

**School Board Community Outreach and Policy Committee**  
**OEG IMC – March 6, 2017 – 6:30 PM**  
**Minutes**

**Membership:** Steve Obershaw  
Colleen McCabe  
Arlene Siss - abs

Connie Valenza  
Kris Brown

**I. Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order and noted that the meeting was properly noticed.
- Minutes were approved as presented.

**II. Community Outreach**

- Superintendent Valenza began the meeting by discussing possible community outreach events. April 9<sup>th</sup> is the Fireman's Pancake Breakfast. Superintendent Valenza would like to have an "Open House" in conjunction with the breakfast - offering tours of the high school science labs. Committee members were in agreement.
- Committee discussed having school tours on a Saturday for community members that couldn't make the other tours offered. A date was set for April 1, 2017 for the Open House tours. Each building would be open with tours from 9:00-11:00 am. Building Principals and at least one School Board Member would be available at each school. Superintendent Valenza would travel between schools to be available if needed.

**II. Policy**

- Superintendent Valenza briefly discussed policies. Policy DB-Annual Operation Budget and Policy DBG-Budget Hearings and Reviews. Preliminary budget issues were discussed in length. Concerns with enrollment trends, job availability, affordable family housing and the Governor's Biennial Budget were shared. Committee members noted that these concerns are not connected to the recent referendum which dealt with capacity and grade configuration issues.
- Committee members discussed options on moving forward with the budget. Options to inform the community were also shared and discussed. Another board retreat will be set to discuss funding and enrollment concerns.

**IV. Other**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner