

October 18, 2017

To: Brent Lehman

Cindy Engle

Kelly Roby

Randy Hisner

Jaime Macklin

Becky Durnbaugh

Mike Riehm

Re: Minutes from Monthly Discussion Meeting, 10/17/2017

The Monthly Discussion Meeting convened at 7:00 Tuesday morning, October 17, 2017, in the Board Room at the North Adams Administration Building. In attendance were Brent Lehman and Larry Carty, representing North Adams Administration, and Becky Durnbaugh, Randy Hisner and Jaime Macklin representing the North Adams Teachers Association.

The following topics were discussed:

Revisited Items

Calendar for SY 2018 - 2019 – The proposed North Adams calendar for SY 2018 – 2019 shows a first teachers' day of Wednesday, August 8, with a first student day as Monday, August 13. The 2 additional teacher days will provide opportunity for training (such as CPR) and for PD activities that are difficult to schedule during the school year. The proposed SY 2019 -2020 calendar is nearly a mirror image of the 2018 – 2019 calendar. Teachers will report on Wednesday, August 7, with students returning Monday, August 12. In both school years, instructional days should be completed before Memorial Day. Both calendars will be submitted for Board approval at the November meeting.

New Items from NATA

Instructional Assistants Hiring – Inquiry was made regarding the status of hiring of instructional assistants at both Southeast Elementary and at Bellmont Middle School. While the posting for Southeast has been open since September, no recommendation for hiring has yet been received. At the Middle School, four (4) Title aides will be hired. The status of that effort is unknown.

New Items from Administration

Project Status – Details of new construction, kitchen/cafeteria, renovations as yet undefined. Release of final bid package is targeted for mid-November. Receipt of bids will refine timing and costs.

With no items remaining on the agenda, the Monthly Discussion Meeting was adjourned.
The next meeting will be at a to-be-determined date in early December.

Submitted by,

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Director of Operations