DOWNINGTOWN AREA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting to be held virtually
Tuesday, November 24, 2020
6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER
B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
C. ROLL CALL
D. PUBLIC INPUT ON ACTION ITEMS – The Downingtown Board of Directors encourages public comment from its citizens. Each community member may speak for a period of no longer than 5 minutes (per BP# 903). Please understand that this is not a time for dialogue with the board; rather the board will listen to all comments and consider them in further deliberations. Our individual e-mail addresses are on the website if you’d like to contact your individual board representative. We ask that you please direct complaints of a personal nature regarding an individual employee directly to the superintendent.

E. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. School Update – Dr. Lonardi

F. ACTION AGENDA

Administrative

1. Request approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts

Finance Report – Director Kring

1. Request approval of transportation contract amendment with George Krapf Jr and Sons Inc. Reimbursement is for 60% of the daily rate for the virtual school days from August 31st to October 23rd 2020 and 75% of the daily rate for virtual Fridays starting October 30th

Estimated Savings: $900,000
Contract Dates/Length: One Year
Funding Source: General Fund Transportation
Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

As a result of the COVID-19 virus and subsequent school closures, the state passed legislation, Act 15, that allows for renegotiation of service contracts. The state specifically identified service contractors such as school bus providers due to their high level of fixed costs for leasing of school buses, rentals of repair facilities, and rentals of bus depot storage areas and fueling systems. The purpose of the payments is to help ensure the bus contractors can continue to pay their fixed costs and be ready to fully service the district’s students upon notice. This amendment is similar to the amendment with the bus contractors during the 2019-20 closure.

2. Request approval of transportation contract amendment with On the Go Kids. Reimbursement is for 60% of the daily rate for the virtual school days from
August 31st to October 23rd 2020 and 90% of the daily rate for virtual Fridays starting October 30th.
Estimated Savings: $40,000
Contract Dates/Length: One Year
Funding Source: General Fund Transportation
Budget Year: 2020 - 2021

3. Request approval of transportation contract amendment with Eagle Wolfington Leasing Corp. Reimbursement is for 60% of the daily rate for the virtual school days from August 31st to October 23rd 2020 and 90% of the daily rate for virtual Fridays starting October 30th.
Estimated Savings: $480,000
Contract Dates/Length: One Year
Funding Source: General Fund Transportation
Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

G. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT REQUIRE THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD

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I. INFORMATION

1. School Board Meetings
The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2020 starting at 6:30 p.m. Meeting to be held virtually.

The next regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2020 starting at 6:30 p.m. Meeting to be held virtually.

J. ADJOURNMENT