

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL  
BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 13, 2016

Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices  
1:00 p.m.

**Attending all or part of the meeting:**

**Board Committee Members:** Scott Dorsey (Chair), Kevin Buraks, Roberta Hotinski, Katharine Murphy

**Other Board Members:** Michele Burger, Virginia Lastner,

**TE School District Representatives:** Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Mark Cataldi, Patrick Gately, Richard Gusick

**Community Members:** Amy Alvarez, Doug Anestad, Ray Clarke, Kris Graham, Barb Jackson, Jamie Lynch, Jerry Henige, Cheryl Lowery

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

Barb Jackson commented on the **Middle School Guidance Update.**

Ray Clarke commented on the **Middle School Guidance Update.**

Jamie Lynch commented on the **Middle School Guidance Update.**

Doug Anestad commented on the **Middle School Guidance Update.**

Ray Clarke commented on the **Enrollment/Staffing/Facilities Report.**

Doug Anestad commented on the **TESD: Value Indicators.**

Ray Clarke commented on the **TESD: Value Indicators.**

Jerry Henige commented on the **TESD: Value Indicators.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

The November 11, 2015 minutes were approved.

## **Committee Discussion and Recommendations:**

The Committee received a **Middle School Guidance Update** from Mr. Cataldi, Director of Assessment and Accountability. Mr. Cataldi addressed several questions from Committee and community members. The Committee discussed the roles and responsibilities of the counselors at the Middle Schools, average caseloads for TESD and surrounding Districts, and historical trends. In light of growing enrollment, the Committee continued to support one additional counselor at each Middle School for the 2016-2017 school year. The Committee expressed support for including one additional counselor in the preliminary budget and moving the split counselor from the elementary level to the Middle School based on projected enrollment numbers for the 2016-2017 school year. The Committee continued to support monitoring need and enrollment throughout the year in order to ensure that the recommendation of one additional counselor remains appropriate.

The Committee received an **Enrollment/Staffing/Facilities Report** from Dr. Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning. Dr. Towle addressed several questions from Committee and community members. The Committee discussed the available classroom space at each Elementary and Middle School, based on projected enrollment numbers for the 2016-2017 school year. The Committee discussed options for meeting the needs of students if enrollment numbers grow larger than predicted by the Demographer's Report and the District's study of enrollment trends. The Committee recommended that the District continue to monitor projected enrollment numbers for the 2016-2017 school year in preparation for another Report in March.

The Committee received a draft report on the **TESD: Value Indicators** from Dr. Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning. Dr. Towle addressed several questions from Committee and community members. The Committee discussed the purpose of the Value Indicators, which arose from a community request, and the significance of the different Indicators, all of which are based on publicly available information. The Committee recommended that the District continue to evaluate the impact and possible use of the Indicators, along with consideration of Indicators that can be used to show historical trends.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Next meeting: **February 10, 2016**