DATE: February 1, 2016

COMMITTEE: Public Affairs & Planning/Curriculum Committee

CHAIRMAN: Jenny Miller

ASSIGNED MEMBERS: Bob Miller and Neal Reichard

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Judy Beiler, Ted Kachel, Tim Stayer

ADMINISTRATORS IN ATTENDANCE: Jacy Hess, Richard Hornberger, Brian Troop

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Kay Kurtz, and Blaine Bryan, Cynthia, and Paul Montpetit

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Melissa Brinser, Jenna Ginder, Patrice Laboranti, Dan Mahlandt, Sarah McBee, Monique Stein, and Sue Summers-Steffy

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Klinger (Ephrata Review) and Robyn Meadows (LNP)

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Curriculum

I. Field Trip
The following field trip was reviewed and will be placed on the Board Agenda for consideration at the February 22, 2016 Board meeting:
- High School Students (approximately 15) to travel to Refreshing Mountain Camp, April 28-29, 2016 (Thursday – Friday)

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Curriculum

I. Kindergarten Study Update
The Board discussed options proposed by the District Kindergarten Committee for the future of Kindergarten at the District.

II. High School Course Catalog
The Board reviewed the Ephrata High School Course Catalog for the 2016-2017 school year.

Public Affairs/Planning

I. 2016 – 2017 Calendar
The Board reviewed the school calendar for 2016-2017 school year and discussed the implementation of half-day in-service days. This item will be an Action Item for consideration at the February 22, 2016 Board meeting.

II. Employee Parking at Highland
The Board discussed a parking concern expressed by a neighboring constituent to Highland Elementary School. Parking improvements after a significant snowfall were discussed.

III. Gigabit Revolution
The Board was provided information on potential Internet and WiFi improvements to the Ephrata community.

IV. 2016-2017 Transfer Between Entities
Two Intermediate-Unit 13 class profiles were reviewed and recommended to return to the District in the 2016-2017 school year.