

**DOWNINGTOWN AREA BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Administrative Office James E. Watson Staff Development Room**  
**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**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'S REPORT**

1. Applause!! Applause!!

a. Holiday Gift

b. For the past thirty-four years, student artists in our high school art classes have created holiday greeting cards to commemorate the season. These cards are then voted on by district staff and the top three cards from each school are selected, printed and sold as a fundraiser for the Downingtown Community Education Foundation.

This program would not be possible if not for the dedication and hard work of a few people. I would like to thank our art teachers, from East: Becky Lister, Tara Burns, Terri-Lee Cook, and Michael Diesner; from West: Tim Sidorick, Lauren Reid and Anne Russell; and from STEM, Janette Romano. And finally, thank you to Art Curriculum Leader and coordinator of this competition, Karen A. Guidas-Sidorick.

We congratulate the winning artists of the 2019 DASD Holiday Greeting Card Competition.

DHS East

Emily Corporal  
Melanie Lischuk  
Annabelle Sun

DHS West

Maddie Ade  
Ryan Giovanoni  
Victoria Naftal

STEM Academy

Julia Dentner  
Noah Jaouad  
Linesha Kamana

**F. REPORTS**

1. Student Representatives

Steven Egnaczyk  
Sneha Premchandran  
Bevan Watson

2. Student Life Report

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| 3. Cultural Equity Report |                   |
| 4. DARC                   | Director Kring    |
| 5. Legislative Committee  | Director Kring    |
| 6. Governance Report      | Director Wisdom   |
| 7. Education Foundation   |                   |
| 8. Intermediate Unit      |                   |
| 9. Communities That Care  | Director Britton  |
| 10. Wellness Committee    | President Bertone |

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

**H. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Board Meeting – November 13, 2019
  - b. Special Board Meeting – November 25, 2019
2. Approval of Disbursements
3. Approval of Financial Reports
  - a. Treasurers Reports
  - b. Tax Reports
  - c. Budget Reports
  - d. Activity Reports
  - e. Investment Accounts
4. Personnel
  - a. Approval of the Personnel items
  - b. Approval of renewal of services with PAREAP for professional staffing recruitment postings  
 Total Cost: \$1,049  
 Contract Dates/Length: 1/1/20 – 12/31/20, 1 year  
 Funding Source: Human Resources  
 Budget Year: 2019 – 2020
5. Curriculum
  - a. Approval of the following one-time field trips:  
 Curricular:
    - a. DE, (DW, STEM) – Grades 11, select students – Albert H. Small Normandy Institute, Washington, DC and France – June 20 to July 2, 2020 – No class days missed
    - b. DE, (DW, STEM) – Grades 9–12, FBLA – FBLA State Leadership Conference & Competition, Hershey, PA – April 5 to April 8, 2020 – 2 class days missed
    - c. DE, (DW, STEM) – Grades 9–12, Theater Arts – PA State Thespian Conference, York, PA – January 2 to January 4, 2020 – 1.5 class days missed
6. Policy
  - a. Approval of the following policies
    1. 304 Employment of District Staff
    2. 333 Professional Development

3. AG Administrative Guidelines: 333 Professional Development
4. AG Administrative Guidelines: 331 Job-Related Expenses
5. AG Administrative Guidelines: 138 Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners
6. AG Administrative Guidelines: 246 School Wellness

7. Finance

- a. Approval for the disposal, sale or donation of items on the attached list
- b. Approval of the following Student Activity clubs:
  1. STEM Cradles to Crayons Club – This club will be raising funds and collecting materials for children in low-income areas. They will raise money hosting events such as trivia nights. The funds will be sent to the Cradles to Crayons organization.
  2. DWHS Technology Student Association (TSA) – This club will enhance personal development leadership and career opportunities in STEM. They will raise funds with after-school events, and engravings. The funds will go towards event fees, transportation, and materials.
  3. STEM C.H.A.N.G.E. – This club will help raise awareness of and contribute to various charitable organizations worldwide while providing an outlet for students to express their creativity. They will raise funds by hosting charity events, selling items and collecting donations. The funds will be donated to various charitable organizations that students feel strongly about.

8. Technology

- a. Approval for custom web design to add a global icon for the current, relevant district initiatives  
 Total Cost: \$300  
 Contract Dates/Length: 11/15/19 – 11/14/20, 1 year  
 Funding Source: Public Relations  
 Budget Year: 2019 – 2020

**I. ACTION AGENDA**

**Finance Report** – Director Kring

The committee has reviewed and recommends Board approval of the following item by roll call vote:

1. **Act 1 Budget Resolution – Request approval of a Resolution certifying the School Board will not increase the rate of the District’s real estate tax, or any other tax for the support of public education, for the 2020 – 2021 fiscal year, by an amount that exceeds the Act 1 index of 2.6%**

**J. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT REQUIRE THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD**

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**L. INFORMATION**

1. Hand-carried listing of attendance at overnight professional conferences.
2. School Board Meetings

In accordance with Act 93 of 1998 (Sunshine Law), the Board of School Directors met on the following dates in executive session to discuss items in one or more of the following areas: personnel, litigation, legal matters confidential information, labor relations, school security, real estate or land acquisition.

December 4, 2019

The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2020, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the James E. Watson Staff Development Room of the Administrative Office.

The next regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 starting at \_\_\_ p.m. in the James E. Watson Staff Development Room of the Administrative Office.

4. Enrollment Report

The attached enrollment report has been submitted from the district database as of December 1, 2019.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**