

**DOWNINGTOWN AREA BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Administrative Office James E. Watson Staff Development Room**  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**BOARD MEETING NOTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Bertone called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the James E. Watson Staff Development Room.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL**

Director Benfield  
 President Bertone  
 Director Britton  
 Director Cranney  
 Vice President Croft  
 Director Kring  
 Director Mehler  
 Director Rauth  
 Director Wisdom

**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. Thank you to all the student artists who have shared their work with us this evening. This artwork will be on display here in the Central Office staff development room for the next two years for our community to enjoy. We also thank Art Curriculum Leader Karen Guidas-Sidorick and our DASD Art Teachers for their work in getting the artwork selected, framed and placed in this room.

Madelyn Ade	Gianna Guidas	Nicholas Mullen
Lauren Ardle	Olivia Guan	Pranathi Munagala
Ian Barniskis	Nicole Hammer	Alexander Ovodova
Chloe Baxter	Taylor Harris	Evan Parker
Sydney Berkeihiser	Alexis Hart	Xander Quinn
Yasawini Bommareddy	Anum Jan	Sydney Reeves
Alison Booth	Ashley Januszko	Carly Sarafinas
Julia Cambbell	Kayla John	Kayla Smith

Alison Cherry	Nathan Kern	Ethan Supplee
Madeson Colbert	Reilly Kuhn	Karly Swanson
Andrew Detwiler	Aadi Kurukunda	Carolyn Tarpley
Christopher Dimeo	Cassidy Landgarten	Kaleigh Tincher
Harper Dortone	Anna Lubnow	Hanna Vance
Brooke Elmore	Emma Martin	Jacqueline Walsh
Emma Gaul	Jayne Michaels	Camryn Williams
Abigail Greenberg	Vivienne Moore	Collette Wisler
Ella Groff	Weston Mousseau	Emily Zajac
	Grace Mucha	

- b. Tonight the Board will be accepting several donations as part of the consent agenda. One of these donations is a painting that Loraine Noble will be presenting this evening in honor of her mother, Patricia Hart Smith. Ms. Smith received the painting upon her retirement as a Lionville Elementary fourth-grade teacher. We also thank the Todd K. Delaney Charity, Chick-fil-A and Greg Yezak for their donations to the district this evening.
- c. Congratulations to DHS East senior Sofia Bobrysheva. Sofia won first place in the Chester County Choral Society's 27th Annual Excellence in Vocal Performance Competition. She is a member of the DHS East Masterworks Choir and plans to attend West Chester University next year for a dual degree in Voice Performance and Music Education.
- d. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success. Two of our schools, Lionville Elementary School and Downingtown Middle School applied to be a PBIS State Accredited School in PA. Following a PBIS visit, both schools passed with high scores. The school teams will be receiving this PBIS recognition award in May.

<b>Downingtown Middle Team</b>	<b>Lionville Elementary Team</b>
Dr. Nicholas Indeglio, Principal	Shelda Perry, Principal
Lori Finkbiner	Melanie Susi, Assistant Principal
Annie Fisher	Meghan Dennis
Olivia Houston	Tom Force
Dan Hufford	Amanda Garro
Sherri Kasabo	Alicia Graci
Patti Reidinger	Lauren Gracia
Sally Witmer	Sheron Johnson
	Erika Mentrikoski
	Maria O'Keefe
	Jillian Speer

- e. Lionville Middle School Tech Education teacher Guy Raines has been selected as one of only 40 educators from around the world to receive the ITEEA Teacher Excellence Award. The Teacher Excellence Award is one of the highest honors given to technology and engineering education classroom teachers and is presented in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the profession and their students. The Teacher Excellence Awards program was established to identify outstanding technology and engineering teachers who will serve as models for their colleagues and who could form a leadership core to affect change in the field.
  
- f. Dr. Lonardi acknowledged the new Dr. Barker and Dr. Wright in successfully defending their dissertations.

**F. REPORTS**

- 1. Student Representatives                      Steven Egnaczyk  
    Max Minnier  
    Sneha Premchandran
  
- 2. Student Life Report                                Director Cranney  
    Meeting held on March 21. A little mental health round table was held with middle and high school representatives. Last meeting of the year will be held on May 16 at Downingtown Middle School.
  
- 3. DARC    Director Kring  
    Meeting held on March 14. Nicole Luther appointed as the new Executive Director. Mike Simmons of West Bradford Township appointed as a new board member. Program participation is a goal as current participation numbers are down. Strategic Planning is still on track for this year. Next meeting is April 11.
  
- 4. Legislative Committee                                Director Kring  
    No report. Next meeting is April 24.
  
- 5. Governance Report                                      Director Wisdom  
    Directors Wisdom, Britton, Mehler, Kring and President Bertone highlighted various sessions attended at the recent NSBA Conference held in Philadelphia. They expressed their thanks for the opportunity to attend the conference.

Director Britton read the following statement:

Over the weekend I attended many sessions with a central theme. Building student success by strengthening stakeholder voice. School district leadership across the country are looking towards understanding the needs of their evolving citizen demographics and growing communities to be part of the decision making process in the strategic planning of their districts future. This model defines board members roles as public servants to the communities tax payers they represent. Schools are the most central connector of our community and through the voices of teachers, students, parents, and community leaders the success of the students and the

community vitality and engagement has increased. Ensuring transparency, accountability, and proactive solutions in these districts everyone is moving in the same direction; ultimately, benefiting student achievement in our public school system.

Schools used unique approaches including strategic surveys to evaluate the needs of the community and students and used this data to redefine their goals. Boards and superintendents participated in 360 analysis evaluations to learn about their strengths and weaknesses in meeting these goals and ultimately developed better goals for both internal and external leadership that truly reflected the community's needs. I left feeling inspired by the good works our district has already done in this field and looking forward to ways we can continue improving this commitment to our community.

6. Policy Report Director Wisdom  
No report.

7. Education Foundation Director Mehler  
Art Gala was a success with over 400 attendees and \$10,000 raised. Harlem Wizards event scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Downingtown High School West. Dr. Lonardi and West Chester Superintendent Dr. Scanlon presented at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Exton Chamber luncheon. The Mobile Bus was also at the event. Annual Golf Outing schedule for October 30<sup>th</sup>. Hamilton and Hoecakes scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Yellow Springs. Next meeting is May 14.

8. Intermediate Unit Director Mehler  
Executive Director search is underway with six interview dates scheduled. Goal is to appoint a Director by June. Awards dinner scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

9. Communities That Care Director Britton  
CTC Website renovation is very close to completion. The collective members are invited, to put resources for youth or parents on the site now. During the last the meeting the collective facilitated a whiteboard exercise with the four main strategies listed and partners put activities, programs and initiatives where they fit best helping to establish how groups can facilitate cooperation and coordination.

The last Round-table event hosted at DHSE saw over 100 community member attendees. The summary of the table discussions is complete, and the next steps are for the wellness advisory committee to create subcommittees and begin work on the items parents said are needed in the school/community. There is a similar round table for students scheduled for April 15 at Downingtown West. A cross-section of students will be chosen to participate, and once West has finished, the same program will be facilitated at East and STEM.

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th from 12-1:30 pm in the James T Watson meeting room B

10. Wellness Committee President Bertone

CTC has partnered with DASD to host (3) high school "Conversation Cafes. Youth Prevention Council members and Aavidum members will facilitate small group round table conversations following the same format from the community mental health round table meeting held at DHSE. Comments from the meetings will be summarized and shared with DASD administration, school board and CTC partners. DHSW is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>. STEM and DHSE schedule to be determined. Planning for Wellness Policy and administrative guidelines review for Grades 9-12 is underway. Planning meetings scheduled to re-structure district level and building level wellness committees to address new goals for health and wellness (2019 - 2020) addressing school and community needs for mental, emotional, and social well-being. Continued curriculum work including completion of (6) mental health lessons for grade 9; revision of Grade 9 and 10 curriculum units; Grades 6-8 curriculum units; Grades 6-8 mental health lessons and planning for upcoming PD and K-5 health curriculum revision.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

## **H. CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Vice President Croft, seconded by Director Cranney, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Board Meeting – March 13, 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 agreement with Team Builders Plus for leadership training for Act 93 administrators  
Total Cost: \$9,490 estimated (\$2,290 presenter, \$73/participant for assessment, & \$17/participant for materials)  
Contract Dates/Length: August 2019
  - c. Approval of Agreement with Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 for Act 168 compliance services  
Cost: \$5 per applicant (plus one time setup fee of \$500)  
Contract Dates/Length: 3 years April 2019 through April 2022
5. Curriculum
  - a. Approval to purchase (25) Pro Panels for use in District Art Shows  
Total Cost: \$3,350

Funding Source: Curriculum Operating Budget  
Budget: 2018-19

- b. Approval to purchase (3) Electron Charge-to-Mass Apparatus and (3) Power Supplies for the Apparatus for Physics Department at DE, DW, and STEM  
Total Cost: \$7,620  
Funding Source: Curriculum Operating Budget  
Budget: 2018-19
- c. Approval for license renewal for AP Bio and AP Chemistry with Flinn Prep at DE & DW  
Total Cost: NTE \$4,000  
Funding Source: Curriculum Operating Budget  
Budget: 2018-19
- d. Approval for microscope cleaning and repair (3 buildings per year) at DE, DW, STEM, LMS and DMS  
Total Cost: NTE \$3,000  
Funding Source: Curriculum Operating Budget  
Budget: 2018-19
- e. Approval for maintenance of Autoclave at STEM  
Total Cost: NTE \$2,500  
Funding Source: Curriculum Operating Budget  
Budget: 2018-19
- f. Approval for repairs and maintenance of elementary musical instruments  
Total Cost: NTE \$4,000  
Funding Source: Curriculum Operating Budget  
Budget: 2018-19
- g. Approval for professional services provided by Dr. Jeri Thompson on Text Dependent Analysis  
Total Cost: \$3,000  
Funding Source: Curriculum Operating Budget  
Budget: 2018-19
- h. Approval for (70) MindTap Century 21 Accounting and digital access for Business Ed & Computer Science Department  
Total Cost: \$14,000  
Funding Source: Curriculum Capital Budget  
Budget: 2018-19
- i. Approval to purchase (6) Field Mapper Kits, (2) Conductive Ink Pens, and (4) Intermediate Nuclear Laboratory Systems for AP II and AP E&M Physics Department at DE and DW  
Total Cost: \$11,445

Funding Source: Curriculum Capital Budget  
Budget: 2018-19

- j. Approval to purchase (60) student editions plus digital resource access of *AP Environmental* for Science Department at DE & DW  
Total Cost: \$10,419  
Funding Source: Curriculum Operating Budget  
Budget: 2018-19

6. Policy

- a. Approval of the following policies
  1. 103.1 Nondiscrimination Qualified Students with Disabilities
  2. 904 Public Attendance at School Events
  3. AG Administrative Guideline: 904 Public Attendance at School Events

7. Finance

- a. Approval for the disposal, sale or donation of items on the attached list.
- b. Approval of the following pupil services items:
  1. Approval of a release and settlement agreement with the parents of a DASD student (#9957604589) for ESY services  
Total Cost: NTE \$760  
Contract Dates/Length: 7/1/2019 –8/15/19 (1 month)  
Funding Source: Special Education  
Budget Year: 2019-2020
  2. Approval of a contract with Dr. Barbara Leech for an Independent Educational Evaluation of a DASD student (#5481280167)  
Total Cost: NTE \$1,500  
Contract Dates/Length: 4/11/19-6/10/19 (2 months)  
Funding Source: Special Education  
Budget Year: 2018-2019
  3. Approval of a contract with Philos Consulting Group for professional development and consultative services at the STEM Academy regarding stress and anxiety management for students  
Total Cost: NTE \$13,000  
Contract Dates/Length: 4/11/19-6/30/19 (2 months)  
Funding Source: STEM PD Budget  
Budget Year: 2018-2019
  4. Approval of a fee for service agreement with Therapy Source for School Psychologist Services  
Total Cost: NTE \$94.50 per hour  
Contract Dates/Length: 4/11/19-6/30/20 (1 year)  
Funding Source: Special Education  
Budget Year: 2018-2019, 2019-2020

- b. Acknowledgement of the following Donations:
1. Donation of \$7,268.90 from the Todd K. Delaney Charity for suicide awareness prevention training
  2. Donation of a Scroll Saw from Greg Yezak to Downingtown West
  3. Donation of \$811 from Chick-fil-a for Mental Health Awareness
  4. Donation of a painting in memory of Pat Smith.
- c. Approval of the following Student Activity Club:
1. Marsh Creek Musical/Theatre – The club will provide the opportunity to participate in a musical production. Funds will be raised via ticket sales. They will use these funds to purchase t-shirts, props and scenery
- d. Approval of the following Budget Transfers:

<u>Transfer From Account #</u>	<u>From Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transfer To Account #</u>	<u>To Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
238055-610	Principal STEM Building Supplies	\$3,500.00	5500-330	STEM Reg Ed General Other Prof Services	\$6,000.00
CFPRST-582	Staff Dev STEM Principal Conference Travel	\$2,500.00			
For Dr. Ted Fish's presentation to STEM teachers and students on mental health issues and strategies.					
8100-513	DEHS Reg Ed General Contracted Carriers	\$250.00	238081GRA-513	Principal Graduation DEHS Contracted Carriers	\$250.00
To cover additional cost of buses for graduation practice.					
238051-890	Principal 6GC Misc Expenses	\$4,218.00	C6GC-582	6GC Cert Staff Dev Conference Travel	\$3,908.00
			C6GC-324	6GC Cert Staff Dev Conference Professional Development	\$310.00
For Staff Development conference travel and professional development.					
2100-610	BC Reg Ed General Supplies	\$1,007.25	238021-641	Principal BC Workbooks	\$1,007.25
For book "Blind Spot" for BC staff for Cultural Equity Task Force professional development.					
238082-610	Principal DWHS General Supplies	\$3,775.00	CFCNDW-324	DWHS Cert Staff Dev Conference Professional Development	\$2,775.00
			CFCNDW-582	DWHS Cert Staff Dev Conference Travel	\$1,000.00
For current and future conferences, such as PBEA and ISTE, travel and professional development approved for staff					
811360-610	DEHS Business Ed General Supplies	\$384.00	8100-610	DEHS Reg Ed General Supplies	\$384.00
For supply purchases from DEHS regular general supplies					
238081-610	Principal DEHS General Supplies	\$5,300.00	8100-641	DEHS Reg Ed General Workbooks	\$5,300.00
For QPR training books for DEHS students.					
2400-610	LE Reg Ed General Supplies	\$3,700.00	CFCNLE-324	LE Cert Staff Dev Conference Professional Development	\$3,200.00



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			CFCNLE-582	LE Cert Staff Dev Conference Travel	\$500.00
For PBIS team honored and presenting at the 2019 PA Positive Behavior Support Implementers' Forum conference and travel					
2400-610	LE Reg Ed General Supplies	\$1,200.00	238024-581	Principal LE Mileage/Travel	\$1,200.00
For travel/mileage for LE Administration through the end of the school year					
CCCU-582	CAO-Department Head Conferences-Travel	\$13,000.00	227073-330	Curric Prof Staff Develop Other Professional Services	\$13,000.00
For professional development services provided by Greg Tang, Creative Smarts, Inc.					
81VM-610	DEHS Vocal Music General Supplies	\$8.50	8112TRAN-513	DEHS Music Transportation Contracted Carriers	\$154.18
81VM-641	DEHS Vocal Music Consumable Workbooks	\$20.68			
81VM-890	DEHS Vocal Music Misc Exp	\$125.00			
For DEHS Music Transportation trip to West Chester to sing for grief support group.					

8. Administrative

- b. Approval of the discipline of one high school student. The specific terms of the discipline shall be controlled by a written adjudication, incorporated herein by reference.

**I. ACTION AGENDA**

**Personnel Report** – Vice President Croft

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

- On a motion by Vice President Croft, seconded by Director Mehler, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved a renewal of the agreement with CVS/Caremark for prescription insurance coverage for benefit eligible employees  
Total Cost: Projected Year 1 = \$4,131,435; Year 2 = \$4,546,003; Year 3 = \$4,976,822  
Contract Dates/Length: July 2, 2019 through June 30, 2022, 3 years
- On a motion by Vice President Croft, seconded by Director Kring, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved an agreement with the Act 93 groups for the renewal of the Administrator Compensation Plan  
Contract Dates/Length: July 1, 2019 -June 30, 2024, 5 years
- On a motion by Vice President Croft, seconded by Director Mehler, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved an agreement with Dr. Bethann Cinelli for

consulting services for the district wide health/wellness initiatives, curriculum work and professional development  
Total Cost: \$12,000  
Contract Dates/Length: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

4. On a motion by Vice President Croft, seconded by Director Cranney, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved the appointment and contract for Business Manager David W. Matyas  
Contract Dates/Length: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, 5 years

**Finance Report** – Director Kring

1. 2019-2020 Budget Presentation: Dr. Lonardi and Mr. Fazio  
Dr. Lonardi and Mr. Fazio presented a PowerPoint of the proposed 2019-2020 Budget. They reported on the budget process, staffing recommendations, revenue and expenditure growth.

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

1. On a motion by Director Kring, seconded by Director Cranney, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved a settlement agreement with the parents of a DASD student (#5083661381) for partial tuition, attorney fees, and a compensatory education fund  
Total Cost: \$62,000  
Contract Dates/Length: 04/11/2019 – 06/05/2020 (1.5 years)  
Funding Source: Special Education  
Budget Year: \$42,500 for 2018-2019; \$19,500 for 2019-2020
2. On a motion by Director Kring, seconded by Director Rauth, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved the 2019-2020 Chester County Intermediate Unit Core Services Budget in the amount of \$27,930,942. Downingtown's projected contribution to this budget is \$93,968
3. On a motion by Director Kring, seconded by Director Rauth, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved the 2019-2020 Chester County Intermediate Unit Occupational Education Budget in the amount of \$29,995,043. Downingtown's projected contribution to this budget is \$2,603,481

**Curriculum Report** – Director Cranney

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

1. On a motion by Director Cranney, seconded by Director Britton, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved the purchase of musical instruments across the district needed either as addition to serve the student population or replacement due to normal wear and tear

Total Cost: \$56,153

Funding Source: Curriculum Capital Budget

Budget: 2018-19

2. On a motion by Director Cranney, seconded by Director Kring, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved the purchase of K-12 curricular resources and digital access for Health Department classes

Total Cost: \$28,770

Funding Source: Curriculum Capital Budget

Budget: 2018-19

Director Britton read the following statement:

There is significant research that suggests empathy is the central component of emotional intelligence and when taught correctly is a better bullying prevention tool than traditional methods. Studies show kids who are empathetic have better relationships and perform better in school. Building character in our young people like empathy will impart the skills necessary to recognize feelings like sadness or hurt within themselves and their peers. It will encourage them to be less likely to engage in hurtful behaviors like relational aggression. Helping our kids have better relationships today will help them have better relationships at home and work later in life. It builds resilience, self-esteem, social skills and assertiveness. Similarly studies show expressing gratitude can reduce stress. Gratitude allows both the young and old to pull out of negative emotions because when gratitude is expressed research shows people are happier, report more satisfaction and less stress. I do hope these important life skills will be implemented as part of the new curriculum.

3. On a motion by Director Cranney, seconded by Director Britton, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved the purchase of Foundations materials and consumables for K-2 teachers and Literacy Specialists

Total Cost: \$50,493

Funding Source: Curriculum Capital Budget

Budget: 2018-19

4. On a motion by Director Cranney, seconded by Director Rauth, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved the purchase of Phys Ed equipment for secondary schools

Total Cost: \$25,114

Funding Source: Curriculum Capital Budget

Budget: 2018-19

5. On a motion by Director Cranney, seconded by Director Rauth, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved the purchase of chemical security and fire safety cabinets for DE, DW, and STEM

Total Cost: NTE \$25,000

Funding Source: Curriculum Capital Budget

Budget: 2018-19

6. On a motion by Director Britton, seconded by Director Kring, the Board, on a voice vote, approved the following one time Field Trips by a vote of 8-0-1, with Director Cranney abstaining.

Curricular:

- DMS, LMS – Grades 7-8 Gifted – Chester County Forensics Tournament, TCHS, Downingtown, PA – 5/21/19 – 1 class day missed
- DE, DW, STEM – Grades 9-12 – DECA National Conference, Orlando, FL – 4/26/19 to 5/1/19 – 3 class days missed
- DE, DW, STEM – Grades 9-12 – FBLA National Leadership Conference, San Antonio, TX – 6/27/19 to 7/3/19 – No class time missed
- MC – Grade 6 – Paradise Farms Camp, Downingtown, PA – Sept/Oct 2019 – One overnight per team – 2 class days missed
- DE, DW, STEM – Grades 9-12 Spanish – Spanish Fiesta, Barcelona, Valencia, Granada, Costa del Sol, Sevilla, Cordoba, and Madrid, Spain – 6/8/20 to 6/18/20 – No class time missed
- DE, DW, STEM – Grades 10-11 – Mentor Program, Paradise Farms, Downingtown, PA – 5/2/19 – 1 day missed

Non-Curricular:

- DMS, LMS – Grade 8 – Hershey Park, Hershey, PA – 5/28/19 – 1 class day missed
- DE, DW, STEM – Grades 9-12 – Italian Engineering & Design, Milan, Monza, Turin, Maranello, Italy – 6/20/20 to 6/30/20 – No class time missed
- DE, DW, STEM – Grades 9-12 Student Council – PA Student Council Leadership Conference, Johnstown, PA – 11/7/19 to 11/9/19 – 1 class day missed
- DMS, LMS – Grades 7-8 Club Members – Robotics Club International Competition, College Park, MD – 5/31/19 to 6/2/19 – No class time missed

### **Facilities Report** – Director Rauth

The Committee has reviewed and recommends Board approval of the following items by roll call vote:

1. New Uwchlan Hills Elementary School

On a motion by Director Rauth, seconded by Director Cranney, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved a contract with Eastern Air Balancing Corporation, the lowest bidder in response to an RFP, for the Testing and Balancing of the HVAC System for the new UHES

Total Cost: \$34,130

Contract Dates/Length: May 2020-July 2020

Funding Source: Capital Funds

Budget Year: 2020-2021

2. STEM Addition

On a motion by Director Rauth, seconded by Director Cranney, the Board, on a roll call vote, unanimously approved a contract with Butler Balancing Company, Inc., the

lowest bidder in response to an RFP for the Testing and Balancing of the HVAC System for the STEM Addition  
Total Cost: \$16,500  
Contract Dates/Length: July 2020-August 2020  
Funding Source: Capital Funds  
Budget Year: 2020-2021

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

**K. VISITORS** – 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.

Rachel Pavis (Uwchlan) – Sited various studies and data related to insufficient sleep in young people. Requested change in school start times. Sited various local districts who have instituted change or have committed to studying later school start times. Asked the board to create a committee to study school start times.

Theresa Under (Uwchlan) – Also sited various studies and data and requested the board create a district wide community inclusive committee to investigate later school start times.

Selina Mello (West Bradford) – Referenced the STEM reading list. Given the current climate and concern for student mental health she expressed shock with the reading choices for juniors. Sited several of the novels with dark and depressing content. What message are we sending? What may be triggered with a student on the brink? Affirmation and positivity should fill student's days. Referenced a number of unacknowledged and unanswered emails to district administration.

**L. INFORMATION**

1. The following policies are submitted for public review and scheduled for approval on May 8, 2019:

- a. 247 Hazing
- b. AG Administrative Guidelines: 247 Hazing
- c. AG Administrative Guideline: 200 Enrollment of Students

2. Hand carried listing of attendance at overnight professional conferences.

3. 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.

April 3, 2019  
April 10, 2019

The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2019 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, May 9, 2019 starting at 7:00 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 April 1, 2019.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Vice President, seconded by Director Kring, the Board, agreed to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia B. Warihay  
School Board Secretary