vic Morrone, Acting Superintendent
- Dr. Bryan O'Black, Director of Curriculum and Technology
- Mr. Charles Bennett, Director of Business Affairs
- Mr. Gary Mignogna, Director of Human Resources
- Mr. Matt Hoffman, Solicitor

Notice of this meeting was posted as required.

- Mr. Fries called the meeting to order and introduced Greer Hayden with HHS DR Architects/Engineers to present information on Rogers Primary School.
- Greer Hayden, president of HHS DR Architects/Engineers, told the School Board that the District's PlanCon application has been approved. Mr. Hayden also said that regardless of whether the Board chooses to renovate the building or to build a new structure, the District would not have to start over with the PlanCon process. Mr. Hayden said he recommends approving McIlvried, DiDiano & Mox, LLC to complete a topographic survey of the site. Mr. Hayden said the company had the best proposal. Mr Hayden then presented the pros and cons for the two options for the Rogers Primary site: renovation or new school construction. The estimated cost for renovation is projected to be \$15.9 million and constructing new would cost \$23.7 million. A new building would allow for consistent classroom sizes, a separate cafeteria and multipurpose room, more space for art, music, library and offices and room for a ducted HVAC system. The new building would be set back from the road for additional security. The renovated building costs less, provides more green space and retains the ball fields. School board members asked questions to clarify the proposals and asked if it would be possible to save one of the ball fields with the new construction proposal. Mr. Hayden said it could be possible with the distance requirements for little league fields.

Mr. Hayden said the timeline would be to interview staff in September and then have a public meeting to explain the project. Permitting with the township and county would be completed in February to have approval by March. The bids could go out by the end of April or beginning of May with construction starting at the end of May. The proposed completion would be for the end of 2017. Mr. Hayden said the timeline (and breaking ground next summer) was predicated on the School Board making a decision by the following week.

Mr. Bennett said the district would do a bond in two parts. A \$10 million bond would start the project and then once the final bids come in, the district would get a second bond the second part of the total cost. The first bond would be issued in September or October to take advantage of the low rates.

The School Board asked Ms. Foht, principal of Rogers Primary School, for her opinion on parking. She said that it has to be a priority.

Mr. Coutts said he would prefer the new building and to tie in the projects for a new track and turf at the stadium and locker facility at Biles Field. A straw poll of the School Board members showed most were in favor of constructing a new building at the Rogers site. It will be put to an official vote during the next voting meeting

- Dorothy Petrancosta, of Skylark Drive, spoke in favor of building a new building. Another parent spoke in favor of having a separate cafeteria and gym regardless of the plan chosen.
- Mr. Fries then invited the student representative to give a report.
- Student Representative – James Belany said there was an issue with the High School schedules and students were being scheduled for courses they already completed or were not scheduled a lunch. James Belany said some students were given a couple hours to decide on new electives and many courses were already full. Dr. Morrone suggested the students sit down with Dr. Timothy Royall, High School principal. Dr. Royall said the staff will fix whatever needs to be fixed.

Dr. O’Black then announced the following Educational Items:

<u>Item #</u>	<u>EDUCATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</u>	<u>SUP #</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
A.1	Approve the contract of service between Pennsylvania Educator’s Clearinghouse, PA-Educator.net, and the Shaler Area School District for the 2015-16 school year at a cost of \$3,000.	A.1	_____
A.2	Approve the resolution authorizing Dr. Victor Morrone to utilize an e-Signature per PDE regulations to approve federal and state funding applications.	A.2	_____
A.3	Approve an agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services to provide mental health services to Shaler Area School District students from August 26, 2015 to June 8, 2016 at a cost of \$69,010 to be funded thru ACCESS.	A.3	_____
A.4	Approve the agreement amendment to the September 29, 2009 contract with Maxim Staffing Solutions as outlined in the agreement dated August 5, 2015.	A.4	_____
A.5	Approve the second reading of the following revised policies: a. Policy No. 222 – Tobacco Use b. Policy No. 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia	A.5	_____
A.6	Approve the following out-of-district/overnight trips: a. Shaler Area High School Music Department (Choir/Band) travel to Nashville, TN – October 25 to 28, 2015 to participate in the National Association for Music Education. Cost per student approximately \$900. b. Shaler Area High School Music Department (Choir/Band) travel to Nashville, TN – April 14 to 18, 2016 to participate in the Festival of Music Adjudication. Students will fundraise individually through booster-sponsored fundraisers. Cost to the district six substitute teachers for three days.	A.6	_____

- Mr. Romac asked if the students in A.6a would be paying for the competition through a fundraiser. Dr. O’Black said the two students qualified to compete at the national level similar to the student in FBLA earlier in the summer.

Dr. O’Black then announced the following Information Items:

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1. Shaler Area Education Foundation Update – Dr. Kwiatkowski said the Foundation plans to have a tent at homecoming and one of the Foundation arms will be tasked with reaching alumni. Dr. Royall said the group anticipates gaining 5,000 alumni and community member names, which will be used to direct invitations to a gala event fundraiser at a future date.
2. Grable Foundation Grant – Dr. O’Black said the grant will continue the work done through the IKS Titan and by teacher Mike Penn. The grant will fund money to other school districts in the area with similar simulators. The grant request is for \$49,000.
3. School Resource Officer Update – Dr. O’Black said SRO Frank Spiker was instrumental in the 2014-15 school year and provided Officer Spiker’s summary report of his work.
4. Enrollment – Dr. O’Black said enrollment numbers change hourly. There are 4,461 students enrolled to date and about 305 in Kindergarten. The District continues to monitor that number.
5. Education Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 23, 2015 – PSSA Review – Dr. O’Black announced this meeting.
6. 2015 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference – October 13-16, 2015 – Hershey Lodge & Convention Center Early Bird Registration Deadline is August 28, 2015 – Dr. Morrone
7. Americorps teachers for 2015-16: *(Resumes posted on BlackBoard)*

Elizabeth Dickensheets	Slippery Rock University	Jeffery Primary
Lauren Kopezynski	Clarion University	Elementary School
Brittany O’Neil-Hankle	Edinboro University	Reserve Primary
Lindsay Schlotterer	Louisiana State University	Marzolf Primary

Mr. Bennett then presented the following Finance items:

<u>Item #</u>	<u>FINANCE AND OPERATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</u>	<u>Sup. #</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
C.1	<b>APPROVE FUND PROFILES:</b>		
A.	General Fund – Schedule of Bills and Addendum	C.1A	_____
B.	Cafeteria – Schedule of Bills	C.1B	_____
C.	Year-to-Date Financial Reports	C.1C	_____
D.	Fund Profiles and Investments	C.1D	_____
E.	Student Activity Funds & Investments - High School, Middle School, and Elementary School Accounts – April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015	C.1E	_____
C.2	Approve attached list of Bus Stops for the 2015-16 school year.	C.2	_____
C.3	Approval of additional school of attendance exception applications for the 2015-16 school year (pending final enrollment).	C.3	_____
C.4	Approval of an extension to the current agreement with W.L. Roenigk to supplement the school district transportation services on an as needed basis for the 2015-16 school year.	C.4	_____
C.5	Approval of an extension to the current agreement with ABC Transit to supplement the school district transportation services on an as needed basis for the 2015-16 school year.	C.5	_____

- C.6 Approval Grogan, Graffam, PC as Bond Counsel for the Rogers Primary Project. C.6
- C.7 Approval to declare the attached list of equipment as surplus and to dispose of accordingly. C.7
- C.8 Approval of McIlvried, DiDiano & Mox, LLC to provide Professional Survey Services for the Rogers Primary School project as recommended by HHSDR. \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Mr. Bennett said after December the District will face a cash-flow problem if the state doesn't pass a budget, similar to the problem Districts faced in 2009. Mr. Bennett said there is only one new bus stop added this year and transportation will continue to be massaged in the first few weeks of school to iron out any kinks. He announced a Transportation Committee meeting on Sept. 23. Mr. Bennett said C.6 is a necessary issue for bond counsel and the organization is one he has used before. Item C.7 will help clean out excess equipment at Burchfield to give Rogers more space, and Item C.8 is the survey service recommended by HHSDR.

Mr. Bennett then presented the following Discussion items:

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1. HHSDR Rogers Primary Presentation – Mr. Bennett said there will be a motion to build a new school at the Rogers Primary site at the Voting meeting.
2. Track and Field Equipment Purchase – Mr. Bennett said total cost for the equipment is not insurmountable and the most expensive items were the pole vault pit and standards. Mr. Coutts said the GoFundMe page the team set up raised more money than was listed as the team's contribution, and Mr. Coutts requested that administration look into it and make sure the money raised is used in totality.

After no further items were presented and no one from the public addressed the Board, Mr. Fries adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Baker  
Assistant Board Secretary