
**THE CENTRAL COLUMBIA SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING AT THEIR
WORK SESSION OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011:**

Act 1 Exceptions: Mr. Mathias stated that as of right now PDE has not posted anything on the website regarding which exceptions the district can apply for. He said that once the preliminary budget is submitted we will have more information.

Mr. Mathias reported that, with the deficit between revenues and expenditures, the district has the option to apply for Act 1 exceptions. Exceptions, if approved, will allow the Board to raise taxes higher than the adjusted 1.8% allowed by law. The Board's options are to increase revenues, decrease expenditures, or fill in the deficit with fund balance monies. The district has the option to use one or a combination of those options.

Mr. Mathias then showed a calendar for the upcoming Board meetings through April. He stated that in a regular year the Governor will give their proposed budget presentation the end of January or beginning of February. The Governor's proposed budget presentation gives Mr. Mathias an idea about school funding for the upcoming year. He said that when a new Governor is elected they are given a little longer to present their proposed budget. This year Governor Corbett is presenting his proposed budget on Tuesday, March 8. Since the presentation is after the March 7 work session, Mr. Mathias asked if the Board wanted to cancel that meeting since we will not have state budget information to help with the district budget decisions. He then suggested adding a meeting on either March 28 or April 4 for budget discussions. The Board agreed to cancel the March 7 Board meeting/work session.

MS Locker Room Renovation: Mr. Mathias displayed the updated drawing for the middle school locker room renovation. He stated that the new layout flip-flopped the storage areas and teacher offices, allowing the teacher to have better visibility of the whole locker room. They also added individual showers and an extra entrance door. Mr. Mathias stated that if the Board approved the updates he would contact the architect and tell them to start preparing bid specs. Mr. Chyko asked if the bid specs could include automatic flushing toilets and urinals. The Board agreed with Mr. Chyko and told Mr. Mathias to proceed with contacting the architect.

CMAVTS Money Return: Mr. Fogarty announced that the JOC decided to return the excess fund balance monies back to the sending schools. He stated that Central would receive \$105,403 back and said the JOC is requesting that returned monies be committed to a Vo-tech fund for possible future use. The Board agreed to place it on the upcoming agenda for commitment.

Policy #6940 Submission to OCR: Mr. Mathias stated Attorney Norton suggested at the next meeting the Board approve submitting the revised Policy #6940 to OCR and once it meets their specifications then approve the revised policy. He said otherwise we will continue to have first readings and approvals of Policy #6940 until it meets OCR's specifications. The Board agreed to place this on the upcoming agenda.

Posting Board agendas, exhibits: Mr. Chyko asked the Board if they had any discussion on whether they had any objections to posting the Board agendas and exhibits on the Friday before the meeting. Some of the Board members said they did not see a problem with posting items on Friday.

Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Heintzelman, and Mr. Groshek voiced their concerns about posting the agenda and exhibits on the website on the Friday before the meeting. Mrs. Lewis stated that she is worried by allowing the public to view possible candidate selections so early it would allow the public or candidates who didn't get the position to call administrators and Board members and place complaints about the selected candidate. She also stated that the interview process is confidential and she feels by allowing the names to be posted so early it defeats the purpose. Mr. Groshek stated that when a candidate is selected they are told not to tell anyone until after the Board meeting on Monday and unselected candidates are not notified until the Board has made their decision.

Mr. Sittler asked how much of a burden it would be to place the agenda on the website on Friday. Rosemary Nagle stated it wouldn't be a burden, however, she was concerned that occasionally the packet gets completed later on Friday so it wouldn't be posted until late and there could be a possibility that the technology department might not be there to post the items. Mr. Monick stated that if needed he could post the agenda and exhibits from home. The Board decided to think about this issue longer and hold another discussion at the next meeting.

Possible Act 80 Days: Mr. Mathias informed the Board that after many discussions with the administrative team, regarding planning time for teachers, he is requesting to add Act 80 days to this year and schedule them into next year's calendar. He is requesting to have a planned 2-hour delay and a planned 2-hour early dismissal this year and that next year we have alternating planned 2-hour delays/early dismissals for September, October, November, and December. He stated that this will give teachers more time to have team meetings and planning time. The Board agreed to the two requests for this year and said in the summer they would talk again about how to work the extra time into the 2011-12 school calendar.

Other New Business: None.

Adjournment: Having no further business, President Chyko adjourned the meeting at 8:05p.m.