**School Board Minutes May 8, 2018**

1. Public Comment- None
2. Special Presentation – Nancy Roy – RJLA
   1. Successes!
      1. 40% of students in college bound classes
      2. 14 in District students and 6-7 out of District
      3. Working on ELOs and collaborations with businesses
      4. Student centered learning pathways that are work related
      5. Maple Syrup Shed with grant- made 2.5 gallons
      6. $3000 grant from Annie’s Mac and Cheese for gardens.
      7. Going to the Jersey Shore with money raised from raking
      8. Working on Farm to School and creating products- maple syrup and dehydrating fruit.
      9. Students have been accepted to five different colleges
      10. Most of staff participating in Closing the Opportunity Gap
   2. Challenges and opportunities
      1. Transportation to college and ELOs
      2. Lunch staff is needed
      3. Working with Mike Parr on grading and IC
      4. Need building rehab! Broken windows and heat doesn’t work consistently
   3. School Board Goals
      1. Helping students find career pathways
      2. Early college and certificate programs
      3. Transportation for tutoring and outside work
3. Special Presentation – Director of Pupil Support- Jeannette Southier
   1. Successes!
      1. Newly added staff have been utilized effectively
      2. OT services are working and saving money
      3. American Sign Language – staff was trained from New Franklin and Little Harbor.
      4. ESOL PD and other PD has been offered to staff
   2. Challenges and Opportunities
      1. Mental health is a big concern and families who are addicted and struggle with parenting difficulties
      2. PHS is adjusting to schedule changes and including later end to the day, rotating first block and balance of use of TASC
      3. Behavioral needs has exceeded internal capacity – have to contract for 3 Behavioral Needs Assessments with Birchtree
      4. Have not filled .2 position for speech- suggested that we lump the .8 with .2 to make one position. Teacher who currently is .8 does not want full time? Wondering how to fix this.
   3. ESOL
      1. There are currently 83 needing direct services and 25 monitored. Need more support
      2. Need more PD for teachers
   4. More Initiatives and Future Budge Implications
      1. Reduce caseloads at elementary level with new position
      2. Further trainings
      3. One additional staff at Little Harbor will reduce caseload
      4. Title III DOE Compliance monitoring will occur in fall 2018. Recommendations for improvements including staffing, policy and process will likely result.
      5. SAU 50 volunteered to participate in DOE Compliance review – PHS will have files reviewed with this
   5. Preschool Work
      1. Preschool committee work have implications of impacting Special Education
   6. Comments and Discussions:
      1. Direct billing for programs is done by Special Education Department Secretary
      2. Kindergarten and first grade has the most behavioral changes
      3. Nancy Clayburgh expressed continued interest in working with local employers to cover costs of ESOL programming.
4. Superintendent’s Report
   1. Policy minutes
   2. PHS Senior Activities Calendar
   3. Unveiling of “Who We Are” wall is scheduled for June 12th all are invited
   4. 21st Century Grant – George Shea received
   5. Department of Health and Human Services Grant renewed to pay for drug and alcohol counselor at high school
   6. Updated registration forms – no online forms yet- next year Infinite Campus may be offering.
5. Old Business
   1. School Board meeting dates approved for 2018-2019
   2. Policies (second reading)
      1. Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention – Bullying
      2. Relations with Police Authorities
6. New Business
   1. Amendment to the William and Irene Moritmer Scholarship Fund – can now be awarded to graduating seniors
   2. Policy readings (first reading) – Criminal Record Check and Naming and Dedicating School Buildings, Spaces or Other Areas.
7. Patrick Ellis Letter to City Council in regards to water testing – wondering what position Board should take on water safety? Is it a City issue or District issue? Will bring a revised letter back after comments.
8. Committee updates
   1. Preschool – working on job description for new director
   2. Public Library
   3. Policy