



Joint Board of Directors' Meeting

York Learning Center
300 E. 7th Avenue, Suite 500
York, PA 17404

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting Convened at 6:29PM.

Ms. Ellen Freireich called the meeting to order.

I. Attendance

Board Members Present

Mr. Corey Thurman - online	Central York School District
Mr. Scott Wingard - online	Dallastown Area School District
Mr. Terry Emig, Treasurer	Dover Area School District
Mr. Marc Greenly	Red Lion Area School District
Ms. Karen Baum, Vice President	Spring Grove Area School District
Ms. Heidi Thomas	West Shore School District
Mr. Wes Myers	West York Area School District
Ms. Ellen Freireich, President	York Suburban School District

Board Members Not Present

Mr. Bryan Fink	Eastern School District
Ms. Tiffany Manning	Northeastern School District

Also in Attendance

Ms. Ruth Ackerman, Director
Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Superintendent of Record
Ms. Stafford, Director of Student Services
Mr. Brian Geller, Business Manager

II. REORGANIZATION/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Dr. Mancuso opened the floor for nominations for Board President. Mr. Emig nominated Ellen Freireich. Ms. Baum seconded this nomination. There were no other nominations. *The motion was approved 8 Yes – 0 No.*
- Ms. Freireich opened the nominations for Board Vice President. Mr. Emig nominated Karen Baum. Mr. Greenly seconded this nomination. There were no other nominations. *The motion was approved 8 Yes – 0 No.*

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from the September 24, 2024 meeting. Ms. Freireich asked if any members had any comments or changes to the minutes. No corrections. Minutes

approved as presented.

IV. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Ms. Ackerman noted that student graduations are exceeding 60 students per graduation. After discussion regarding options to change the graduation site, the consensus was to keep the current location for now.
- b. Mr. Geller presented the draft 2025-2026 YAA budget that included a budget narrative, summary page of five budget options, revenue detail, and expense detail. The budget presented was option #4 showing a +3.5% salary increase. This budget is suggested to be financed with a +\$100 per seat for members and non-members. A 4-year student Chromebook replacement cycle is a new concept for consideration. One way to do so is through Board action to commit fund balance of \$50k and allocate \$15k in the 2025-26 budget towards the purchase of new Chromebooks. Dr. Mancuso suggested that option #5 with a +4% salary increase and use of fund balance be considered as an alternative suggestion to option #4. After removing \$500 from the legal budget, the unassigned use of fund balance would total \$1,805 to balance to budget option #5. After Board discussion, option #5 with a +4% salary increase, +\$100 per seat increase, commit \$50k fund balance with use of committed funds of \$15k towards buying new student Chromebooks, lowering the legal budget by \$500, and using \$1,805 in unassigned fund balance is what Dr. Mancuso will present to the member districts' Superintendents.

V. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approval of Treasurer's Reports:

1. September and October 2024

- a. Mr. Geller presented these reports. The report for November 2024 is not ready, and November will not be voted upon this evening. *There was a motion by Mr. Emig and a second by Mr. Greenly. The motion was approved 8 Yes – 0 No.*

B. Approval of Bills:

1. September, October, and November 2024

- a. *There was a motion by Mr. Emig and a second by Mr. Greenly. The motion was approved 8 Yes – 0 No.*

VI. **DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES' REPORT**

- a. Ms. Stafford gave a report on her activities related to students during the 76 days of school. There have been 345 tests given to prospective students with 115 students passing these exams. There has been 128 new student orientations done, and to date, 68 students have graduated. She also shared outside presentations offered to students, and upcoming presenters. For example, a guest speaker will discuss the automotive industry at the Adams County site tomorrow evening.

VII. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. Ms. Ackerman presented new mission and vision statements for the York Adams Academy for Board consideration.

VIII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Ms. Freireich thanked the Board for re-electing her as President, and wished everyone a happy holiday season.
- b. The next YAA board meeting will be January 28, 2025 starting at 6:30 p.m.

IX. **SUPERINTENDENT OF RECORD'S REPORT**

- a. He will discuss the YAA 2025-2026 budget later, this week at a Superintendent's meeting.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Freireich adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.