

Public Hearing
of the
Coatesville Area School District



**Friendship Elementary School
Closure**

February 12, 2018

COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 12, 2018 – 6:00 PM
Coatesville Area Senior High School Auditorium

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this hearing being conducted by the Board of School Directors of the Coatesville Area School District is to consider whether to close the Friendship Elementary School in accordance with Section 780 of the Public School Code, 24 P.S. §7-780. No action will be taken at this hearing. The hearing will be recorded by a court reporter and a record will be kept of the hearing. No decision will be made for at least three months after this hearing.

3. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Coatesville Area School District, rich in diversity and committed to excellence, is to create innovative educational experiences which are funded by the taxpayers, supported by the community, delivered by dedicated teachers and administrators, to ensure all students will become responsible, contributing global citizens.

4. ADVISEMENT

By notice of the President, Board Members are advised that all votes shall be regarded as roll call votes. The minutes should also note that public notice was given for this meeting in accordance with Act 93 of 1998, Section 1. School Board meetings shall proceed in accordance with School Board policy.

5. ROLL CALL

Board of School Directors

Dean A. Snyder, President	(Finance Committee)
Ann M. Wuertz, Vice President	(Operations & Policy Committees)
Robert J. Fisher	(Education & Finance Committees)
Bashera Grove	(Education Committee)
James Hills	(Finance & Operations Committees)
Thomas N. Keech	(Education Committee)
Robert T. Marshall, Jr.	(TBD)
Brandon J. Rhone	(Policy Committee)
Thomas Siedenbuehl	(Policy Committee)

Administration

Dr. Cathy Taschner, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Kimberly R. Donahue, Assistant to the Superintendent of Curriculum and Learning
Dr. Cynthia Ajemian, Director of Special Education
Jeffrey Ammerman, Business Manager
Karen M. Hall, Director of Human Resources and School Board Secretary
Jason Palaia, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education
Rita Perez, Director of Pupil Services

Facilitator

Michael I. Levin, Esquire, Solicitor of the Coatesville Area School District

6. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Presentation

- a) Condition of the building, by Mr. Jason Palaia.
- b) Fiscal implications of remaining open vs. closing, by Mr. Jeff Ammerman.
- c) Educational implication of remaining open vs. closing, by Dr. Cathy Taschner.

II. Public Participation

- a) All persons making comments must sign in to the public participation list, stating their name, telephone number, email address and residential address.
- b) No person may speak more than once, and subject to a three (3) minute limit.
- c) No questions will be answered by the Board. To the extent that any question is asked that can be answered with data or information, the question and information will be posted on the District's website.
- d) A maximum of sixty (60) minutes is allotted for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Time: _____

*Notice of this public meeting was advertised in the Daily Local News on January 24, 2018 and on the District website.
Copies of the minutes will be maintained in the office of the Board Secretary.*