

Port Allegany School District

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Committee of the Whole Meeting

August 2, 2021

Elementary School Library

7:00 p.m.

Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for teacher interviews.

Minutes

President Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library with a moment of silence and the flag salute. Mrs. Veilleux called the roll.

Board Present: Dr. Mark Carlson, Mr. Justin Fillhart, Mr. Kerry Hawver, Mrs. Bonna Johns, Mr. Jason Stake, Mr. Jonathan Stehle, Mr. Adam Moate and Mr. Gary Buchsen

Board Absent: and Mr. Sean Lathrop, Mrs. Erica Petruzzi, Mr. Donald Tanner

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

Public Comment

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

Committee Reports

Bonna Johns had nothing to report for Intermediate Unit Nine Board of Directors

Seneca Highlands CTC General Advisory Board - Don Tanner - not present

Justin Fillhart, PSBA Legislative Representative brought up the posting for free breakfasts and lunches for the year until the funding runs out which Mr. Moate was aware of.

Communication

None

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Buchsen reviewed the Beard Legal Group client alert. It states the most recent guidance from the CDC. Masking is still guidance and not a mandate. The only thing that is required is that any student using district transportation will need to mask coming to and from school. This includes sporting and extracurricular events. Once you get to the school or the event, you may take off your mask. The CDC

has recommended masks at the start of school but the board of directors has the right to determine procedures in its own health and safety plan.

Mr. Buchsen stated that the district has been approached by Sheffield High School regarding football helmets. Their equipment has not arrived for the upcoming season. They utilize the same colors as us. Mr. Bienkowski stated that we do have extra to share but only after our own players have received their helmets. Sheffield would be required to recondition the helmets after use and will be responsible for any damage or loss. Request by Sheffield High School to use district football equipment. Dr. Carlson stated that if we do, then we need to make sure that we are not liable if one of their players gets hurt. Mr. Buchsen is going to discuss this with our solicitor.

This will be the last meeting in the elementary school library and the regular August board meeting will be held at the Seneca Highlands CTC Building. Mr. Young will be providing a tour as part of the meeting.

Personnel

Approved Dan Funk as a volunteer soccer coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion: J. Stake; Second: B. Johns. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved Mrs. Carri Madison (BS Social Work and MA in Human Relations) at a salary of \$47,401 to serve as a long term substitute for the open high school reading position during the 2021-2022 school year. Motion: J. Stake; Second: K. Hawver. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved Mrs. Katie Johnson (BS Mechanical Engineering) at a salary of \$44,486 to serve as a long term substitute for the open high school math position during the 2021-2022 school year. Motion: K. Hawver; Second: J. Stake. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved Ms. Lori Edgar (BS Education and MA Teaching with an Autism Spectrum) as a long term substitute for Mr. Sam Kysor at a per diem rate of \$333.50 to begin with the start of the 2021-2022 school year. End date is anticipated to be sometime in May and will be determined by Mr. Kysor's military leave orders. Motion: J. Stake; Second: J. Fillhart. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved Denise Evens as a volunteer coach for volleyball, boys' basketball, and girls' basketball during the 2021-2022 school year. Motion: B. Johns; Second: K. Hawver. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved Tyler Burr and Mackenzie Burr as volunteer coaches for volleyball during the 2021-2022 school year. Motion: J. Stake; Second: K. Hawver. The motion was carried unanimously.

Finance

A recommendation for meal prices will be provided at the regular August board meeting.

Transportation:

The board will need to approve the bus and van drivers list next week. The board will also be approving the bus stops. Mr. Fillhart asked if we had any anticipated transportation issues.

Board

The administration will be providing Chromebook insurance information at next Monday's meeting. A quote will be provided by Securrranty. Mrs. Johns asked if we knew roughly how many parents participated in the insurance. Mr. Buchsen stated that we do and the one issue that we have had is that a certain segment of our population is picked up by the insurance and some families do not pay the bill for uninsured devices. We get about 50% of the payments back from the parents for those repairs. Mr. Fillhart asked if we have enough backup Chromebooks for students when they do have issues.

Adopted the following policies 218.1 Weapons (This is a mandated policy.), 218.3 Terroristic Threats (Recommended for legal liability purposes.), 236.1 Threat Assessment (This is a new policy recommended for legal liability purposes.), 247 Hazing (This is a mandated policy.), 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying (This is a mandated policy.), 252 Dating Violence (This is an optional policy.) and 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response and Safe2Say Something Procedures (Recommended for legal liability purposes.) Motion: J. Stake; Second: D. Tanner. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

The board moved to executive session for personnel matters at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: J. Stake; Second: K. Hawver. The motion was carried unanimously. Doctor Carlson adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA VEILLEUX
Secretary to the Board of School Directors