



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
6:00 P.M.
Midland Elementary & Middle School

1. CALL TO ORDER – *Mr. Jerry Hodge, Board Chair*
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Hodge*
3. ROLL CALL – *Golden*

Ms. Maria Corradi
 Mr. Michael Croud
 Mrs. Brittney Golden
 Mr. Jerry Hodge
 Mrs. Brenda Militello
 Mr. Lou Naccarato
 Mr. Paul Pennington

ADMINISTRATION ATTENDING: Dr. Chester Thompson, CEO.

NON-BOARD MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND: Mr. Alan Shuckrow, SMGG; Superintendent Sean Tanner; Ms. Katie Butler, JMA; and 2 members of the MITCS Organizing Committee: Mr. Mark Elder & Mr. Chris Shovlin

WELCOME OTHER GUESTS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES- *Hodge*
5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – *Hodge*
6. ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:
 - a. CEO REPORT – Thompson
 - i. **ASCD**-I request Board approval for professional development staff training prior to the start of the school year. **The ASCD Professional Learning Services** team specializes in creating personalized learning experiences and meeting the professional learning needs of adults in education. ASCD Faculty members are skilled practitioners in professional learning and specific leadership, curriculum, assessment, and instructional practices and strategies that support teachers as they grow and expand their skills. The invoice total is **\$3,750.00 for a one-year tailor designed custom PLS 5-hr Remote Bundle**. ASCD has been leading K–12 education for 75 years and is the premier leader in trusted, curated, professional learning content. The organization provides experienced practitioners with extensive background in education, who will work with an

institution to tailor design professional development programs for teachers and other instructors.

- ii. **Course Load List: Asking the board to approve** (materials that accompany the curriculum of) the load. This affords us the ability to purchase these items. We cannot wait. If approved, we can purchase items sooner than later to ensure we receive in a timely manner and ratify the board’s decision later. We make the purchase that will be on the load list. This course load is based on ~ **25** students per pathway. Items highlighted in green have been ordered and a PO was sent to the vendor.
- iii. **Student-Parent Handbook:** I’ve sent an electronic version of the Handbook for your review. Please begin to review it paying close attention to areas highlighted in yellow. We aim to move forward with Board approval in July with the goal of approval prior to start of the school year.
- iv. **Communications Consulting, Inc. (CCI):** This invoice in the amount of **\$56,062.48** is for the purchase of a **firewall and end point licenses for 5-years. A Firewall** is a network security device that monitors, and filters incoming and outgoing network traffic based on an organization’s previously established security policies. At its most basic, a firewall is essentially the barrier that sits between a private internal network and the public Internet. An **Endpoint security** is the practice of securing endpoints or entry points of end-user devices such as desktops, laptops, and mobile devices from being exploited by malicious actors and campaigns. Endpoint security systems protect these endpoints on a network or in the cloud from cybersecurity threats. A good example is managed antivirus software. Web filtering. Application/patch management.
- v. **STEM & Career EXPO 2022:** Attracts thousands of youth, teens, and adults annually. Provides informative workshops, mentor teens about jobs, in specific industries, and provides opportunities to talk to young people about job and educational opportunities. The event is held at **Ross Park Mall, Saturday, May 14, 11 am – 4 pm.** The Pittsburgh area is identified as one of the best markets in the country for people to work in STEM science, technology engineering, and math fields. Kyle Daly, our recently hired Director of Diversity and Recruitment and I manned a table and provided information about MITCS to people as they stopped by.
- vi. **Pennsylvania Charter Schools Program (PACSP) Spring Summit:** May 16th-17th at Bear Creek Community Charter School (CS). Board Chair, Jerry Hodge, JMA Associate Nathan Fisher, and I attended the summit. This year’s theme focuses on best practices in **governance and finance** – our target audience here are Board Members. I’ve included the summit agenda for your review.



PACSP Spring Summit Agenda (Ma

vii. **Enrollment**

Month	Leads	Intent to Enroll	In Enrollment Process	Enrolled
As of May 12	120	3	3	20

Grade Levels	Enrollments	Pathway
9	13	TBD
10	6	TBD

11	1	TBD
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7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee – *Pennington*
 - i. Financial Statements and accounts payable items – approval of invoices
- b. Facilities & Grounds Committee - *Pennington*
- c. Personnel Committee Report - *Corradi*
- d. Public Relations & Media Committee Report – *Golden*
- e. Organizing Committee Report – *Elder & Shovlin*
- f. Legal Report -*Shuckrow*

8. BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION (*if needed*)

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Close on the financing of the building/ lease terms
- b. Realignment of committees
 - i. Bylaws will also need reviewed and reminder about year-end meeting in June

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

12. GOOD OF THE ORDER

13. NEXT MEETINGS: June 15. Year-end Meeting. Executive Session at 5:30 pm and Public Meeting at 6:00 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT