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

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD WORK SESSION

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012

Call to Order: A work session of the Central Columbia Board of School Directors was held on Monday, April 2, 2012, at the Central Columbia District Office Board Room, President Chyko presiding.

Roll Call: Members Present: Mr. Chyko, President

Mr. Sitler, Vice President

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

Members Absent: Mr. Fogarty, Treasurer

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 John Monick, Technology Director

Carla Sauer, Elementary/Middle School Assistant Principal

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

Recognition of Guests: Billie Jean Diehl, community member, Carl Fedako, community member, Donald Karshner, community member, Linda Karshner, community member, Logan Karshner, community member, Angela Kishbaugh, community member, Becky Knock, community member, Bob Knock, community member, Lance Miller, faculty rep., Rajiv Panikkar, community member, Amy Yastishock, community member.

Bond Refinancing and Proposed HS Project Financing: Ms. Jamie Doyle, from Public Financial Management, Inc., presented to the Board a Financial Analysis of refinancing the district's 2004 and 2006 bonds. She estimated that if the Board decided to proceed with the refinancing they could possibly receive a one time savings of \$386,929 on the 2004 bond and a phased in savings of \$629,354 on the 2006 bond with the first year the district would receive \$137,245. She stated that the Board would have to pass two resolutions to proceed with the sale of the bonds.

Ms. Doyle then presented on the estimates for funding a \$25,790,000 high school renovation project. She stated that the two ways to fund the project would be either a level or wrap-around structure. She noted that with a level structure the term would be for 22 years with a total millage equivalent of 5.83. Under the level structure the district would pay an estimated \$12,634,845 in interest. She then noted that for a wrap-around structure the term would be for 24 years with a total millage equivalent of 3.38. Under the wrap-around structure the district would pay an estimated \$19,334,706 in interest. She then suggested some borrowing strategies under Act 1.

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Mr. Carl Fedako, community member, stated that he liked the lower millage rate because it helps the community members who are currently struggling.

2012-13 Tentative Budget Discussion: Mr. Mathias stated that the district currently has a deficit of \$1,081,382 but with recent retirements, the saving from the Vo-tech budget and the savings of \$39,000 healthcare premiums our adjusted deficit is \$736,000 which is in the range that the budget/finance committee was comfortable with.

• Staff Retirements – Mr. Mathias then worked through the current retirements and the recommendations on which positions should be filled. He stated that in the elementary school both the 3rd grade and Reading Specialist positions should be replaced. He stated that in the middle school they would need to replace the 8th grade English position; however, the 5th grade and librarian position could be filled with existing staff through staff transfers. He noted that in the high school we are expecting an English resignation which should be filled and fill the high school music opening. He stated that the administration feels that filling the open music position could provide more opportunities for our students by working as a K-12 department. He is also recommending that they Board fill the open maintenance position with someone with a specialty in plumbing.

Mr. Mathias then asked the Board how they would like the business office to prepare the tentative budget for the April 16 meeting. After discussion they decided to proceed without using the exceptions.

District Facility Use Charges: Mr. Mathias noted that the district currently charges for use of certain facilities throughout the district; however, we do not charge for others. He also stated that depending on the "category" a group falls under determines the cost of those facilities. He presented to the Board a revised District Facilities Request Form that include charges for the use of a classroom, the large group room, or the library. He stated that there would be no fee for category I users, a \$25 fee for category II users, and a \$50 fee for category III. The Board agreed to the changes which will be effective July 1, 2012 and current approved request that happen after July 1 will be grandfathered under the old fee schedule.

Mr. Mathias stated that the district runs on a four day work week during the summer and he asked the Board if they wanted to shut down the district Friday-Sunday and not allow anyone to use facilities to save money. After some discussion the Board decided to allow the facilities to be used even on days when the offices are closed.

Other New Business: None.

Adjournment: Having no further business, President Chyko adjourned the meeting at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Rosemary J. Nagle, Recording Secretary