

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

March 7, 2022  
High School Library  
7:00 o'clock 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, Mr. Sean Lathrop, Mrs. Erica Petruzzi, Mr. Jason Stake, Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer, Mr. Donald Tanner, Mr. Adam Moate and Mr. Gary Buchsen.

Board Absent: Mrs. Bonna Johns

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

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

Eric Button reported from the Intermediate Unit Nine Board of Directors that the general operating budget increased approximately 5%. The board will need to approve its share of this IU budget in April. Mr. Benson is looking into redoing the policy manual and has also expressed his concern with the number of teaching certificates being produced in Pennsylvania.

Nathan Burgett had no report for the Seneca Highlands CTC General Advisory Board.

Justin Fillhart, the PSBA Legislative Representative reported that there is a growing staffing concerns for certificated positions in the state.

Superintendent's Report

An evaluation of the 2022-2023 Pre-K counts program has been completed by the regional coordinator. The district has been notified of available funding for next year. Friday, March 4th, Mr. Kio met with Rachel Geneux and reviewed the Pre-K Counts Program Indicators. 4 out of 5 years the district has received 333 points out of a possible 333 points. The district will be able to host two classrooms next school year. We have received 16 applications thus far and plan to fill 30 seats in two classrooms. Per

student funding has increased to \$10,000 by the state. The district will need to hire an additional classroom teacher and assistant teacher for this new class.

Mr. Moate stated that the business office has to update the CSIU software that we currently use from FoxPro which will no longer be supported. The district will now need to convert to FIS. Staff training will take place in April and May.

InShore Technologies has recommendations for upgraded wireless access points in both buildings, viewsonic boards for classroom use, Chromebooks, and other items. With the wireless upgrades, the district would be adding wireless capacity to the high school auxiliary gym. There will be additional wireless capacity made available at the football stadium.

The district has a Schneider Electric invoice dated December 31, 2021 for board consideration. This is the balance of the work on the high school roof portion of the project. Should the board approve this payment, the district would have a remaining balance of approximately \$162,000 remaining on the project.

#### Personnel:

Approved the addition of Ms. Jody Hilarzewski to the Substitute List for cafeteria staff retroactive to February 11, 2022. Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved Mr. Charlie Buchanan as a volunteer baseball coach for the 2021-2022 season. Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

The administration will have recommendations for board consideration for supplemental positions for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year at next week's meeting. There are four open positions to be filled.

District administration has begun first round interviews for open professional positions for the 2022-2023 school year for the high school. Interviews for the elementary positions should begin shortly. We currently have eleven applications for the elementary positions, four for the Health and PE position and two for the Art position.

#### Board

Mr. Fillhart asked about new tables in the cafeteria being put into the budget.

Mrs. Stauffer asked if there could be lighter weights in the weight room for the girls and if there is a time that they can lift with a program like the boys do. Mr. Budd stated that the boys that lift in the morning are on a program with Mr. Bienkowski. Athletes using the weight room should coordinate that activity with their coach.

#### Executive Session

The board moved to executive session to discuss negotiations and a personnel matter at 7:55 p.m. The board reconvened at 9:14pm.

Adjournment

Motion: J. Stake; Second: S. Lathrop. The motion was carried unanimously. Mrs. Petruzzi adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA VEILLEUX  
Secretary to the Board of School Directors