

Port Allegany School District

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting

March 10, 2025
High School Library
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

President Ink Young 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. Mrs. Young stated that there was a work session at 6 pm with EI Associates as their guest.

Board Present: Mr. Nathan Burgett, Mr. Eric Button, Mr. Christopher Ernst, Mrs. Erica Petruzzi (7:08pm), Mr. Jason Stake, Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer, Mr. Nicholas Valentine, Mrs. Ink Young and Mrs. Paula Newell.

Board Absent: Mr. Donald Tanner

Others Present: Business Manager Adam Moate, Alex Johnson, Kari Stake, Carey Herndon, Lindsay Sherwood, Stacey Kinney, Andy Krellner, Jennifer Funk, Katy Klepfer, Crystal Drew, Chelsea Caden, Amanda Priest, Bethany Mealy, Val Seybert, Mark Carlson, Alyssa Osani, AJ Cimino, Sarah Cimino, Keith Pierce, Autumn Pierce, Melissa Pierce, Emilee Zimmerman, Kiley Wojewoda, Amber Funk, Caidyn Tingley, Olivia Comisarek and Kristi Freeman.

Superintendent Remarks

Mrs. Newell congratulated Raelin Meacham for making first chair first clarinet and will attend the PMEA All State Concert Band in Kalahari Resort in the Poconos in April.

Public Comment

We encourage and welcome public comment at planning meetings and at our regular monthly board meetings. The following guidelines will permit meetings to move smoothly and allow sufficient time for all comments to be heard: <https://www.pasdedu.org/Board-of-Directors>

Alex Johnson, community member and parent, spoke in regards to transparency concerns with the board and the public and verbiage requirements in agendas per the Sunshine Act. He also would like to note that with 17 late starts there will be no breakfast for students, 7 full PD days there will be no breakfast or lunch for students and there will be 75 hours of lost instruction time. He is concerned that the school sometimes is the only safe place for students and if there are fewer days for them to be in school, there are fewer days for teachers or staff to notice that

things are unsafe for those children. The bigger need is for the children to be in school and attendance is a concern on those late start days as well. He also asked what we are doing to reach out to find applicants for the open music teacher position.

Dr. Mark Carlson, community member and business owner, added that maybe we should do a half day a month early dismissal for those days on the calendar.

Communication for the Board

Mrs. Alyssa Osani, elementary librarian, brought some of her students in to speak to the board about AI in the classroom and how she is using it in a good way for the students to learn how to construct emails.

TNG provided their March food service flyer letting us all know that it is National Nutrition month.

Minutes of Preceding Meetings

Approved the Minutes of the March 3, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the March 13, 2025 Regular Meeting. Motion: J. Stake Second: E. Button. The motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

Approved the Treasurer's Reports for the periods ending January 31, 2025 as presented by Mr. Moate. Motion: C. Ernst; Second: J. Stake. The motion was carried unanimously.

Bill Lists and Payrolls (gold attachments)

General Fund investments on March 31, 2025 were as follows: Juniata Valley Bank (JVB) Investment Savings - \$7,714,545.45 and JVB Now Account - \$22,650.14. Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

March 31, 2025 balance for various accounts were reported as follows: Capital Reserve Fund - \$1,543,573.91; Student Activities Account - \$117,566.92; Student Athletics Account - \$143,510.09; Cafeteria Account - \$299,507.56; PLGIT Clas - \$778.27; and PLGIT Prime - \$5,541,187.85. Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Newell spoke in regards to having a summer meal program during the months of June and July and will be for all children under the age of 18.

Mrs. Newell wanted to give an update on the 2025/2026 Calendar. She noted that she would like to have community feedback and come back to it in April.

Mrs. Newell went over the first reading of the following Board Policies: Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students 103, Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students

With Disabilities 103.1, Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff 104, Eligibility of Nonresident Students 202 - **Requires Board Input and Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students 234.

Finance

None

Personnel

Approved the Personnel Action Report. (PAR). Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved the following teachers for tenure: Alyce Booth, Holly Chilson, Erikka Henretta, Renee Johnson, Melissa Orner and Alexandra Strauss. Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously. Mrs. Young wanted to congratulate them all for their accomplishment.

Transportation

Notice was given regarding the Arnold Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. The Contractor anticipates 4 days of work beginning between March 21 - March 25. Traffic may be diverted.

Board

Approved Resolution 1-2024-2025 for 2024/2025 School Make-Up Days with item #4 **If Grievance 1-2024-2025 is resolved, the Superintendent is authorized to revisit the necessity of needing these additional two days to make the 180 "student" day requirement.** Motion: C. Ernst; Second: E. Stauffer. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved the Johnson Control Quote for fire alarm deficiencies in the amount of \$9,918.33. Motion: C. Ernst; Second: E. Stauffer. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved the second reading of the following board policies: Board Organization 005, Discipline of Students with Disabilities 113.1, Behavior Support 113.2, Employment of Substitutes 305, Employment Contract/Board Resolutions 308 and Medications 210. Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Port Allegany School Board of Directors entered into Executive Session at 7:59 pm for: Title 65, Item 1: Employment Issues: Personnel Requesting Board of Directors Meeting. There was no vote after the executive session.

Adjournment

Motion: N. Burgett; Second: E. Petruzzi. The motion was carried unanimously. Mrs. Young adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA VEILLEUX
Secretary to the Board of School Directors