

Port Allegany School District
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Committee of the Whole Meeting

August 1, 2022
High School Library
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

President Erica Petruzzi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library with a moment of silence and the flag salute. Mr. Moate called the roll.

Board Present: Mr. Nathan Burgett, Mr. Eric Button, Mrs. Erica Petruzzi, Mr. Jason Stake, Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer, Mrs. Ink Young, Mr. Adam Moate and Mr. Gary Buchsen.

Board Absent: Mr. Justin Fillhart, Mr. Sean Lathrop and Mr. Donald Tanner

Others Present: High School Principal Marc Budd, Elementary School Principal Tracy Kio, Assistant Principal Greg Oliver, and Matt Lawton.

Public Comment

There were no comments related to agenda items, no comments relating to Title I and Title II and no comments relating to the District Health and Safety Plan approved by the board on July 26, 2021 and amended January 10, 2022.

Committee Reports

Mr. Eric Button with the Intermediate Unit Nine Board of Directors had nothing to report.

Mr. Nathan Burgett with the Seneca Highlands CTC General Advisory Board had nothing to report.

Mr. Justin Fillhart, the PSBA Legislative Representative was not present.

Communication

None

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Buchsen shared a summary sheet with the board with the final district revenues included in the approved state budget.

Mr. Budd, Mr. Kio, and Mr. Oliver provided an overview of opening activities and preparation for the upcoming school year. Voluntary staff training is being offered to the professional staff next week.

Mr. Buchsen reviewed a memorandum of understanding with the Potter County Education Council to provide funding for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Major Tom Kerrick is willing to be Mr. Berrettini's day-to-day substitute at a daily rate of \$150.00. Mr. Berrettini should return from military leave in October.

The district has been approached on its interest in sharing a school resource office with the IU and the Seneca Highlands Career and Technical Center. The officer could be provided by the Port Allegany Borough.

The administration provided an overview of the mental health services currently offered by the school district and options for board consideration.

A discussion was held regarding PreK Counts eligibility for employees with children in the school district.

Mr. Buchsen gave an update on the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies grant funding extension request. The foundation has given the district an extension for use of the \$50,000 grant funds for potential weatherization and energy savings measures.

Title I Schoolwide Programs application. The administration is requesting approval of next year's schoolwide plans. Once approved the federal programs consolidated application can be submitted to PDE.

The district will be scheduling a comprehensive planning committee meeting. The committee will need to include staff, administration, teachers, students, community members and board members.

Mr. Buchsen has been named president of the Pennsylvania Public Entity Energy Consortium as of July 1, 2022. This is an uncompensated position for this non-profit organization. Port Allegany bundles its natural gas and electric purchases with other public entities in Pennsylvania in an attempt to lower commodity prices.

The administration reviewed the Art of Education University software purchase requested by Mr. Triplett and Mrs. Davis.

Mr. Fillhart asked about the progress of the roof. District administration provided an update to the board.

Personnel

Approved the following volunteer wrestling coaches for the 2022-2023 season: Adam Greenman, Nate Schwab, Nick Budd, Jacob Kallenborn, Brian Neal, Karl Lightner and Matt Siszka. Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Jessica Clark as a life skills aide effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion: N. Burgett; Second: J. Stake. The motion was carried unanimously.

Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Emily Kandel-Miller as a learning support teacher effective June 14, 2022. Motion: J. Stake; Second: J. Fillhart. The motion was carried unanimously.

Accepted the resignation of Ms. Casey Burriss as an elementary teacher effective June 30, 2022. Motion: N. Burgett; Second: I. Young. The motion was carried unanimously.

Accepted the resignation of Ms. Akane Hanson as an elementary music teacher effective July 25, 2022. Motion: E. Button; Second: J. Stake. The motion was carried unanimously.

Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Dani Lawton as a high school learning support teacher effective July 19, 2022. Motion: J. Fillhart; Second: J. Stake. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved the addition of Mrs. Heather Oldenburg and Mrs. Anna Margaret Binder to the substitute teaching list. Motion: J. Stake; Second: I. Young. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved the addition of Ms. Hayley Durphy to the support staff substitute list. Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved Mrs. Terri Austin as the cheerleading advisor for the 2022-2023 season at a salary of \$2,724 in accordance with schedule B2 of the professional agreement. Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Hired Kelly Foltz as a professional employee assigned as a high school teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$60,004 (B, Step 13) and fringe benefits set in accordance with the professional agreement and district policy. Motion: J. Stake; Second: I. Young. The motion was carried unanimously.

Hired Carrie Lee as a professional employee assigned as an elementary teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$71,260 (M, Step 20) and fringe benefits set in accordance with the professional agreement and district policy. Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

Hired Beth Freer as a professional employee assigned as an elementary teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$54,579 (M, Step 6) and fringe benefits set in accordance with the professional agreement and district policy. Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

Hired Andrew Krellner as a temporary professional employee assigned as a high school teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$48,621 (M, Step 1) and fringe benefits set in accordance with the professional agreement and district policy. Motion: N. Burgett; Second: J. Stake. The motion was carried unanimously.

Hired Jennifer Guncheon as a long term substitute elementary teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$53,387 (M, Step 5) and fringe benefits set in accordance with the professional agreement and district policy. Motion: E. Button; Second: J. Stake. The motion was carried unanimously.

Hired Mackenzie Burr as PreK counts assistant teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$23,000 and fringe benefits set in accordance with the professional agreement, district policy, and the memorandum of understanding with PAEA. Motion: J. Stake; Second: I. Young. The motion was carried unanimously.

Curriculum

Approved purchase of the Art of Education University, LLC art curriculum software for Doug Triplett and Kelly Davis at a cost of \$4,044.60. (ESSERs 7% set aside funding.) Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Moate will provide a la carte prices at next week's meeting.

The district has received one quote for additional security cameras at the high school and elementary school. (2021-2022 safe schools grant.) These funds need to be spent by December 30, 2022. The administration will provide a recommendation for next week's meeting.

Transportation:

Muccio Transportation LLC approached the district with a contract adjustment request. They have asked the board for an adjustment due to fuel and other inflationary pressures.

The board will need to approve the bus and van drivers list along with approving the bus stops at next week's regular board meeting.

Board

The board is scheduled to receive the fact finder's report from Attorney Jared Kasher on Monday, August 1, 2022. The labor hearing with PAESPA was conducted on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Next Monday the board will need to accept or reject the fact finder's report.

The administration will be requesting approval to offer device insurance from Securanty Device Insurance to families at next week's meeting. This is at no cost to the district.

Approved 2022-2023 Title I schoolwide programs for the elementary school and high school. Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

The board moved to executive session for personnel matters at 8:55 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: J. Stake; Second: I. Young. The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. Petruzzi adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA VEILLEUX
Secretary to the Board of School Directors