

The Tredyffrin/Easttown Board of School Directors met in regular session on the above date at Conestoga High School, 200 Irish Road, Berwyn.

Members present: Kevin Buraks, Michele Burger, Douglas Carlson, Scott Dorsey, Roberta Hotinski, Todd Kantorczyk, Virginia Lastner, Katharine Murphy and Edward Sweeney.

Others in attendance:

Richard Gusick, Superintendent of Schools;
Arthur J. McDonnell, Business Manager/Board Secretary;
David Francella, Treasurer;
Ken Roos, District Solicitor;
Jeanne Pocalyko, Director of Human Resources;
Andrea Chipego, Director of Individualized Student Services;
Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning;
Mark Cataldi, Director of Assessment and Accountability;
Michael Szymendera, Director of Instructional Technology;
Nancy Adams, Curriculum Supervisor;
Pat Gately, Curriculum Supervisor;
Oscar Torres, Curriculum Supervisor;
Chris Groppe, Special Education Supervisor;
Nicole Roy, Special Education Supervisor;
Amy Meisinger, Principal, Conestoga High School;
Anthony DiLella, Assistant Principal, Conestoga High School;
Patrick Boyle, Assistant Principal, Conestoga High School;
Andy Phillips, Principal, Tredyffrin/Easttown Middle School;
Rebecca Wills, Principal, Valley Forge Elementary School
Bob DeSipio, TEEA President;
and members of the press.

Report from Student Representatives:

None

Report from Professional Staff:

Kathy Pokalo presented information on the Conestoga High School Comparative Literature Course.

Comments/Questions from Community Members:

None

Priority Discussion/Action:

Adoption of the 2017 – 2018 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Kantorczyk moved, then the motion was seconded, that the Board of School Directors adopts the following Resolution that pertains to the approval of the 2017-2018 preliminary budget:

The Board of School Directors adopted the following Resolutions that pertain to the approval of the 2017-2018 preliminary budget proposed by the District's administration:

WHEREAS, a preliminary budget for the 2017-2018 school year has been prepared by the District's administration and submitted to the Board of School Directors for the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and fully considered said preliminary budget;

WHEREAS, although Section 311 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of Special Session No. 1 of 2006 requires that the Board approve a preliminary budget, such approval does not limit the consideration of further changes prior to adoption of a final budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 311 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of Special Session No. 1 of 2006, the Board of School Directors for the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District, Wayne, Chester County, Pennsylvania, hereby approves and adopts the preliminary budget as follows:

1. The preliminary budget for the 2017-2018 school year is in the amount of \$136,103,995 revenues and \$141,910,452 for appropriations on a tentative basis.
2. Public notice of said preliminary budget was given at least ten (10) days before its adoption.
3. The preliminary budget was available for public inspection to all persons who have an interest therein, at least twenty (20) days prior to its adoption by the Board of School Directors.

Furthermore, the Board also:

- a. Authorizes the administration to advertise the District's intent to seek the Act 1 referendum exceptions included in the preliminary budget and to seek such approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education; and
- b. Authorizes the Superintendent to take any and all actions necessary to ensure legal compliance with submission and approval of the preliminary budget and filing of referendum exceptions.

President Carlson read the resolution aloud which was followed by a presentation of the 2017-2018 preliminary budget by Business Manager, Arthur J. McDonnell.

Comments/Questions from the Board:

- Todd Kantorczyk commented on the budgetary reserve/contingency.
- Scott Dorsey commented on ways to reduce costs.
- Ed Sweeney commented on prioritizing; limiting and cutting cost.
- Virginia Lastner commented on the preliminary budget and school property tax elimination legislation.
- Roberta Hotinski commented on budget workshops and public attendance.
- Kate Murphy commented on the World Language Program.

Comments/Questions from Community Members:

- Doug Anestad commented on the fund balance transfers to the capital fund and the preliminary budget.
- Ray Clarke commented on the fund balance transfers to the capital fund and the athletic fund.
- Pat McHugh commented on the World Language Program.

Upon the call for the question, President Carlson called for a roll call vote by Mr. McDonnell. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0.

Mr. Carlson – Yes
Rev. Dorsey – Yes
Mr. Buraks – Yes
Mrs. Burger – Yes
Dr. Hotinski – Yes
Mr. Kantorczyk – Yes
Mrs. Lastner – Yes
Mrs. Murphy – Yes
Mr. Sweeney - Yes

Committee and Ambassador Reports

- A. Ad Hoc Legislative – Edward Sweeney

- B. Policy – Kevin Buraks
- C. Diversity – Michele Burger
- D. Finance – Todd Kantorczyk
- E. Facilities – Michele Burger
- F. Education – Katharine Murphy
- G. Intermediate Unit/Technical School – Scott Dorsey
- H. Ad Hoc Public Information Committee – Roberta Hotinski

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the January 3, 2017 Special Board Business Meeting

The Board of School Directors approved the minutes of the January 3, 2017 Special Board Business Meeting.

Receive Financial Reports

The Board of School Directors received and approved the following monthly reports (see attachments):

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| A. Fund Balance | G. Budget Transfers |
| B. Investments | H. Student Activity Funds |
| C. Revenues Summary | I. Capital Projects Fund |
| D. Revenues | J. Capital Projects Bonds Fund |
| E. Appropriations Summary | K. Cafeteria Fund |
| F. Appropriations | L. Check Register |
| | M. Trust Fund |

FURTHER, that the Treasurer is authorized to pay current invoices and payroll from the General Fund not to exceed the amount of \$15,000,000.00 for the month of February.

FURTHER, that the Treasurer was authorized and therefore did pay invoices and payroll from the General Fund in the actual amount of \$11,632,685.31 for the month of December.

Routine Personnel Actions

Resignations/Releases/Retirements

The Board of School Directors approved the following resignations/releases/retirements:

Zineb Abouhouraira, general kitchen worker, T/E Middle School, resignation, effective 1/20/17
Darlene Adams, substitute teacher, District, resignation, effective 1/19/17
Cheryl Ballentine, teacher, T/E Middle School, retirement, effective last teacher day of the 2016-17 school year
Brenna Bangs, substitute teacher, District, resignation, effective 1/19/17
Susan Bunn, aide, T/E Middle School, resignation, effective 12/31/16
Andrea Chipego, Director of Individualized Student Services, TEAO, retirement, effective on or about 6/30/17
Michael Gilbert, custodian, Conestoga High School, retirement, effective 9/5/17
Victor Wright, custodian, Conestoga High School, retirement, effective 1/31/17

Leaves of Absence in Accordance with Policies 4200; 4220; 4600

The Board of School Directors approved the following leave of absence in accordance with policies 4200; 4220; 4600 (Absences and Leaves Due to Illness, Injury and Disability; Family and Medical Leaves of Absence: Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health):

Mary K. Sam, paraeducator, T/E Middle School, unpaid leave without benefits, effective 1/16/17 to 3/31/17

Appointments

The Board of School Directors approved the following appointments; changes in position and/or location:

Annie Baranik, teacher, Long Term Substitute Contract Extension, Hillside Elementary School, salary based and prorated on an annual salary of \$51,100, effective 11/17/16 to 6/30/17*

J.D. Belk, substitute maintenance, District, at an hourly rate of \$13.81, effective 12/23/16

Deirdre DellaPolla, Secretary "C", Conestoga High School, at an hourly rate of \$15.80, effective 1/23/17*

Lauren DiMaio, substitute teacher, District, effective 1/3/17*

Alexander Foulke, teacher, Long Term Substitute Contract, Conestoga High School, salary based and prorated on an annual salary of \$50,250, effective 1/27/17 to 6/30/17*

Tessa Harvey, substitute teacher, District, effective 1/13/17*

Samantha Nelson, substitute teacher, District, effective 1/10/17*

Kyle Oram, substitute teacher, District, effective 1/13/17*

John Templeton, substitute maintenance, District, at an hourly rate of \$13.81, effective 12/23/16

Marquis Weeks, Assistant Wrestling Coach, T/E Middle School, step 1, stipend of \$2,466, effective 2016-17 school year

Danielle Wenzel, teacher, Long Term Substitute Contract, Valley Forge Middle School, salary based and prorated on an annual salary of \$54,699, effective 2/21/17 to 5/24/17

Dawn Williams, substitute custodian, District, at an hourly rate of \$11.58, effective 1/19/17*

* Employment contingent upon appropriate Personnel processing and State and Federal requirements.

Probationary Period Wage Adjustment

The Board of School Directors approved the following wage adjustment consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the following employee who completed his 90-day probationary period:

John Zabinski, security, Maintenance, effective 1/1/17

Volunteer Report

BEAUMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten

Erin Muhly Jill Rios

First Grade

David Carlson	Michelle Cherny	Katie Donnelly	Salwa Hasan
Frederick Heuser	Stacey LeSage	Nancy Liu	Ashley Meyers
Courtney O'Brien	Emy Shock	Bob Shock	

Second Grade

Alicia Asselta	Urmila DeVkota	Megan Doble	Pikk Nga Haas
Peggy Myers			

Fourth Grade

Maureen Aneser Julie DeVuono

Library

Maureen Aneser	Melissa Branov	Denise Chaplin	Pikk Nga Haas
Amanda Kuane	Lisa Lawler	Sharon Levitch	Ling Li
Leigh Martin	Michelle Moua		

DEVON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Classroom Volunteers

Manjari Anand	Priyanka Bakshi	Ritche Bardos	Madhura Bathina
Monica Berenbroick	Sarah Bruder	Andrew Caplan	Kim Carr
Carrie Cotton	Bernadette D'Emilio	Rasha Elsaie	Kate Etherington
Matt Fatz	Beth Fogarty	Jen Gallagher	Gail Goulet
Becky Gullan	Elisabeth Hartwell	Megan Hillier	Kristen Hyon
Bharathi Juluru	Chris Kelly	Nancy Kelly	Jan Konopka

Amy Lange
Cheryl Lutz
Shilpa Mishra
Matt Norris
Kara Reidnauer
Wendy Smith
Pothula Vasavi

Library

Lauren Amjed
Laurie Nishimura
Robin Sweet

School Store

Shelly Braman

HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**Kindergarten Workshop**

Lauren Allred
Debbie Bookstaber
Kelly Daly
Karole Hamill
Christin King
Emily Martin
Kirsten Pastor
Laurie Turner

Kindergarten Party

Mary Christine Antonio
Maureen Boyd
Amy Langan
Doug Pastor

Kindergarten Guest Reader/VIP

Tricia Brader
Cosette Elliott
Tracy Johnson
Emily Martin
Kate Nelson

First Grade Holiday Party

Jeanette Brown
Claire Gallagher
Gwendolyn Ponder

First Grade MVP Reader

Ashley Brown
Susmita Nag

Second Grade Field Trip

Jennifer Bachman
Tracy Johnson
Kristen Mc Kenzie
Katy Uhrich

Second Grade Winter Party

Clinton Burks
Catherine Gauthier
Christin King

Jen Lara
Michael Lutz
Noriko Mochizuki
Chanda Octavio
Stephen Ronger-Cook
Jennifer Solomon
Neeraja Venkatesh

Beth Fogarty
Nikole Salata
Rita Thompson

Salihe Mihaj

Jennifer Arnold
Tricia Brader
Colleen Decker
Natalie Hoffman
Morgan Long
Laura Mills
Kelly Ploszay
Jonathan Withers

Romini Antonio
Matt Brown
Vanessa Leaman
Katy Uhrich

Jared Brader
Alison Eppihimer
Steve Johnson
Kyle Martin
Molly Zangrilli

Christina Carberry
Wen Li
Leah Raup

Gina Fredericks
Leah Raup

Jane Balsan
Christin King
Alyssa Metz-Topodas

Nathan Butler
Heather Guerin
Amy Langan

Tara Leamon
Fiona Mackenzie
Kim Niles
Anjali Patel
Cara Simon
Sughasini Sriram
Lindsey Wisch

Jen Lara
Shweta Sivaraman

Jami Barnett
Mita Chatterjee
Cosette Elliott
Karen Jackson
Cheryl Lowery
Courtney Mollica
Lily Siravo
Molly Zangrilli

Jennifer Arnold
Colleen Flesher
Brian Mc Farland
Kristen Wik

Jacqueline Cosgrove
Cristina Everhart
Morgan Long
Courtney Mollica

Jill Clement
Jennifer Mc Kenzie
Beverly Todor

Jennifer Gaiski
Melissa Romano

LaShawn Brown
Beth Lee
Karen Rotwitt Perrin

Brooke Choate
JoLynn Holmwood
Younan Le

Hannah Lee
Sarah Marvin
Laurie Nishimura
Sudha Ramaiahgari
Chris Smith
Mei Hong Tang
Carmen Xu

Kim Niles
Kiki Sizelove

Molly Bogan
Jie Chen
Seth Flesher
Tracy Johnson
Kirsten MacFarland
Kate Nelson
Jessica Sontag

Molly Bogan
Christin King
Emily Martin

Mike Daly
Mesha Fuller
Eric Long
Rumana Muhammed

Zhong Deng
Susmita Nag

Rajiv Nag
Brian Rosenstein

Katie Buzbee
Lianne Lofgren
Monica Sanguinetti

Cristina Everhart
Kate Kilgariff
Lianne Lofgren

Alyssa Metz-Topodas
Maryann Staszak

Karen Rotwitt Perrin
Tom Zabinski

Emily Phelan

Maria Rick

Third Grade Winter Party

Ina Fricchione
Sarah Malstrom
Stacy Warkentine

Sarah Hermans
Kristen Mc Kenzie

Karen Hummel
Maria Rick

Jessica Lee
Dr. Nieta Shapiro

Fourth Grade Winter Party

Lauren Allred
Kristin Courtney
Jessica Littleton
Kristin Regan

Jenn Arnold
Shannon David
Mary Mc Ginn

Colleen Barth
Veronica Fitzgerald
Kate Mullen

Kim Conrad
Regan Kreszswick
Kristen Rantanen

Art Room

Jane Balsan
Katie Buzbee
Lianne Lofgren
Maria Rick

Kristin Becket
Heather Guerin
Laura Mills
Jen Schaefer

Lori Benedict
Christin King
Heather Mariano
Maureen Sweet

Tricia Brader
Regan Kreszswick
Lisa Nishikawa
Beverly Todor

NEW EAGLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Classroom Volunteers

Ganga Anand
Christy Bosler
Alison Dyer
Jennifer Havey
Kim Kontes
Brizy Mathen
Eileen Nolan
Linda Rakes
JR Ryland
Lizette Subach
Hadley Witcher

Bryn Arata
Susan Canas
Bayard Fleitas
Carissa Hirt
Kathleen Lukes
Sheila McCaffrey
Karyn Norton
Roxana Rohe
Deepali Schwarz
Amy Terlecki
Pete Wong

Melissa Bloom
Kara Charbonneau
Melanie Fritz
Aida Tafreshi Hosseini
Becky Mackey
Kate Messinger
Joanna Patterson
Tiffany Roibu
Carie Shingleton
Stephanie Wenstrup
Cathy Wozniak

Ashley Bonelli
Carol DiBari
Elaine Gunter
Maggie Johnson
Anthony Marozsan
Christina Nagel
Marisol Perez
Rebekkah Rotwitt
Rachel Sofish
Maureen Williams

Library Volunteers

Lindsay Belzer
Jean Febbo
Sarah Gawthrop
Stephanie Kline
Larissa Mott
Deepali Schwarz
Kim Szwech
Jen Zebro

Alicia Bond
Jen Frazer
Carrie Grau
Amanda Laskowski
Dorothy Oken
Michelle Spina
Faiza Tariq

Stephanie Crill
Tracey Frederick
Brandi Hanson
Katie Lenehan
Roxana Rohe
Lizette Subach
Fern Van Hise

Suzanne Cronley
Marie Gould
Christi Kenney
Mary Sue Mansfield
Sylvia Ryland
Emily Summers
Lois Worton

VALLEY FORGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cafeteria

Lauren Doran

Amanda Ivory

Lobby

Heather McConnell

Miscellaneous

Stacy Albert
Stacey Barry
Darren Brown
Tarin Cataldo
Brent Holmes

Tony Albert
Fritz Bittenbender
Emily Brunner
Stephanie Crean
Sarah Humbarger

Nicole Aqui
Heather Bittenbender
Bridgid Burkert
Erica Griffel
Amanda Ivory

Kim Aquilante
Tara Boland
Kevin Burkert
Heather Hill
Kim Jamme

Kamila Jodzio
 Josie Masella
 Alison Murray
 Phyllis Reid
 Ashlie Smith
 Mijung Vuadens

Library

Stacy Albert
 Bridgid Burkert
 Nancy Coradi
 Lauren Doran
 Tracy Grigoriades
 Debra Kelley
 Chulani Kudalugodaarachichi
 Heather McConnell
 Adrienne Miller
 Jo Novelli
 Wendy Pennie
 Jenny Roberts
 Andrea Sau
 Tammy Small
 Brook Stein
 Fanny Yuliana

Publishing Center

Tarin Cataldo
 Elayne Schmidt
 Kristen Wright

Music

Tiffany Leong

Executive Board

Emily Carteen
 Angel McAveney
 Amanda Mlinar

School Store

Chiwei Ma

T/E MIDDLE SCHOOL**School Store**

Samantha Ballard
 Ina Fricchione
 Diane Hoey
 Lianne Lofgren
 Kate Miller
 Jennifer Roessler
 Ann-Charlotte Storer
 Lindsey Wisch

Art Studio

Annie Detwiler

CONESTOGA HIGH SCHOOL**Senior Internship Mailing**

Martha Atchinson

Tara Karbner
 Ashley Means
 Susan McGowan
 Amy Saylor
 Beth Stanfield
 Brooks White

Melissa Kenne
 Emily Carteen
 Laura De Jong
 Mia Dotzel
 Heather Hill
 Agnes Kent
 Claire Lartigue
 Susan McGowan
 Amanda Miller
 Ashka Pandya
 Joseph Pizzio
 Jon Rust
 Amy Saylor
 Julie Soura
 Natalie Sudall
 Ying Zhang

Tereza Keohane
 Tracy Simpson

Tarin Cataldo
 Heather McConnell
 Alison Murray

Ann Marie Marburg

Erica Barnes
 Coleen Fullman-Hillman
 Tracy Hughes
 Min Lubiniecki
 Samantha Murphy
 Barbara Schiff
 Jessica Tinneney
 Yuanqing Yu

Janice Dutton

Patti Bailey

Zi-Ninn Lee
 Amanda Miller
 Brandie Nemchenko
 Linda Schubert
 Natalie Sudall
 Kristen Wright

Heather Bittenbender
 Eva Case-Issakov
 Valerie Denault
 Enoch Gao
 Amanda Ivory
 Tereza Keohane
 Jamie Lynch
 Aida Malik
 Christine Miller
 Tina Parson
 Phyllis Reid
 Franny Ryan
 Linda Schubert
 Beth Stanfield
 Doug Wilson

Alison Murray
 Jackie Wahlers

Amanda Ivory
 Rujuta Mandelia
 Beth Stanfield

Ingrid Sandorff

Christine Beckwith
 Jennifer Gallagher
 Catherine Kilgariff
 Kathleen Meaney
 Suzanne Norris
 Wendy Sharkey
 Barbara Todd

Caryn Haag

Mindy Bernstein

Rujuta Mandelia
 Allison Montalvo
 Wendy Pennie
 Tammy Small
 Caren Trudel

Emily Brunner
 Tarin Cataldo
 Alexis DiLullo
 Jessica Graves
 Claire Jacovini
 Kim Kerns
 Angel McAveney
 Ann Marie Marburg
 Jen Mittleman
 Karen Sabrina Payonk
 Allison Richardson
 Ingrid Sandorff
 Tracy Simpson
 Brooke Stienes
 Kristen Wright

Srivani Ravinuthala
 Brooks White

Kim Kerns
 Adrienne Miller
 Brooks White

Angela Clark
 Angela Harris
 Leah LeComte
 Wendy Mercaldo
 Erin Preston
 Tracey Sloan
 Katrina Von Hoyer

Rita Thompson

Nancy Gray

Susan Huck	Amy Milaneck	Evelyn Shreve	
Course Selection Mailing			
Doug Anestad	Martha Atchinson	Robin Briggs	Rhana Cassidy
Jen Conger	Dawn Donovan	Smita Gaikwad	Brenda Hess
Susan Huck	Kerri Manion	Fran Pettit	Tracey Prestipino
Karen Sarkissian	Jill Semmer	Seana Wang	Tina Whitlow
Cindy Yu	Ann Zhang		
Achievement Center			
Elizabeth Alleyne	Barbara Bashe	Mindy Bernstein	Tracy Castelli
Deby Harrison	Liz Hyams	Audrey Kese	Mike Mc Fadden
Sandie Nicholson	Merraine Rein	Elisabeth Sayed	
Drivers			
Jeanette Alwine	Suzanne Emerson	Charu Gandhi	Betty Hannan
Margaret MacKenzie	Evans Pancoast		
Main Office			
Amy Buck	Trish Connell	June Di Dario	Judy Dunn
Karen Friedman	Susan Huck	Susie Klein	Kristy Moesler
Erin Shine	Cindy Sillhart		
Student Services			
Barbara Bashe	Charu Gandhi	Susan Hirshman	Margaret MacKenzie
Jane Martin	Carol Overend	Sarah Regan	Jennifer Roessler
Linda Spickler	Jeanne Swope	Karen Williams	
Attendance Office			
Suzanne Emerson	Heidi Mallot	Geraldine O'Leary	Marina Polychronopoulos
Jill Semmer	Rashika Senapathy		

Contracted Services for the 2016-2017 School Year

The Board of School Directors approved the following vendors to provide services to students during the 2016-2017 school year:

Contractor	Description of Work	Rates
International CPR Institute	First Aid and CPR First Aid and CPR (pediatric)	Rates Adjusted: \$17/hour \$22/hour
Logan Whelan	Homebound Tutor	\$55/hour

2017 District Summer Reading Program

The Board of School Directors approved the District-sponsored 2017 Summer Reading Program for approximately 300 eligible District-enrolled students at an approximate cost of \$136,809, pending final budget approval.

Acceptance of Gift

The Board of School Directors accepted with pleasure and appreciation the following donation:

- Six standing desks donated by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Viola to the Devon Elementary School valued at \$1,566.00.
- \$500.00 to Tredyffrin/Easttown Middle School from Karen Shahoian through Wells Fargo Matching Gifts Program.

Change Orders

The Board of School Directors approved the following change orders:

Renovations, Replacements & Upgrades at T/E Middle School

EC-1	Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc.	Add	\$7,806.97
MC-2	Myco Mechanical, Inc.	Credit	\$7,806.97

New Maintenance & Storage Building

GC-2	L.J. Paoletta Construction, Inc.	Add	\$9,704.53
PC-1	AKC Mechanical, LLC	Credit	\$9,704.53

The Facilities Committee met on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 and reviewed the above change orders and recommends to the full Board for approval.

Daley + Jalboot – Fee Proposal

The Board of School Directors approved additional work for the replacement of boilers at Valley Forge Elementary School and associated fee from Daley + Jalboot Architects, LLP for the Boiler Replacement at Valley Forge Elementary School project. The additional fee associated with the work is not to exceed \$7,400.

Successful Bids

The Board of School Directors awarded a contract to the following successful bidder(s) for:

Capital Fund 2017-2018:

Provide Doors and Door Hardware at New Eagle Elementary School

General Construction Contract -- Unified Door & Hardware Group LLC

Locker Replacements at Valley Forge Middle School

General Construction Contract -- W.B. Mason Co., Inc.

The Facilities meeting met on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 and reviewed the above bids and recommends to the full Board for approval.

General Fund Bids 2017-2018*

Athletic Uniforms	-- BSN Sports
	-- Kelly's Sports, Ltd.
	-- Metuchen Center, Inc.
	-- Riddell/All American
	-- Sportsman's
	-- Triple Crown Sports, Inc.

Made in accordance with the analysis prepared by the District and made part of this agenda.

*These awards are contingent upon the approved budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Local Auditor Services

The Board of School Directors appointed the firm of Maillie, LLP, Oaks, PA, independent accountants and auditors for the District, to perform the annual financial audits for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, 2018 and 2019 for a yearly cost of \$21,500 consistent with services and terms contained in their proposal dated November 15, 2016.

Educational Services Agreement

The Board of School Directors approved an Educational Services Agreement for a District student with special needs. This agreement covers reimbursement for educational services starting January 1, 2017 and ending August 31, 2020 at a total cost not to exceed \$75,000.

Authorization of Diploma

The Board of School Directors granted a Conestoga High School diploma to David Durham, who has fulfilled all requirements for graduation as of January 2017.

Extended School Year Program

The Board approved the District-sponsored 2017 Extended School Year Program for approximately 230 IEP eligible District students at an approximate cost to the District of \$119,812.72 pending final budget approval.

Memorandum of Understanding and Transportation Plan

The Board of School Directors authorized the Administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Chester County Office of Children, Youth and Families (CCYA) and adopt a Transportation Plan, as required by law, for children who are placed into foster care, or whose foster care placement changes, while enrolled in the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District.

Policy Recommended for Second Reading

The Board of School Directors adopted the following policy:

- Revised Policy 4520: Tutoring for a Fee

Kevin Buraks moved, then the motion was seconded, that the Board of School Directors approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 9-0. Katharine Murphy abstained from voting on Consent Agenda VIII, B, 2, L check number 112996 to Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul and Consent Agenda VIII, B, 2, L check number 113235 to Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul.

The Agreement with IronGate Cyber Risk, LLC was moved from the Consent Agenda to Other Actions Under Consideration.

Other Actions Under Consideration

Repeal of Policy 4344: Electronic Communication Between Employees and Students, First Reading

The Board of School Directors approved the Repeal of Policy 4344, Electronic Communication Between Employees and Students on a first reading basis, as ready for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Comments/Questions from the Board:

None

Comments/Questions from Community Members:

None

Virginia Lastner moved, then the motion was seconded, that the Board of School Directors approve the Repeal of Policy 4344, Electronic Communication Between Employees and Students. The motion passed 9-0.

Draft Policy 5461: Maintaining Appropriate Boundaries with Students, First Reading

The Board of School Directors approved Draft Policy 5461: Maintaining Appropriate Boundaries with Students, on a first reading basis, as ready for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Comments/Questions from the Board:

None

Comments/Questions from Community Members:

None

Virginia Lastner moved, then the motion was seconded, that the Board of School Directors approve Draft Policy 5461: Maintaining Appropriate Boundaries with Students. The motion passed 9-0.

Revised Policy 4035: Dress and Appearance, First Reading

The Board of School Directors approved the Revised Policy 4035: Dress and Appearance, on a first reading basis, as ready for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Comments/Questions from the Board:

- Kevin Buraks commented on Policy 4035, Dress and Appearance.

Comments/Questions from Community Members:

- Paul Eisenberg commented on Policy 4035, Dress and Appearance, and restriction on the promotion of religion.

Todd Kantorczyk moved, then the motion was seconded, that the Board of School Directors approve Revised Policy 4035: Dress and Appearance. The motion passed 9-0.

Resolution Opposing Legislation Which Eliminates School Property Taxes

The Board of School Directors adopted the following resolution after which the resolution will be conveyed to the local State Representatives, Senators, the Office of the Governor and to Pennsylvania school districts. The Board authorizes the District to conduct legislative advocacy efforts to achieve the desired outcome of the Resolution.

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION
WHICH ELIMINATES SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE TREDYFFRIN/EASTTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT JANUARY 23, 2017
#1-23-17-1

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has previously considered legislation that would eliminate school property taxes (SB 76) and may currently be considering similar legislation; and

WHEREAS, eliminating school property taxes effectively removes the taxing authority of locally elected school boards and transfers local control over educational programs to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District's ability to levy and collect property taxes which provide 82% of the District's annual revenue budget, enables a consistent delivery of the educational program which would be severely disrupted if funds flow through the State; and

WHEREAS, with the elimination of Tredyffrin/Easttown School District's ability to levy property taxes, the District's ability to satisfy any new State mandates, to enhance or expand educational and extracurricular activities, and to meet the needs of all students will be significantly impacted; and

WHEREAS, with the elimination of school property taxes, the funds needed to replace this revenue would come from an increase in the Personal Income Tax from 3.07% to 4.95% and an increase in the Sales/Use Tax from 6% to 7% with the loss of many exceptions to this tax such as food and clothing; and

WHEREAS, the decrease in income and sales tax collections during times of economic recession would produce a sudden revenue shortfall that would cause a significant negative impact to programs offered to students; and

WHEREAS, the additional proposal of curtailing school districts' ability to incur new debt would prohibit districts from responding to immediate needs for cash and would not allow local board decisions to fund maintenance and repairs of school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of school property tax would undo the State's recently enacted basic education funding formula before it has the chance to remedy the inequities it was designed to address.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District calls upon the General Assembly to oppose any legislation that would eliminate or further restrict school property taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District calls upon the General Assembly to explore alternatives to school property tax elimination that provide property tax relief to Pennsylvania homeowners.

Adopted this 23rd day of January, 2017.

Comments/Questions from the Board:

- Kevin Buraks commented on legislation which eliminates school property taxes.
- Roberta Hotinski commented on legislation which eliminates school property taxes.
- Scott Dorsey commented on legislation which eliminates school property taxes.
- Doug Carlson commented on legislation which eliminates school property taxes.
- Edward Sweeney commented on legislation which eliminates school property taxes.
- Virginia Lastner commented on legislation which eliminates school property taxes.
- Michele Burger commented on legislation which eliminates school property taxes.
- Todd Kantorczyk commented on legislation which eliminates school property taxes.

Comments/Questions from Community Members:

- Ray Clarke commented on the resolution opposing legislation which eliminates school property taxes.
- Doug Anestad commented on possible legislation which eliminates school property taxes.
- Jerry Henige commented on possible legislation which eliminates school property taxes.

Scott Dorsey moved, then the motion was seconded, that the Board of School Directors approve the Resolution Opposing Legislation Which Eliminates School Property Taxes. After a presentation by Dr. Richard Gusick, Dr. Wendy Towle and Mr. Arthur McDonnell the vote to approve the motion passed 9-0.

Agreement with IronGate Cyber Risk, LLC

After a presentation by Dr. Michael Szymendera and Arthur McDonnell the Board of School Directors approved the agreement as specified in the Statement of Work (SOW) between IronGate Cyber Risk, LLC and the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District dated December 27, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.

Comments/Questions from the Board:

- Virginia Lastner commented on the scope of the work in the agreement with IronGate Cyber Risk.
- Michele Burger commented on vulnerability and penetration testing.

Comments/Questions from Community Members:

- Doug Anestad commented on the agreement with IronGate Cyber Risk, LLC.

Doug Carlson moved, then the motion was seconded, that the Board of School Directors approve the Agreement with Irongate Cyber Risk, LLC. The motion passed 9-0.

Comments/Questions from Community Members:

- Ray Clarke commented on PSERS liability.
- Jerry Henige commented on the Secretary of Education.
- Cindy Verguldi commented on emergency generators.

School Board Meetings

Ken Roos, the District solicitor, stated that there was an executive session held since the last Board meeting. Board members discussed personnel matters, litigation and collective bargaining.

January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Future School Board Business Meetings:

Monday, February 27, 2017, Regular Board Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at Conestoga High School, 200 Irish Road, Berwyn

Monday, March 13, 2017, Budget Workshop I – 7:30 p.m. at Conestoga High School, 200 Irish Road, Berwyn

Monday, March 27, 2017, Regular Board Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at Conestoga High School, 200 Irish Road, Berwyn

Monday, April 17, 2017, Budget Workshop II – 7:30 p.m. at Conestoga High School, 200 Irish Road, Berwyn

Comments/Questions from the Board:

- Scott Dorsey commented on the Secretary of Education, *The Spoke* article on heroin use and showing the presidential inauguration.
- Roberta Hotinski commented on contacting legislators and expressed appreciation for the School Board recognition.

Student Participation in Winter Sports

Tredyffrin/Easttown students are currently participating in a broad range of co-curricular activities and winter interscholastic league events. Based on grades 7-12 eligibility under PIAA participation rules, **19.3%** of our students are involved. Participation in winter interscholastic sports events is summarized below.

2017 Student Participation in Winter Sports

	TEMS	VFMS	CHS	TOTAL
Boys Basketball	28	24	31	83
Girls Basketball	24	25	25	74
Freshmen Boys Basketball			16	16
Freshmen Girls Basketball			14	14
Wrestling	17	22	33	72
Boys Winter Track			74	74
Girls Winter Track			82	82
Boys Swimming			26	26
Girls Swimming			42	42
Cheerleading			42	42
Subtotal	69	71	385	525
Ice Hockey			51	51
Squash Club			42	42
Total	69	71	478	618
Percentage	12.7%	13.7%	22.3%	19.3%

Scott Dorsey then the motion was seconded, that the Board of School Directors adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned 10:38 p.m.

Submitted by

Arthur J. McDonnell
Board Secretary

(minutes prepared by C. Connolly)