

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2015

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

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Karen Cruickshank (Chair), Pete Motel

Other Board Members: Kris Graham, Kevin Buraks, Virginia Lastner

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Mark Cataldi, Andrea Chipeco, Patrick Gately, Richard Gusick, Mike Szymendera, Lisa Lukens

Community Members: Amy Alvarez, Roberta Hotinski, Jill Semmer, Cinda Marturano

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Public Comment:

Roberta Hotinski commented on **2015 PSSA, Keystone and AP Scores.**

Jill Semmer commented on **2015 PSSA, Keystone and AP Scores.**

Cinda Martorano commented on **2015 PSSA, Keystone and AP Scores.**

Roberta Hotinski commented on **Bring Your Own Device Report.**

Jill Semmer commented on **Bring Your Own Device Report.**

Cinda Martorano commented on **Bring Your Own Device Report.**

Amy Alvarez commented on **Bring Your Own Device Report.**

Amy Alvarez commented on the **2016-2017 School Calendar.**

Approval of Minutes:

The May 12, 2015 minutes were approved.

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee discussed the **2015 PSSA, Keystone and AP Scores.** District results were presented in comparison to state and national results, and the Committee was given information about the new PSSA test and new cut scores, which were established by the State Board of Education and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) in June, 2015. District students continue to perform exceptionally well on each of these standardized assessments, including the new PSSA test. The Committee suggested a review of a pending Chester County Superintendents' letter outlining concerns regarding recent changes to the PSSAs, including the new test and the new cut scores. The Committee recommended, for a future meeting, the drafting of a resolution opposing the new PSSA cut scores and the unfunded mandate for remediation. The Committee also received an update on PDE's one-year

moratorium for School Performance Profile (SPP) scores for those schools that administered the PSSA. This moratorium does not apply to schools that administered only Keystone Exams.

The Committee discussed the **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Report**. The Committee received updates on the prior work of the District Technology Committee, connections to the Strategic Plan and District Essential Skills, examples of BYOD implementation in the classroom, the timeline for BYOD implementation, the rollout plan, and implications for policies, regulations, and the Conestoga High School Code of Conduct. The Committee recommended that the District move forward with the BYOD initiative at Conestoga High School for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Committee reviewed the **2016-2017 School Calendar**. Two versions of the calendar were presented for consideration. In the first version, students would begin on the Monday prior to Labor Day and teachers would begin on the Wednesday of the previous week. In the second version, students would begin on the Tuesday after Labor Day and teachers would begin on the Wednesday of the previous week. The Committee suggested the possibility of a half-day or no school on the Friday prior to Labor Day, if the pre-Labor Day calendar were to be considered. The Committee recommended that a representative of the TE Education Association share both drafts of the calendar with teachers. The Committee recommended that further discussion of the 2016-2017 School Calendar be held at the October 14 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Next meeting: **October 14, 2015**