

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2016

Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices
5:00 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, Todd Kantorczyk, Virginia Lastner

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Nancy Adams, Mark Cataldi, Patrick Gately, Richard Gusick, Mike Szymendera

Community Members: Amy Alvarez, Doug Anestad, Kris Graham, Jerry Henige, Barb Jackson, Jamie Lynch, Cinda Martorano, Lisa Lukens, Karen Cruickshank, Mary Kay “Sam” Elsen, Mike Naimoli

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Public Comment:

Barb Jackson commented on the **Technology Update.**

Mike Naimoli commented on the **Technology Update.**

Doug Anestad commented on the **Technology Update.**

Mary Kay “Sam” Elsen commented on the **Technology Update.**

Jerry Henige commented on the **Technology Update.**

Karen Cruickshank commented on the **Technology Update.**

Jamie Lynch commented on the **Technology Update.**

Cinda Martorano commented on **Keystone Exam Remediation.**

Karen Cruickshank commented on **Keystone Exam Remediation.**

Doug Anestad commented on **Keystone Exam Remediation.**

Approval of Minutes:

The January 13, 2016 minutes were approved.

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee received a **Technology Update** from Dr. Szymendera, Director of Instructional Technology. Exploration of access to technology is a District goal for this school year. Following the direction the Committee provided in the fall, prior to the presentation, Dr. Szymendera met with groups of parents, teachers, and administrators throughout the District to gather information regarding student access to technology. Findings of this investigation were shared with the Committee and an option for increased student access utilizing a 1:1 model in grades 7-12 was outlined. During meetings with Dr. Szymendera, teachers, students and parents cited increased opportunities for flexibility, differentiation, collaboration, and authentic inquiry based learning as outcomes of increased student access to technology. Research supporting innovative teaching and learning through the use of technology was also shared with the Committee. Dr. Szymendera addressed several questions from Committee and community members and then also presented several possible models for a 1:1 initiative. The Committee recommended that the District continue to explore the financial and educational impact of the 1:1 technology initiative. The Committee recommended that the District present several different cost options for implementation of the 1:1 technology initiative to the Finance Committee. The Committee also suggested that the District consider the implications of the 1:1 technology initiative on the Digital Citizenship Curriculum at Conestoga High School.

The Committee received a **Keystone Exam Remediation Update** from Mr. Cataldi, Director of Assessment and Accountability. Recent legislation has postponed the use of Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement until the graduating class of 2019. Students will still need to take the Keystone exam as they complete each of the three Keystone-aligned courses – Algebra 1, Biology, and American Literature – but for students in grades 10, 11, and 12 achieving proficiency on these exams will no longer be a requirement for graduation. Mr. Cataldi addressed several questions from Committee and community members. The Committee recommended that the District continue to provide state-mandated Keystone Exam remediation, including school-year and summer remediation, for students in the current ninth grade (class of 2019) and below. The Committee recommended that the District provide opt-in Keystone Exam remediation for students in the current tenth grade (class of 2018) and above, as the state has removed the mandate for Keystone Exam remediation for these students.

The **PSSA Remediation** presentation and the **Middle School Math** presentation were postponed until the March 9 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Next meeting: **March 9, 2016**