

CENTRAL COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
4777 Old Berwick Road
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

SUMMARY OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013

Call to Order: A special meeting of the Central Columbia Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at the Central Columbia District Office Board Room, President Coates presiding.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

- Mr. Coates, President
- Mr. Sitrler, Vice President
- Mr. Chyko
- Mr. Crawford
- Mr. Rafel
- Mr. Rhoads

Members Absent:

- Mr. Fogarty, Treasurer
- Mr. Klingerman
- Mr. Markowski

Staff Present:

- Christina Fish, Director of Special Education
- Jeffrey Groshek, High School Principal
- Chad Heintzelman, Middle School Principal
- Annette Lowery, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Kimberly MacDonald, Food Service Director
- Harry Mathias, Superintendent
- John Monick, Technology Director
- Dwayne Prosceno, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
- Carla Sauer, Elementary/Middle School Assistant Principal
- Thomas Sharrow, Elementary School Principal
- Chris Snyder, High School Assistant Principal

Recognition of Guests: Teachers: Jennifer Bates, Brenda Brewer, Shelly D'Ambrosio, Marla Diltz, Michael Groff, Carmen High, Melanie Hosler, Stephanie King, Susan Repasky, Sonya Smith, Lora Stone, Nadeen Swab, Jennifer Taylor, Dominique Thompson, Laurie Witmer, Daniel Yarnell, and community member Edward Sanders.

2013-2014 Tentative Budget Discussion: Mr. Mathias quickly reviewed the Act 1 preliminary budget which was passed in February. Mr. Mathias made the following recommendations towards the tentative budget: change the basic subsidy and special education funding to what the governor proposed, change the Vo-tech budget to reflect the decrease in payment, not change anything towards the non-unionized support staff hours regarding ObamaCare, not replace the two aide vacancies created by retirements, and combine the payroll and food service director position.

Mr. Mathias stated since the April 1 meeting the district has received four professional retirements. The retirements are as follows: effective the end of the 2012-13 school year Special Education and one elementary; effective October 1, 2013 one secondary mathematics; and effective the 2013-14 school year one high school business. Mr. Mathias made the following recommendations based on these retirements: do not furlough ½ time math teacher and transfer ½ time math teacher from high school to middle school, do not furlough ½ time business teacher due to retirement and incur the cost of the extra ½ time this year and then see savings in 2014-15, do not replace the elementary teacher and reduce 1st grade staff from 8 to 7 teachers, keep the high school librarian

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full-time and implement improvement action plan to get a quality literacy curriculum throughout the high school curriculum, and reduce high school English and art by ½ a teacher each.

Mr. Mathias stated that with the retirements and adjustments made to the budget it brings the deficit down from \$1.6 million to \$680,000.

Mr. Chyko and Mr. Rhoads expressed the need to use some exceptions. Mr. Coates, Mr. Sitler, Mr. Crawford, and Mr. Rafel stated they were only comfortable with using the Act 1 index of 2.1%. Mr. Crawford stated that if we need to use exceptions next year then he will consider it then but he does not feel we need to use them now. Mr. Rafel requested that the district start looking into funding from other sources besides state and federal funding by going to foundations for help.

The Board agreed to make the changes as per Mr. Mathias' recommendations and use the Act 1 index of 2.1% to increase the millage rate.

Adjournment: Having no further business, President Coates adjourned the meeting at 4:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rosemary J. Nagle, Recording Secretary