

**MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

December 18, 2018

Board Members in attendance: Mike Corradi, Melvin Fager, Jr., Dr. Julie Gomboc-Turyan, Christopher Lupp, Linda Mehaffie, John Ponnett, Jr. (arrived after roll call at 7:43 p.m.)

Board Members not in attendance: Dr. Brian Keating, Darnell Montgomery, Jennifer Scott

Staff/Public in attendance:

District Administration: Dr. Lori Suski, Superintendent of Schools; David Franklin, Chief Financial Officer/Board Secretary; Dr. Chelton Hunter, Assistant to the Superintendent; Marie Drazenovich, Fink Elementary Principal; William Meiser, Director of Operations; Christine Mostoller, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Heidi Zula, Director of Human Resources

District Staff: Sam Fisher, Cody Heitefuss, Andrea Holtry, Rebecca Kotzman, Sierra Lenker, Cindy McLaughlin, Lori Miller, Marta Monroig, Katelyn Murk, Gina Pronesti, Erika Reigner, Heidi Tobias

Interested Students and Citizens: Nicole Altland, Sue Brehm, Barry Condran, Delilah Fuentes, Dr. Peggy Grimm, Alexis Harmon, Kim Harmon, Marty, Julia & Tim Nevil, Christine Noll, Collin Rullo, Isha Shah, Carole Shanaman, JoAnn Shipkowski, Kathy Stedman, Matt Wildasin, Lisa Wolf, Senahid Zahirovic

Note: there was also an individual in attendance whose name could not be read on the sign-in sheet.

Reporter: none

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Mehaffie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Middletown Area High School. Mrs. Mehaffie asked those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation. Mrs. Mehaffie asked that everyone remember in their thoughts and prayers the family of Harrisburg SD School Board member and DCTS JOC member, Melvin Wilson, Jr., who passed away on Sunday.

2. Roll Call

Mrs. Mehaffie asked the Secretary, David Franklin, to call the roll. A quorum was present as noted above.

3. Student Representatives

a. Key Club: Alexis Harmon reported on the activities of Key Club.

b. Student Council: Nicole Altland, Delilah Fuentes and Isha Shah reported on the activities of Student Council.

4. Recognitions

a. Rotary Students of the Month

Dr. Suski introduced the December Rotary Students of the Month, Alexis Harmon and Timothy Nevil. Alexis selected Mrs. Rebecca Kotzman as the educator who had most influenced her school career. Tim selected Mr. Sam Fisher as the educator who had most influenced his school career. The students and Mrs. Kotzman came forward to be congratulated by the Board

members. Mr. Fisher arrived later and was acknowledged at that time.

5. Candidates for Employment or Approval

There were no candidates for employment or approval in attendance.

6. Presentations

a. Middletown Holiday Tours Presentation

Ms. Carole Shanaman, Ms. JoAnn Shipkowski and Ms. Kathy Stedman presented a check for \$1,500 to the RaiderPacks program of the Middletown Area Blue Raider Foundation and stated the donation came from the holiday home tour. Several volunteers of the RaiderPacks program accepted the donation.

b. Ornaments for Governor's Residence

Mrs. Gina Pronesti said that she visited the Governor's mansion last year and noticed ornaments on the trees made by students. Mrs. Pronesti said she inquired how to participate and was notified earlier in the fall that Middletown was asked to provide more than 800 ornaments by Thanksgiving. Mrs. Pronesti thanked her colleagues in the District that helped work with students to provide the necessary ornaments. Mrs. Pronesti said some students went to the Governor's mansion and met Governor Wolf. Dr. Suski thanked Mrs. Pronesti for her initiative.

c. DCTS Student Presentation

Dr. Peggy Grimm, Dauphin County Technical School (DCTS) Administrative Director, introduced Collin Rullo and said he is one of the 59 students attending DCTS from Middletown Area School District. Dr. Grimm said Collin is a student ambassador and talks to students about his experience at DCTS. Collin said he has been enrolled in the carpentry program at DCTS since he was in 9th grade. Collin said he has had the privilege to participate in programs that assisted with natural disaster relief. Collin said he plans to go into the military after graduation and will then pursue a career in construction. Collin said his experience at DCTS has been good and he appreciates the expanded friendships that he has made.

d. 2017-2018 Financial Statement Audit

Mr. Senahid Zahirovic, Boyer & Ritter, reviewed the District's financial reporting package for the year ended June 30, 2018. Mr. Zahirovic reviewed a required communication letter for the financial and compliance audits that were conducted by his firm. Mr. Zahirovic delineated that the responsibility for the financial statements lies with management and it is his firm's responsibility to express an opinion on whether the financial statements are fairly presented. Mr. Zahirovic said there were adjustments made to the trial balance during the course of the audit, but those adjustments did not detract from the reliability of the financial information that is presented on a monthly basis to the School Board. Mr. Zahirovic noted there were no disagreements with management during the course of the engagement. Mr. Zahirovic reviewed the financial report and said the District received a "clean" unmodified opinion, which is the highest opinion that can be obtained. Mr. Zahirovic stressed this is the type of opinion that

reporting agencies seek. Mr. Zahirovic said the government-wide financial statements in the report provide an overall picture of the District in the manner that private companies would report. Mr. Zahirovic said the adoption of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 75 for the reporting of other post-employment benefits had an impact on the financial statements for the District as it did for all other school districts. Mr. Zahirovic said a prior period adjustment in the amount of \$8.8 million was made to the financial statements due to GASB 75 and the District now reports a \$10.4 million liability for other post-employment benefits in the Statement of Net Position. Mr. Zahirovic recommended that the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the report (found on pages 4 through 17) be reviewed as it provides a good review of the financial report in a narrative format that can be easier to understand. Mr. Zahirovic also noted that MD&A contains comparative information that is not presented in the standard report format. Mr. Zahirovic said the District was required to have a "single audit" conducted because of the amount of federal funding received. Mr. Zahirovic said the federal grants comprising the special education cluster were selected for audit. Mr. Zahirovic said the District received an unmodified opinion on its federal funding and also noted no material weaknesses were identified in the separate report for internal control. Mr. Zahirovic thanked Mr. Franklin and his staff for their cooperation during the audit. Mr. Franklin thanked Boyer & Ritter for their service to the District and noted their reputation as a respected auditing firm. Mr. Franklin noted that Boyer & Ritter conducts the audit of the earned income tax collector for all of Dauphin County.

7. Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the School Board at this time.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Minutes

Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2018 School Board Special Meeting and the December 4, 2018 School Board Reorganization/Agenda Planning Meeting. The vote to approve the motion was 5 to 0.

b. Communications

Mr. Franklin stated the meeting calendar for January 2019 was attached to the agenda. Mr. Franklin also noted that in accordance with School Board policy, Mrs. Mehaffie has determined the committee assignments for 2019 and the listing is also attached to the agenda. **(See Attachment)**

9. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2018 as presented. The vote to approve the motion was 5 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

b. Paid Bills

Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the Paid Bills with totals by fund as detailed. The vote to approve the motion was 5 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

Fund 10, General Fund - \$407,132.83
Fund 32, Capital Reserve Fund - \$0
Fund 38, High School Capital Projects Fund - \$0
Fund 51, Food Service Fund - \$0
Fund 57, Middletown Area Recreation Alliance - \$400.00
Fund 59, WMSS Radio Station Fund - \$0
Fund 72, Expendable Trust Fund - \$0
Fund 74, Nonexpendable Trust Fund - \$0
Fund 81, Student Activities Fund - \$722.50

c. Unpaid Bills

Mr. Lupp moved and Dr. Gomboc-Turyan seconded a motion to approve the Unpaid Bills with totals by fund as detailed. The vote to approve the motion was 5 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

Fund 10, General Fund - \$758,575.05
Fund 32, Capital Reserve Fund - \$402.50
Fund 38, High School Capital Projects Fund - \$0
Fund 51, Food Service Fund - \$1,112.30
Fund 57, MARA Fund - \$4,617.57
Fund 59, WMSS Radio Station Fund - \$3,110.49
Fund 72, Expendable Trust Fund - \$0
Fund 74, Nonexpendable Trust Fund - \$0
Fund 81, Student Activities Fund - \$5,513.21

10. Unfinished Business

a. Personnel: Policies

Mr. Fager moved and Mr. Lupp seconded a motion to approve the revised policies listed below as part of the PSBA review process which were previously presented for first reading. The vote to approve the motion was 5 to 0. **(See Attachments)**

1. Policy 339 - Uncompensated Leave (replaces 339, 439, 539)
2. Policy 340 - Responsibility for Student Welfare (replaced 440)
3. Policy 341 - Benefits for Part-Time Employees (replaced 541)
4. Policy 342 - Jury Duty (replaces 342, 442, 542)
5. Policy 343 - Paid Holidays (replaced 543)
6. Policy 347 - Workers' Compensation Transitional Return-to-Work Program
7. Policy 351 - Drug and Substance Abuse (replaces 351, 451, 551)

b. Operations: Elementary Level Building Planning

Information Item / Discussion Item: Dr. Suski announced that a new standing item has been added to the agenda to allow for updates on the elementary level building planning. Dr. Suski provided the following updates:

- ***PlanCon Deadline Verification:*** Dr. Suski said Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates (CRA) has been in contact with the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding the

timeline for the existing PlanCon filing for the renovation/addition at Kunkel Elementary School. Dr. Suski said CRA has verified that bids for a Kunkel renovation project would need to be awarded by July 1, 2021 in order to use the Part A PlanCon filing submitted in 2016. Dr. Suski noted the PlanCon filing in 2016 would generate state reimbursement for a project, but only if the project occurred on the existing Kunkel site.

- **Decision-Making Timeline:** Dr. Suski said the administration has discussed the PlanCon deadline with CRA and has determined that in order to guarantee that bids would be awarded before July 1, 2021 a decision would need to be made no later than June 30, 2019 so that the design process could begin next fall. Dr. Suski noted this timeline is specific to a project at the Kunkel site.
- **Enrollment Data Source:** Dr. Suski said questions were raised at the November 28 Special School Board meeting about the reliability of the enrollment data presented by CRA. Dr. Suski said research occurred and no discrepancies were identified in the enrollment data provided by CRA for a previous project; however, it was discovered that the District had worked with a different architect firm at one point and CRA was hired because the construction cost estimated by that firm were inflated. Dr. Suski is investigating other enrollment projection data sources to use as a comparison.
- **Other Options:** Dr. Suski said the administration and Mrs. Mehaffie met with CRA to discuss next steps. Dr. Suski said feedback received from the community warrants the addition of two added options to the discussion that occurred on November 28: 1) renovation of Kunkel on the existing site; and 2) construction of a new school building on the Kunkel site with the possible purchase of adjacent farmland.
- **Traffic Study:** Dr. Suski said CRA has indicated that a traffic study will most likely be required if another building were added to the campus. Dr. Suski said the School Board could opt to do the study now to aid in the decision-making process. Dr. Suski said CRA estimates the study would cost between \$15,000 and \$35,000 depending upon the information sought.
- **Community/Staff Survey of Evaluation Criteria:** Dr. Suski said the administration recommends that a community and staff survey be conducted in January after the holidays in order to obtain more feedback from constituents. Dr. Suski noted that three comments were submitted following the Special School Board meeting. Dr. Suski said the survey would be designed to have respondents rank order the evaluation criteria to better understand the relative importance of each item to the community and staff. Dr. Suski said the administration is crunching numbers to ascertain transportation and staffing costs of the models (center-based vs. neighborhood schools). Dr. Suski said consultation will occur with Derry Township SD and Mechanicsburg Area SD that operate center-based instruction at the elementary level. Dr. Suski said additional information will also be gathered to determine whether either option has a true instructional benefit for MASD.

Mrs. Mehaffie said she agrees with the addition of options involving the Kunkel site to aid in decision-making. Mrs. Mehaffie asked whether PlanCon reimbursement could be obtained for a building on the property adjacent to the Kunkel site or if the filing in 2016 limits reimbursement

to that parcel only. Dr. Suski said that CRA is currently investigating the answer to that question. Mrs. Mehaffie also asked whether another traffic study would be required if the District moved forward with a study at this time.

Mr. Fager asked who would bear responsibility for a traffic light if the traffic study indicated that it was needed if another building were added to the campus. There was a general consensus that the District would be responsible, although this will be verified.

Mrs. Mehaffie asked if a project at the Kunkel Elementary site would mean that the center-based idea would not be pursued. Dr. Suski said a project at Kunkel would likely mean that the neighborhood school model is retained.

Mrs. Mehaffie asked if renovation would also be required at Fink Elementary if a project occurs at Kunkel Elementary. Mr. Meiser said he believes a project would be needed to at least update some of the systems in the Fink building.

Mr. Corradi commented that the District's financial advisors and architects cautioned making a decision based solely on the PlanCon filing and that the District needs to be concerned about what is best for the District. Dr. Suski confirmed Mr. Corradi's statement, but added that if the School Board wishes to move forward with a project at the Kunkel site it would be prudent to obtain the reimbursement funding from the state. Mr. Corradi expressed concern about being pressured to make decisions because of the PlanCon deadline. Dr. Suski said the recommendation to make a decision by June 30, 2019 allows for moving forward with a reimbursable project, if desired. Dr. Suski noted that space limitations will force the District to do something whether that deadline exists or not. Dr. Suski said if we wait too long to make a decision, we may end up needing modular classrooms.

Mr. Corradi asked about the state mandate on class sizes and the cost of modular classrooms. Dr. Suski said there are no mandates from the state regarding class size; however, there is concern about classroom size from an educational perspective. Dr. Suski said modular classrooms could be very expensive and recalled that we were looking at a price tag of over \$300,000 when consideration was given to adding them to the Kunkel site to facilitate the MATES program before shifts were made to have that program accommodated at Fink Elementary School. Mr. Corradi said there was some foresight given by the School Board before building the new High School and money was able to be set aside and wished that were possible before needing to jump in and do something about Kunkel and Fink. Dr. Suski agreed that the School Board's decision many years ago to put parking tax collections aside provided great seed money for the High School project.

Dr. Suski addressed questions about the enrollment projections and noted there are other groups that conduct enrollment studies such as the Pennsylvania Economy League. Dr. Suski noted the elementary enrollment increase that occurred in the current year.

Dr. Suski addressed a question about whether it would be more cost effective to no longer program for some of the special education students within the District. Dr. Suski said the District is required to educate students in the least restrictive environment.

Mr. Meiser commented that allowing sufficient time for design and land development helps to catch mistakes up front and results in less change orders.

Mr. Ponnett asked if it is possible to get an assessment of the cost for what is needed at Fink Elementary School. Mr. Ponnett also asked if it would be possible to have a special discussion on center-based vs. neighborhood schools.

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan said she would be in favor of doing the traffic study now if it can be verified that it would count if a project is pursued on the campus.

Mrs. Mehaffie commented that some of the concern about traffic impact on the campus was perhaps not taking into account the staggered starting and ending times for the different school buildings. Mr. Franklin said it may not be that elementary schools would start at the current Reid Elementary time, but rather the Kunkel Elementary time – or somewhere between.

Mr. Fager asked if any information was available on where the growth is actually occurring within the District in order to better understand the transportation impact. There was discussion that growth may not be due to new developments, but rather transience in rentals.

Mr. Fager also supported the traffic study.

Mr. Corradi agreed with Mr. Ponnett on the discussion about the cost to renovate Fink Elementary School. Mr. Meiser asked if the renovation was only to entail systems.

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan asked if a map is available for the attendance zones. Dr. Suski noted that the boundaries are a starting point and then adjustments are made if necessary to balance class sizes among buildings.

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan said she is still leaning toward a center-based model.

Mr. Ponnett asked if the survey will be shared with the School Board prior to its distribution.

c. Operations: Synthetic Turf Stadium Design and Construction Administration

Dr. Suski said Mr. Horn has updated his proposal for the design and construction administration of a synthetic turf stadium based upon the discussion that occurred in November. Mr. Meiser said he inquired of Mr. Horn what was removed from his proposal and was told that potential of spray irrigation was removed and he was able to adjust design costs from his associates and coordination fees.

Mrs. Mehaffie commented about the storage building behind the baseball field and wondered whether that building could be renovated and adjusted to accommodate the storage needs at the turf stadium. Mr. Meiser described how the current structure is used, but said it was not likely that the same storage space could be used for both sites. A question was raised about whether Mr. Horn should be asked to include the storage area at the baseball field to the scope of the turf project. Mr. Fager asked if it would be cheaper to do both together. Mrs. Mehaffie asked whether a pole barn type structure would work at the baseball field. Mr. Meiser said that is possible with heat confined to the restroom area only. Dr. Suski said a conversation will occur with Mr. Horn and Mr. Cousin to see what is recommended. Mr. Ponnnett said he wonders if there are other storage needs that exist and he worries about not determining full needs up front.

Mr. Ponnnett asked whether the fee proposed by Mr. Horn was conditioned on anything. It was noted that the cost has full scope in it and that if adjustments are made to the project scope later there is a potential for a credit to be given back against the design cost.

Mrs. Mehaffie asked whether the scope could be impacted by the results from the test pits. Mrs. Mehaffie asked whether that information is available. Mr. Meiser said Mr. Horn had bad readings from the previous test pits and he has already designed for that.

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve a proposal from Architerra to provide the full scope of services from design through construction administration for a turf stadium on Fields 3 & 4 at a cost of \$358,433 with the understanding that the fee can be adjusted if the project scope is modified in the future. Mr. Franklin noted that this fee has been decreased by \$23,867 from the proposal presented in June 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0.

11. Consent Agenda

Mr. Corradi moved and Dr. Gomboc-Turyan seconded a motion to approve the items included on the Consent Agenda. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0.

a. Personnel: Volunteers

Approve Joseph Corsnitz to serve as a District Volunteer for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Administration.

b. Finance: Joint Purchasing

Approve continued participation in the following cooperative purchasing agreements/contracts for calendar year 2019:

1. Department of General Services of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including Costars program
2. General Services Administration Advantage Online Shopping (GSA Advantage)
3. Lancaster Lebanon Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Consortium
4. Lincoln Intermediate Unit
5. Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Smart Contract

6. National Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Program
7. National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)
8. National IPA (*will be merged into OMNIA Partners Public Sector in 2019*)
9. National Joint Powers Alliance
10. OMNIA Partners Public Sector
11. PACC - Pennsylvania Capital City Automotive and Equipment Contract
12. PEPPM - Pennsylvania Educational Purchasing Program for Microcomputers
13. Provident Energy Consulting
14. The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)
15. U.S. Communities (*will be merged into OMNIA Partners Public Sector in 2019*)
16. Western States Contract Alliance (WSCA)

c. Operations: Use of Facilities

Approve the facility use requests on the listing attached to the agenda. (***See Attachment***)

12. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda for separate approval.

13. New Business

a. Finance: 2017-2018 Financial Statement Audit

Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Ponnett seconded a motion to approve the audit of the District's 2017-2018 financial statements as presented by Boyer & Ritter. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0. (***See Attachment***)

b. Finance: Reimbursement Resolution

Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Ponnett seconded a motion to approve a resolution to allow the District to reimburse funds expended from the General Fund or Capital Reserve Fund for capital project costs from future taxable or tax-exempt debt incurred no later than three (3) years from the date of the original expenditure. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0. (***See Attachment***)

c. Finance: Real Estate Tax Exonerations

Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to exonerate real estate tax bills on the listing attached to the agenda for the reasons noted. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0. (***See Attachment***)

d. Operations: NaviGate

Mr. Corradi moved and Dr. Gomboc-Turyan seconded a motion to contract with NaviGate Prepared to provide virtual safety preparedness solutions for all District buildings at a discounted cost of \$10,000 plus an annual license cost of \$4,050 for a three-year term using Act 44 Part A grant funds. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0.

e. Operations: Contracted Bus/Van Driver

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve Heather Wakefield as a contracted bus/van driver for the 2018-2019 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 6

to 0.

f. Personnel: Resignation

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan moved and Mr. Lupp seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Kristi Lewis, Middle School Math Teacher, effective upon hiring of her replacement but no later than February 15, 2019. Dr. Suski noted that Ms. Lewis recently got married and is moving out of the area. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0.

g. Personnel: Employment

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to employ the individuals listed below, subject to submission of all required clearances and disclosures, as recommended by the Administration. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0.

1. Bernard Weintraub as a Third Shift Custodian (Custodian 2B) at an hourly rate of \$13.15 (Step 3) to fill a vacancy created by the termination of Damion Floyd effective November 16, 2018.

h. Personnel: District Work Experience Program Employment

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to employ the students listed below in the Middletown Area Work Experience Program for the 2018-2019 school year at the rate of \$7.25 per hour. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0.

1. Gavin Bechtel - Custodian Aide
2. Mason Davis - Cafeteria Helper

i. Personnel: Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Employment

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the following individuals for co-curricular/extra-curricular assignments for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Administration, subject to submission of all required clearances and disclosures. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0.

1. Pat Devlin, Volunteer Assistant Football Coach
2. Stacy Roman, Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
3. Cari Zelko, Volunteer Assistant Swim Coach

j. Personnel: MARA Event Staff

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to employ the individuals listed below as event staff for the Middletown Area Recreation Alliance at a rate of \$8.50 per hour on an as-needed basis. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0.

1. Arthur Dash
2. Amanda Moore

k. Personnel: Post-Season Pay

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve post-season pay for the individuals listed below based upon the established compensation schedule. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0.

1. Gus Burghdorf, HS Percussion Instructor - \$150
2. Gabriella Carter, Assistant Fall Cheerleading Coach - \$150
3. Jonathan Dickey, Assistant Football Coach - \$1,000
4. Michael Dupes, Assistant Football Coach - \$1,000
5. Samuel Fisher, HS Band Director - \$1,750
6. Brett Myers, Head Football Coach - \$1,610
7. Jose Ortiz, Jr., Associate Head Football Coach - \$1,500
8. Joshua Rytel, Assistant Football Coach - \$1,000
9. Michael Schatz, Assistant Football Coach - \$1,000
10. Justin Smith, HS First Assistant Band Director - \$1,100
11. Jessica Welsh, Head Fall Cheerleading Coach - \$660
12. Heather Withum, Assistant Fall Cheerleading Coach - \$300

I. Personnel: Volunteers

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan moved and Mr. Lupp seconded a motion to approve Amy Bomberger and Tasha Cochran as District volunteers for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Administration. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0.

m. Academic Affairs: Dauphin County Probation MOU

Mr. Ponnnett moved and Dr. Gomboc-Turyan seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Dauphin County Probation Services for the purpose of maintaining the physical security and safety of the schools in the district. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

n. Academic Affairs: Alternative Education Placement

Mr. Ponnnett moved and Dr. Gomboc-Turyan seconded a motion to approve an agreement with Specialized Education Services of PA, Inc. to provide alternative education services for a District student from January 2, 2019 through the end of the school year at a cost of \$160 per day. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0.

14. Representatives

a. Capital Area Intermediate Unit

Mr. Lupp reported that the next meeting would be on December 20, 2018.

b. Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee

Mr. Franklin reported that the next meeting will occur in January 2019.

c. Dauphin County Technical School

Mrs. Mehaffie said the 2019-2020 budget was reviewed at the last meeting.

d. Harrisburg Area Community College

Dr. Julie Gomboc-Turyan had nothing to report.

e. Middletown Area Blue Raider Foundation

Mr. Fager discussed the handling of the Night at the Races event. Mrs. Mehaffie said that flyers

exist to generate sponsorships for the scoreboards. Mrs. Mehaffie noted that the next craft fair will occur on April 6.

f. Middletown Area Recreation Alliance

Mr. Lupp said there were 160 kids registered for the youth basketball program. Mr. Lupp said there were 182 people at the Breakfast with Santa event. Mr. Lupp said Mr. Foster is looking at new scheduling software.

g. PSBA Liaison

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan had nothing to report.

15. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Suski congratulated the MAMS students and director Brian Massey for the outstanding performance of the musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," on December 7, 8 and 9. Dr. Suski said it was a great show, and we have some great talent that will be moving to the high school level in the coming years.

Dr. Suski congratulated the Blue Raider football team and Coach Myers and his assistants on another fantastic state championship appearance. Dr. Suski said the coach has opted to bring the team to the January 8th Board meeting for recognition so that there are no conflicts with basketball.

Dr. Suski congratulated the High School's Future Business Leaders of America club on their participation in the Region 15 Leadership Conference on December 10. Dr. Suski said 19 of 27 students who competed will be advancing to the State Leadership Conference in April 2019. Dr. Suski said the District will be looking for donors in the community to support their trip. Dr. Suski said these students will be recognized at a Board meeting in the spring.

Dr. Suski said the District's holiday concerts are winding down. Dr. Suski applauded all of the student musicians who have performed over the past few weeks at the elementary and middle school levels. Dr. Suski invited everyone to attend the remaining performance at the high school on Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Suski thanked several donors and sponsors who contributed to various programs in the District:

- Kegel, Kelin, Almy & Lord, the District's Solicitor, for their generous donation of \$400 so that 100 high school students could attend the PIAA State Championship football game at no cost.
- Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company for donating 250 teddy bears from the Hershey Bears teddy bear toss to our Raider Packs program for needy students.
- Phoenix Contact for sponsoring the annual Christmas party for 150 needy elementary students.

Dr. Suski announced the upcoming Blue & Gold Club dinner to be held on Saturday, January 19 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Dr. Suski noted that this organization helps to support our

students. Dr. Suski said the Blue & Gold Club also provided support so that no student had to pay to attend the state championship football game.

Dr. Suski said there will be an early dismissal on Friday, December 21 to begin the winter break and classes resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Dr. Suski extended wishes to all for a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season!

16. Roundtable

Mr. Corradi extended thoughts and prayers to Dick Bisking and family after a bad car accident.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Fager moved and Dr. Gomboc-Turyan seconded a motion to adjourn the School Board General Business Meeting. The vote to approve the motion was 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

David A. Franklin, Board Secretary