

Port Allegany School District

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting

February 14, 2022
High School Library
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

President 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. Mrs. Veilleux called the roll.

Board Present: Mr. Nathan Burgett, Mr. Eric Button, Mr. Justin Fillhart, Mrs. Bonna Johns, Mr. Sean Lathrop, Mrs. Erica Petruzzi, Mr. Jason Stake, Mr. Adam Moate and Mr. Gary Buchsen.

Board Absent: Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer and Mr. Donald Tanner

Others Present: Joyce Stehle, Rachel Vargeson, Matt Lawton, Barb Bockoras, Kristi Freeman, David Wooten, Terri Woodruff, Carl Woodruff, Cristal Hepfer, Mark Errick, Emily Errick

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 and amended on January 10, 2022.

Joyce Stehle thanked the board for making the part-time maintenance position a full time position. The support staff is optimistic that a new conversation can be started with the board and hope that this new board is ready for productive negotiation sessions.

Mark Errick commented on the district's practice of banning students wearing 'Let's Go Brandon' clothing and imaging in school or during district events. He provided a written opinion to be distributed to the board for consideration.

David Wooten commented in support of students being allowed to wear 'Let's Go Brandon' clothing in school and during district events.

Minutes of Preceding Meetings

Approved the Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the January 17, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion: J. Stake; Second: J. Fillhart. The motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

Approved the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2022 as presented by Mr. Moate. Motion: J. Stake; Second: J. Fillhart. The motion was carried unanimously.

General Fund investments on January 31, 2022 were as follows: Juniata Valley Bank (JVB) Investment Savings - \$7,957,858.89 and JVB Now Account - \$22,002.32. Motion: J. Stake; Second: J. Fillhart. The motion was carried unanimously.

January 31, 2022 balance for various accounts were reported as follows: Capital Reserve Fund - \$1,209,800.01; Student Activities Account - \$94,118.25; Student Athletics Account - \$87,606.46; and Cafeteria Account - \$75,505.77. Motion: J. Stake; Second: J. Fillhart. The motion was carried unanimously.

Bill Lists and Payrolls

Approved the General Fund Bill List of February 14, 2022 - \$862,369.50 and payrolls of January 5, 2022 - \$236,542.24 and January 19, 2022 - \$222,403.83. Motion: S. Lathrop; Second: J. Stake. The motion was carried unanimously. Motion: J. Stake; Second: J. Fillhart. The motion was unanimously carried.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Buchsen shared an update on the SOPA/PIAA Bocce Championships. Should Port Allegany win their league on Thursday, they will compete in the western finals in Clarion.

Personnel:

Hired Mrs. Valerie Seybert as a 4.5 hour kindergarten aide at the elementary school, at an hourly rate of \$16.75 and fringe benefits in accordance with the Support Staff Agreement and district policy. Motion: S. Lathrop; Second: B. Johns. The motion was unanimously carried.

Hired Mr. Jason Baker as a full time custodial/maintenance worker at the elementary school, at an hourly rate of \$19.93 moving to \$21.15 after 90 days. This includes fringe benefits in accordance with the Support Staff Agreement and district policy. Motion: J. Fillhart; Second: S. Lathrop. The motion was unanimously carried.

Filled the following supplemental position for the 2021-2022 school year with salaries set in accordance with Schedule B1 of the Professional Agreement: Assistant Baseball Coach - Tre Garzel - \$2,036.00 and Musical Dramatics Director - Ben Palmer - \$1,923.00. Motion: B. Johns; Second: E. Button. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved the requested medical leave for Ms. Kendyl Guisto beginning January 31, 2022 through the end of the school year. Motion: J. Fillhart; Second: S. Lathrop. The motion was unanimously carried.

Added Mr. Lonnie LaChine to the substitute custodial/maintenance list retroactive to Monday, February 7, 2022. Motion: B. Johns; Second: E. Button. The motion was unanimously carried.

Finance

Increased health care premiums 5% payable to the Seneca Highlands Regional Insurance Trust for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion: S. Lathrop; Second: E. Button. The motion was unanimously carried.

Board

Executive Session

The board moved to executive session for negotiations and a personnel matter at 7:38 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: J. Fillhart; Second: E. Petruzzi. The motion was unanimously carried. Mrs. Petruzzi adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA VEILLEUX
Secretary to the Board of School Directors