

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2015

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

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Karen Cruickshank (Chair), Jim Bruce, Scott Dorsey, Pete Motel

Other Board Members: Kris Graham, Virginia Lastner

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

Community Members: Amy Alvarez, Jill Semmer, Cinda Marturano, Jamie Lynch

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

Public Comment:

Jill Semmer commented on the **2016-2017 School Calendar**.

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

Jamie Lynch commented on the **2016-2017 School Calendar**.

Cinda Marturano commented on the **Technology Update**.

Approval of Minutes:

The September 9, 2015 minutes were approved.

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee reviewed the **2016-2017 School Calendar**. Three 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. In the third version, students would begin on the Monday prior to Labor Day but would have off the Friday of that first week, and teachers would begin on the Wednesday of the previous week. The Committee discussed all three options, with comments provided by community members and a representative of the TE Education Association. The Committee approved the first version of the calendar – starting before Labor Day with school held on the Friday before Labor Day. This calendar also includes the additional Act 80 days and days designated as local holidays according to Section 5-1502(a).

The Committee discussed the **Technology Update**. The Committee received updates on the current and future student and staff technology access themes across the elementary, middle, and high school levels, as well as information about Learning Management Systems. Presented with a continuum of possible access opportunities, the Committee approved the District to move forward with identification of needs and costs associated with current and future student

technology access and to explore all opportunities on the continuum. The Committee also recommended moving forward with further study of Learning Management Systems.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Next meeting: **November 11, 2015**