



Joint Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Meeting Convened at 6:32 PM.

Ms. Ellen Freireich called the meeting to order.

I. **Attendance**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Corey Thurman	Central York School District
Mr. Scott Wingard	Dallastown Area School District
Mr. Terry Emig, Treasurer	Dover Area School District
Ms. Tierdra Marshall	Northeastern School District
Mr. Marc Greenly	Red Lion Area School District
Ms. Karen Baum, Vice President	Spring Grove Area School District
Ms. Judy Crocenzi	West Shore School District
Mr. Richard Zepp	Eastern York School District
Ms. Jeanne Herman	West York Area School District
Ms. Ellen Freireich, President	York Suburban School District

Board Members Not Present:

Also in Attendance:

Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Superintendent of Record
Ms. Ruth Ackerman, Director
Ms. Jill Kling, Director of Student Services
Mr. Mark Keller, Assistant Business Manager

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MS. FREIREICH**

A. Approval of Minutes from the May 30, 2023 Meeting – Ms. Freireich asked if any Members had any comments or changes to the minutes. No changes or comments were made. The minutes will stand as presented.

III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Update on Opening** - Ms. Ackerman gave an update on the opening of the new school year. She provided an updated roster and will have another available on Friday once any new students are enrolled. She also updated on the need for books and materials for new students. The Board discussed seeing what books are available if member school districts are disposing of theirs.

B. **Student Numbers** - Ms Ackerman gave an update on the enrollment numbers. There are

currently 166 seats available and 104 are filled.

- C. **New Curriculum for this Year** - Ms. Kling gave an update on a new curriculum they are looking to implement, Digital Citizenship. It would be a self paced, credited, two part course.
- D. **How did Summer Students do - Borrowing Computers / Work Sheets** - Ms. Ackerman reported that the summer program was a success this past year. (25 to 30 students participated and earned 1/2 credit.)
- E. **Proposed idea for New Students** - Ms. Ackerman idea of requiring new students to pay their graduation fee up front. This would help with the cost of when a student drops out of the program and does not return materials/books. There was a lot of discussion on this with several concerns presented, as far as, record keeping and the students ability to pay. Ms Ackerman will continue to review this idea with Dr. Mancuso and come back with a recommendation.

IV. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approval of Treasurer's Reports for May, June, and July 2023: Ms. Crocenzi made a motion and Mr. Thurman seconded to approve the report. All were in favor, motion passed.
- B. Approval of Bills for May, June , and July 2023: Ms. Crocenzi made a motion and Mr. Thurman seconded to approve the bills. All were in favor, motion passed.
- C. Approval of the candidate for the Part-time Administrative Assistant Position. There was discussion on the fact that Act 91 has expired and there is no new waiver available at this time. The board would like to approve the hiring based on getting approval from PSERS and PDE as not to affect the candidates current pension. The motion by Ms. Baum second by Mr. Zepp. The motion passed unanimously. Based upon the approvals.

V. **DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES' REPORT** – Ms. Kling shared that the new school year was off to a good start. She feels that a lot of this is due to great communication between YAA and the member schools. She also reported that the current roster is made up of a great group of kids who are very engaged. Friday will be the first career day with AMD and PSU York. The next will be October 6.

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Ms. Ackerman shared that Dallastown School District is now providing transportation. This lead to a discussion of how they are looking to ride share with other districts. It was pointed out that transportation is the largest issue for potential new students.

VII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – There may be a conflict with the September scheduled board meeting.

VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT OF RECORD'S REPORT** - Dr. Mancuso welcomed everyone back for the new school year. He also proposed with Ms. Weaver's scheduled retirement in January 2024 that the board allow Mr. Keller to finish out the school year as the business manager. At that time the Board can review the position for the following year.

Other - Mr. Zepp mentioned that Ms. Ackerman should take a look at any software upgrades that may be needed. He also mentioned that the turn over of staff is vey low and that is to be commended.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With unanimous consent, the York Adams Academy Joint Board of Director's Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Keller', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Keller

Assistant Business Manager/Board Secretary