

Loyalsock Township School District

Work Session

September 8, 2010

6:00 p.m.

*High School Library
1801 Loyalsock Drive
Williamsport, PA 17701*

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order – President**
- 2. Roll Call – Mr. Gerald L. McLaughlin, Business Manager/Board Secretary**

MEMBER

X Edward H. Ade, Jr. – Vice President
X Maureen Carey
X William P. Carlucci
X Stephen M. Dewar – Treasurer
X Denise S. Leete
X Raymond P. McGinnis

MEMBER

X Margaret P. Piper – President
X John B. Raymond
X Sheila J. Yates
AB *Eugene Yaw, Solicitor
X *Robert W. Grantier, Superintendent
X *Gerald McLaughlin, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
*(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

X Matthew Reitz, Loyalsock Township High School Principal
X Jeffrey Hartmann, Assistant High School Principal
X Robert Gaetano, Middle School Principal
X John Rhoads, Donald E. Schick Elementary School Principal
X Charles Greevy, IV, Assistant Elementary School Principal
AB Sherry Griggs, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction
AB Dayne Waller, Supervisor of Special Education
X Eric Gee, Director of Technology
X Christina Herman, Director of Student Services & Career Development
X Brandon Plocinski, *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*

- 3. Loyalsock Township Middle School Presentation**

Mr. Matt Johnson and Mrs. Kate Preish presented detailed information on the transition program from fifth grade to sixth grade. They answered many questions and commented that the process has improved and both teachers and students were receptive to the process. The Board thanked them for taking the lead role in the transition program.

- 4. Tentative Approval on September 22, 2010. The following items were reviewed and will be recommended for approval at the September 22, 2010 school board meeting.**
- **Minutes**
 - August 4, 2010 Work Session & Board Meeting
 - August 25, 2010 Board Meeting
 - **Finance**
 - Expenditures & Treasurer's Report
 - **School District Programs**
 - Textbook Adoption (History) – There was considerable discussion regarding this matter. The process was not followed and the request came in late. The administration will recommend the purchase to the Board with funds coming from the social studies department, principal's budget and the remainder from curriculum budget. Mr. Grantier will brief that all staff members need to go through the process and meet deadlines for submission and consideration during the budget timelines.
 - Strategic Plan Mid-Point Review – This will be presented for approval and all questions are to be directed to Mrs. Griggs prior to the meeting.
 - AP Testing Fees – The district is recommending that we support 100% of AP testing fees. In the past, parents paid for the entire test and the district reimbursed each family \$50 per test.
 - **Personnel**
 - Curriculum Team
 - Volunteer Football Coach
 - Cafeteria Monitors
 - Food Service Substitute Transfer
 - Athletic Coach Contracts – The Board reviewed the proposed athletic contract for coaches. Questions included whether or not we needed “with just cause” in the contract. Mr. Carlucci clarified that including this would make it much harder to release or terminate a coach.
 - **Other**
 - Water Expansion Tanks at Donald E. Schick Elementary School – Mr. Bubb explained the need to replace the water expansion tanks at Schick Elementary School. Mr. McLaughlin presented quotes from three vendors and will ask for approval at the next meeting.
 - Italy (Trip Request) – Mr. Hartmann and Ms. Beck presented information to the Board regarding a trip to Italy scheduled for June 2011.
- 5. Discussion Items**
- Cyber/Charter Schools (K4) – There are three students who registered for Cyber School that are four years old and the district is responsible for the cost as the original charter allows for students four and above to attend.
 - Superintendent Discretionary Fund for 2011-2012 School Year – We will have continued discussion regarding this matter.
 - Foundation Meetings – The foundation organization committee will meet in the near future to do the preliminary work needed to form a foundation. The meeting will be on September 15, 2010.
 - Community Newsletter – Another draft of the community newsletter was presented to the

Board. Comments will be sent to Mr. Carlucci and he and Mrs. Piper will make revisions and set up a meeting with Mr. McLaughlin to review.

- Meet the Superintendent Evening
 - September 23, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Middle School/High School Library.
- Board Retreat
 - September 28 & 29, 2010 with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting to start at 6:00 p.m. each night.

6. Administration Updates/Reports

- Administrative team members presented brief reports to the Board and answered questions.

7. Committee Updates/Reports

8. Calendar

- Student Activities/Athletics Committee (September 16, 2010)
- Meet the Superintendent Evening (September 23, 2010)
- Board Retreat (September 28 & 29, 2010)

9. Public Comments

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Gerald L. McLaughlin