ERIE COUNTY BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

MCCORMICK MIDDLE SCHOOL

10:00 A.M. Call meeting to Order - Co-Chairman Jeff Krabill and Co-Chairman Mike Parker

Commission Roll Call - Co-Chairman

Approval of Minutes - April 8, 2025 meeting regarding Public Transportation

Purpose of the Meeting – To provide insights into determining how entities can work together to reduce costs and be more efficient with Education. Facilitators: **Ms. Crescimano and Mr. Tucker**

Review

- Hospitalization costs acceptable? Interest in pooling?
- Transportation costs? What governs the amount and size of buses? Is there a rule of thumb or a state requirement? Does every bus still need to be standard size or can some be downsized to 37 passenger airport bus size? Smaller can be safer, less initial cost, and less expensive for maintenance and fuel. Observations noted are that some bus routes are running at low capacity.
 - A lot has been done already with pooling and vehicle size, but may be worth future discussion
 - Busses run \$150k now, and ordering delays cause issues
 - o Bus drivers an additional challenge including raised wages to attract drivers
- o Fleet maintenance, who performs it, where
- Are alternatives to costly capital improvements being actively pursued?
- Is Perkin LSD board pursuing the 20 mil floor? If so, why?
 - o No.
- Expenditures per student per district?
 - Detailed School Finance Payment Report (SFPR) found and saved, will be shared with Commission in advance of meeting with Board Packets (in lieu of SF-3 Data)
- What administrative functions are feasible to share?
 - Previous efforts by Perkins to share school treasurer
 - School social workers at each school (Goes through ESC)
- Snow & ice removal, contract or in-house? In-house cost?
 - Perkins assists in some snow/ice removal/SD handles remainder
- Review budget performance indicators
 - FY24 Cupp Report saved, to be shared with Commission in advance of meeting with Board Packets
- o Activities planned or in progress to improve efficiency

Meeting Summary

Closing Remarks by Commission Members

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

10:00 AM Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at Office Building, 247 Columbus Avenue, 3rd Floor Topic: Entity Administrative Staffing -Human Resources & Employee Benefits Ms. Crescimano, Ms. Balconi Ghezzi, and Mr. Tucker, Facilitators