**DALLASTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**700 New School Lane, Dallastown, PA 17313-9242**

***MINUTES – June 12, 2014***

***Workshop on Comprehensive Plan***

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The workshop of the Dallastown Area School Board convened in the High School Theater Room on Thursday, June 12, 2014. Mr. Kenneth (“Butch”) A. Potter, Jr., Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**

Board Members: Steven C. Bentzel, Ronald J. Blevins, John E. Hartman, Sue A. Heistand, William A. Lytle, Dr. Thomas J. Nicholson, Michael D. Noll, Jr., Kristin Phillips-Hill and Kenneth (“Butch”) A. Potter, Jr.

Solicitor: Attorney Jeff Rehmeyer

Administrators: Susan Brousseau, Scott Carl, Jim Dierolf, Dr. Josh Doll, Dr. Kevin Duckworth, Dr. Ronald Dyer, Troy Fisher, Erin Heffler, Amy Kostoff, Stacy Pagán, Chip Patterson, Brian Reed, Dr. Wayne Senft, and Scott Shirey.

Other Dallastown Area School District Staff/Citizens/Guests/Presenters: Attendance sheet attached/filed. [(Click Here)](http://dallastown.net/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=5422&dataid=12394&FileName=06-12-14%20Board%20Attendance%20Sheets.pdf)

News Media: *York Daily Record* – N/A *York Dispatch* – Nikelle Snader

**PRESENTATION**  [**(Comp Plan 2015-18)**](http://www.dallastown.net/cms/lib6/PA01000011/Centricity/domain/58/agendas%202014/INFO-ACTION%20-%20Dallastown-Area-SD%20Comprehensive-Plan%206-4-2014.pdf)[**(Exec. Summary 2014-2020)**](http://www.dallastown.net/cms/lib6/PA01000011/Centricity/domain/58/agendas%202014/INFO-ACTION%20-%20Comp%20Plan%20Executive%20Summary.pdf)

Dr. Dyer explained this year’s work had been carried over from previous notes; it did not start from a blank sheet of paper. There were several board retreats, meetings with the Comprehensive Plan Committee, and discussions with the central office, school buildings and PTOs, etc. for district-wide input. It reflects board goals and student needs. There are two plans: the PDE-compliant three-year plan and a DASD plan which we chose to extend to six years.

Dr. Doll thanked everyone for their contributions. In hard copy, he provided tonight’s presentation, both plans, and accompanying documents such as a list of general terminology and definitions. He explained the convergence of three plans from the strategic planning process and the more recent needs assessment based on student achievement results to complete the compliant PDE Comprehensive Plan. The committee then expanded several years beyond the PDE plan to develop the DASD Comprehensive Plan. Both plans are being presented as an Information Item this evening, with subsequent action on July 17th (after public display)… well before the October due date to allow ample time for state feedback.

For the extended DASD plan, the bedrock was the nine goals of the current Strategic Plan led by Dr. Dyer. Through the fall, principals conducted a needs analysis using 14 guiding questions which led to the discussion of themes and brainstorming some of the goals. Two sessions were then held with the Comprehensive Planning Committee. It defined a single-statement Vision (the what/where we are going) which was incorporated into the Mission (how we are getting there) which became the framework for their work in developing goals. Mr. Shirey explained the process for refining our Mission Statement.

 New Vision: *Inspiring and creating pathways for student success.*

 New Mission: *To provide a safe, challenging and relevant learning environment that inspires and creates pathways for student success.*

Dr. Doll summarized that there are eight broad categories and 26 sub-goals which were inspired by many groups through feedback loops. He then demonstrated how the goals fall under each word within the Mission Statement.

An Executive Summary identifies the responsible parties and the timeline, etc. There will be annual updates and a mid-point review through the 2016-17 school year. Sub-committees will also be formed.

Board comments touched upon: the efficient and effective planning process, the impressive work, and the need to (a) define clear benchmarks --a tracking tool/measurement for each goal—and, (b) to continually focus on an active six-year plan while recognizing the potential for changes from the state, etc.

**ADJOURNMENT -** The workshop adjourned at 7:15 p.m. *(The regular business meeting followed at 7:30 p.m.)*

 Respectfully submitted,

 Lisa M. Kirby

 Dallastown Area School Board Secretary