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

## SUMMARY OF THE BOARD WORK SESSION

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012

**Call to Order:** A work session of the Central Columbia Board of School Directors was held on Monday, May 7, 2012, at the Central Columbia District Office Board Room, President Chyko presiding.

Roll Call: Members Present: Mr. Chyko, President

Mr. Sitler, Vice President Mr. Fogarty, Treasurer

Mr. Coates Mr. Crawford Mr. Klingerman Mr. Markowski Mr. Rafel Mr. Rhoads

Staff Present: Ralph DeFrain, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Christina Fish, Director of Special Education Jeffrey Groshek, High School Principal Chad Heintzelman, Middle School Principal Tracy Krum, Curriculum Coordinator

Annette Lowery, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Kimberly MacDonald, Food Services Director

Harry Mathias, Superintendent

Carla Sauer, Elementary/Middle School Assistant Principal

Thomas Sharrow, Elementary School Principal Christopher Snyder, High School Assistant Principal

Recognition of Guests: Rosalee Aten, presenter, Mohammed Atia, student, Jenn Bates, faculty rep., Emily Bower, student, Kaylea Brega, student, Anne Crossen, presenter, Shelby Coleman, student, Brenda DeWire, presenter, Andy Dorion, student, Donna Eyerly, presenter, Carl Fedako, community member, Marissa Gentle, student, Sydney Gronka, student, Hannah Harder, student, Holly Hippenstiel, teacher, Katie Maynard, student, Paige Michael, presenter, Steve Phillips, presenter, Julia Robinson, student, Christopher Rumbough, student, Susie Spaid, presenter, Christopher Stackhouse, student, Tracy Starr, teacher's aide, Katie Thomas, student, Emily Wolfe, student, Ben Yoder, student, Bryce Yoder, student, and Adam Zalewski, student.

**Staff Award Presentation**: Rosalee Aten, Paige Michael, and Susie Spaid, from PASR, presented high school teacher, Brenda DeWire, and middle school aide, Tracy Starr, with an award for their service to our school district.

<u>The Leader in Me</u>: Anne Crossen, from Franklin Covey, presented on The Leader in Me. She stated that this program has a mission of unleashing greatness in every child. The seven habits that are taught through the program are: Be Pro-active, Begin with the End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood, Synergize, and Sharpen the Saw.

Mrs. Donna Eyerly, from the Chamber of Commerce, then presented a check for \$20,000 to Mr. Sharrow to help fund the implementing the Leader In Me in Central Columbia Elementary School.

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**FBLA State Competition**: Mrs. DeWire's FBLA students gave brief presentations on the areas they competed in during regional and state competition.

Assignment of Funds: Mr. Mathias reported to the Board that with the upcoming health insurance renewal there will be a gap between our premium and stop gap insurance. He recommended that we assign approximately \$260,000 to cover the difference if the district has to pay more in claims than what is paid for. There was discussion on possibly raising rates. A majority of the Board members agreed to have an exhibit to assign these funds on May 21.

<u>Food Service Budget/Proposed Meal Costs for 2012-13</u>: Ms. MacDonald presented her 2012-13 budget. She stated that with new nutritional guidelines and an increase in the cost of food and supplies she needs to increase the cost of lunch by 15 cents and milk by 5 cents.

Final Q&A on Any 2013-13 Budget Issues: Mr. Mathias stated that the non-bargaining unit support staff contract ends June 30, 2012. He stated that the Board in the past has made the non-bargaining agreement equal to what the unionized support staff receives. He stated that since the unionized support agreement is not rectified yet he was suggesting that the Board approve a new agreement for the non-bargaining support staff with the amount that was discussed at a previous meeting.

Mr. Mathias then stated that this year there are a high number of kindergarten students who are entering who have very specific special needs. He stated that because of this he is requesting that there be an 8<sup>th</sup> teacher added to kindergarten who will work specifically with these students. He also stated that the district would need to hire an additional aide to work in conjunction with the new teacher.

Mr. Mathias asked the Board how they wanted to proceed with the 2012-13 final budget adoption. After discussion the Board requested that the final budget be proposed with half the exceptions included which will add an additional .704mils.

**KOEZ/LERTA** for Business Park: Mr. Steven Phillips explained to the Board how the KOEZ application is enticing to corporations who are looking to build on the industrial site in Lightstreet. He stated that it gives companies incentives of not having to pay taxes for 10 years. He also mentioned that if the three taxing authorities didn't not all approve the resolution then the KOEZ could not be submitted; all three parties had to accept it.

<u>Academic Awards Banquet</u>: Mr. Mathias announced to the Board that the Academic Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. He stated that this banquet is put on by the Board so their attendance is requested. He asked the Board members to please let his secretary know if they and a guest are available to attend the banquet.

Other New Business: None.

Adjournment: Having no further business, President Chyko adjourned the meeting at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Rosemary J. Nagle, Recording Secretary