

Loyalsock Township School District

Special Meeting of School Directors

March 19, 2008

5:10 p.m.

*Board Conference Room
1720 Sycamore Road
Montoursville, PA 17754*

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order – Superintendent**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Administrative Report/Executive Session Purpose – Mr. Eugene Yaw, Solicitor**
None
- 4. Roll Call – Mr. Gerald L. McLaughlin, Business Manager/Board Secretary**

MEMBER

X Edward H. Ade, Jr.
AB Frederick T. Gilmour
X John G. Lamade, Treasurer
X Denise S. Leete
X Raymond P. McGinnis
X Lenore G. Penfield
Gilmour-Personal; Sims-Travel; Williams-Business

MEMBER

X Margaret P. Piper, Vice President
AB Jeri S. Sims, President
AB Scott T. Williams
X *Dr. Richard Mextorf, Superintendent of Schools
X *Gerald McLaughlin, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
X *Eugene Yaw, Solicitor
*(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

X Allen Di Marco, Loyalsock Township High School Principal
X Matthew Reitz, Assistant High School Principal
X Timothy Fausnaught, Loyalsock Township Middle School Principal
X Scott Mato, Donald E. Schick Elementary School Principal
X John Rhoads, Donald E. Schick Assistant Elementary School Principal
X Sherry Griggs, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction
X Dayne Watkins, Supervisor of Special Education
X Eric Gee, Director of Technology
X Heather Gach, *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*

- 5. Public Comments Relative to Agenda Items**
None

6. Educational Discussion

An educational discussion was held to discuss the vision, mission, and values of the district. Discussion items included:

- Dr. Mextorf explained that educators need to teach with technologies that engage students. Also, we need to teach students skills to be successful in jobs that don't even exist yet.
- Mrs. Penfield questioned what the board can do to support the district.
- Accountability and student achievement was discussed.
- Possibility of budgeting for a district data analyst in 2008-2009.
- Dr. Mextorf thinks the district could benefit from a literacy coach. However, a data analyst is more of a priority.
- Students are showing success in the Ninth Grade Academy Program. Other grades would benefit from a similar program.
- Block 5
 - The district needs to look at other ways to restructure Block 5.
 - Mrs. Leete would like to see all students benefiting from the Block 5 program.
 - Dr. Mextorf would like to explore ideas that include a mentoring program.
 - Mr. Lamade recommended that high-performing seniors mentor freshman.
 - Mrs. Piper thought mentoring would provide a wonderful learning experience.
- Mr. Lamade inquired about the effectiveness of the Everyday Math program. Mrs. Griggs stated that there have been great gains. Mr. Fausnaught informed the Board that it is also used in sixth grade.
- Mrs. Piper questioned how we prepare students for life after graduation. The district has job shadowing and also assists students with resume and interviewing skills.

7. Information Items/School Reports

A. Dates for Board Members' Calendars

- **School Board Meeting**
- **April 2, 2008**
- **7:00 p.m.**

8. Public Comments - None

9. Adjournment @ 6:50 p.m.

Business Manager/Board Secretary