

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board of Directors
Work Session
District Office
June 11, 2020
7:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Nikki Rivera, President, called the Board Meeting of the Manheim Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. School directors present via ZOOM were Janet Carroll, Sara Grosh, Stephen Grosh, JoAnn Hentz, Curtis Holgate, Nikki Rivera, John Smith, Joyce Stephens and April Weaver. Superintendent, Dr. Robin Felty and School Board Secretary, Jennifer Davidson were present via ZOOM.

Absences:

As noted in the announcements listed below, visitors are participating via livestream. At this time, the district does not have visitors logged into the official school board guestbook, however, participants are noted in the public comment section of the minutes. A quorum was present via livestream, and due notice had been published.

Announcements

- Mrs. Rivera read an open letter to the community that will be posted on the district website regarding Black Lives Matter.
- Due to state and federal mandates, tonight's Board Work Session and next Thursday's Board Meeting are being held virtually. Our website holds the following information in preparation for our two virtual Board Meetings this month. We have advertised our meetings in multipole locations, informing the public about our virtual nature of these meetings. And our administration has spent much time preparing for these meetings to be online and secure. With our continued goal to keep the public informed about all items discussed during our meetings, we have ensured a mechanism for allowing our community to view and participate in the meeting via live streaming and a procedure to offer comment if desired. We are also making the recorded meeting available upon request until the minutes are approved at the August 20, 2020 Board Meeting. This is our typical procedure for the recorded meetings.
- Board of School Directors of Manheim Township held an Executive Session this evening before the board meeting to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent. Any and all action will take place during a public Board meeting.
- Mrs. Rivera thanked the Administration for a wonderful graduation ceremony.
- Saturday Community Conversations are canceled during this time.

Action Items

- Approve the temporary suspension of the provision included in Policy 006.1 – Teleconferencing that requires a majority of Board members to be physically present at a Board meeting when a Board member attends through electronic communications, effective for the June 11 Work Session and the June 18 Board Meeting. On motion by Mrs. Grosh and seconded by Mrs. Stephens motion carries 9-0.

Information Only

- On motion by Mrs. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Hentz to remove the penalty period for the Budget Resolution. Motion passes 9-0.
- Dr. Reimann, Assistant Superintendent; James Dierolf, Director of Food Services presented the Student Wellness Policy Annual Update

Discussion Items – no action taken at this meeting

- Approve the proposed 2020-21 Food Services Budget and Meal Prices
- Approval of the 2020/2021 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$103,404,565 and a millage rate of 15.5399 as presented on form PDE-2028
- Recommend adoption of the Resolution Implementing Homestead and Farmstead Exclusions for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year as required under the Taxpayer Relief Act
- Approve the Resolution for Commitment Fund Balance
- Approve transfer of \$286,987 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund
- Approve submission of PlanCon Part K related to the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2020, to the PA Department of Education for their approval
- Approve Addendum to Manheim Township School District (MTSD) Transportation Contract
- Approve authorizing the Business Manager to make necessary budget transfers for the 2020-21 school year after June 30, 2020
- Approve authorizing the Business Manager to pay appropriate bills as submitted for June and July 2020
- Approval for Administration to hire staff members necessary to begin the 2020-21 school year, with the understanding that the Board has final approval of all hirings
- Approve the following PSBA market movement percentages to be applied to the 2020-21 salary/hourly wage ranges in order to maintain alignment, although the percentage increases will not be reflected in the salaries of these groups due to the approved salary freezes for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - Administration 2.0%
 - Support Staff 1.8%
- Approval of the Special Education Services Agreement with the LLIU13 for the 2020-21 school year
- Recommend Resolution Calling for the General Assembly to Provide Critical Support and Mandate Relief Benefitting Public Schools and Students
- Approve the copier maintenance extension through 12/31/2020
- Second reading and final approval of the following policies:
 - Policy 006.1 – Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications
 - Policy 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance

Citizens' Comments

- Luke Oles, student, thanked the School Board for holding the meeting virtually
- Mark Oles spoke regarding raising taxes
- Sara Svetec spoke regarding social injustice
- Mrs. Davidson summarized the following emails:
 - John Davenport emailed regarding tax increase
 - Jim and Jane Bohan emailed regarding tax increase
 - Patty Nieleas emailed regarding pay freeze and tax increase

Adjournment

Dr. Smith moved and Mrs. Carroll seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:37pm.

| Voice vote with all members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Nikki Rivera, President

Jennifer R. Davidson, Secretary