ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

WORK SESSION

January 7, 2020

Administrative Building
2240 Southwestern Blvd, West Seneca, NY 14224

Board of Education
Members Present:  Mr. Ryan Cimo
                 Dr. Christine Gray-Tinnesz
                 Mr. Dwight Eagan
                 Mrs. Karen Kane
                 Mr. Dwight Mateer
                 Mr. David Nielsen, arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Members Excused:  Mr. Robert Mahany

Others Present:  Mr. Matthew P. McGarrity, Superintendent of Schools
                 Dr. Lisa Krueger, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum
                 Mr. David Lilleck, Assistant Superintendent – Personnel
                 Mr. Jeffrey Petrus, Assistant Superintendent – Business
                 Mrs. Cheryl Connors, District Clerk

Others in Attendance:  Mr. Bill Bosinski, Director of Facilities
                       Mrs. Lynn Czemerynski, Director of Special Education
                       Mr. Jeff Dolce, Assistant Elementary Principal
                       Mr. Aaron Grupka, Middle School Principal
                       Mr. Dave Hack, Director of Physical Education and Athletics
                       Mr. Joe Haier, Director of Transportation
                       Mrs. Julie Mampe, South Davis Elementary Principal
                       Mr. Paul Pietrantone, Ellicott Elementary Principal
                       Mr. Scott Roth, Assistant Director of Technology
                       Mr. Terry Tryon, Eggert Road Elementary Principal
                       Mr. Jon Wolf, High School Principal

Estimated Audience:  n/a

Dr. Tinnesz called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion

Priorities Discussion:
  o Mr. McGarrity welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. He stated that this year the budget priorities discussion will be different since the group will be using a tool called Thoughtexchange to share their individual priorities. He stated the Board of Education used Thoughtexchange during their retreat over the summer.
o Mr. Petrus shared an update from the state budget stating that it is still unclear how large their deficit is and how that will impact school aid. He stated that for the first draft budget, if he has no new information from the state, he will project flat aid. The first draft budget will be presented during the February Board meeting.

o Mr. Lilleck shared that class sizes are a concern and that he anticipates enrollment will increase. He stated that we also have needs in speech services for students. In total we could need add up to 4 teaching positions in the 2020-21 school year to address student needs.

o Mr. Lilleck also shared an update on health insurance stating the increase will be between 5-7% compared to other districts who are averaging a 10% increase.

o Mr. Petrus stated that teacher retirement rates are up and that could increase the budget by $500,000. The ERS rates are not expected to increase.

o Dr. Krueger explained how the Thoughtexchange session will work. Through the program, each participant scans the barcode and then begins to share their priorities for the budget. The other participants see the suggestions/thoughts and then will “star” them on a scale of 1-5 with 5 stars being the highest (or agreeing with the suggestion/thought).

o Mr. McGarrity stated that once the information is complied, he will work to put a report together and share the results with the Board and administrative team.

o Dr. Krueger reviewed some of the results as well as how the information will be sorted and compiled. Some of the thoughts exchanged include more opportunities for cultural diversity, supporting filed trips, expanding clubs/activities, safety and SRO’s, expanding field trip transportation pay, expanding modified sports, technology support and adding staff in-service opportunities.

**Adjournment**
Motion by Dr. Tinnesz, seconded by Mr. Eagan, and unanimously carried (6-0) to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Connors
District Clerk

**Other Meeting Attachments**
1. Official Meeting Announcement
2. Meeting Agenda