

CLC Board Meeting Minutes
3/22/01

Attending: Glenn Johnson, Lauri Perman, Liz Kisenwether, Lisa Sharfstein, Diane Lehman, Denise Kochersperger, Katy Cleary, Ann Bolser, Kyle Peck, Mark Toci, Theresa Shay, Sara Barley, Brian Rowan, Giles Driscoll, MJ Hogan, Jalynn Wolesslagle, Kathryn Murphy

I. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved with the correction of Brian Rowan's name throughout. The spelling of Liz Kisenwether's name was also corrected in IIIB.

II. Business

A. Facilities Update

This part of the Board meeting began with a review of the parents' meeting and the good questions that parents had raised about the new facility such as: does the facility have a cheerful feel? How does the local neighborhood feel about the school? The overall reaction was very positive.

Glenn Johnson asked Ann Bolser to give an update about proposed financing issues relative to the new school. The CLC was rejected by several banks but Mellon Bank is willing to work with the school; they have previously approved the computer loans to the school. The seller was also willing to negotiate more and to assist in helping the school get additional funding. To date this facility still looks affordable. Ann will be preparing a purchasing proposal for Board approval. Within the next week or two, Mellon Bank would like an indication from the Board about whether we will proceed. On June 15, we would lock in an interest rate and we would close on July 15. CLC can remain in both current buildings until the end of July. Mellon Bank will also arrange investigations of the property.

Glenn has informed SCASD of our interest in this facility and will also inform Bellefonte and Bald Eagle School Districts. Ann has also informed Adelphia of a possible pending move and has begun to line up movers. Ann would also like to inform PDE of the possible move. Ann is also investigating the possibility of a loan involving the Ferguson Township Industrial Development Authority which would reduce interest further.

It is recommended that the CLC begin to think about essential renovations and lining up a contractor now rather than waiting given how busy contractors are in the summer.

A Board meeting will be scheduled within the next week or two to review information necessary to tell Mellon Bank we want to go ahead.

B. School Audit

Every two years the CLC needs to be audited. The audit will probably take place in early August. The principal focus of the audit will be on student attendance and our record-keeping regarding student attendance. Auditors will examine attendance processes, electronic records, and teacher certifications and clearances. Finances will also be examined. They will also examine compliance with a variety of safety and other practices, such as fire drills. Auditors will spend three weeks at the school. Typically, auditors' reports do have findings against a school. PDE will interpret whether the findings are significant and whether the school should be fined. The auditors will also meet with the school's administrative staff and with the Board.

III. Financial

- **Authorization to pay bills** - The board approved paying the bills.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be on 4/26/01.