

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

November 7, 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. Mrs. Veilleux called the roll. The board met in executive session at 6:00 pm this evening for a teacher interview and a legal matter.

Board Present: Mr. Nathan Burgett, Mr. Eric Button, Mr. Justin Fillhart, Mrs. Erica Petruzzi, Mr. Jason Stake, Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer, Mr. Donald Tanner, and Mr. Gary Buchsen.

Board Absent: Mr. Sean Lathrop and Mrs. Ink Young

Others Present: Business Manager Adam Moate, High School Principal Marc Budd, Assistant Principal Greg Oliver, Barb Bockoras and Matthew 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 most recently amended on September 12, 2022.

Committee Reports

Mr. Eric Button, Intermediate Unit Nine Board of Directors reported that they approved the resignation of a full time speech therapist. The Career and Technical Center will have their open house on November 9, 2022. They approved the Memorandum of Understanding for the school resource officer. They had a superintendent's meeting and Jeff Fuller from the Department of Education attended.

Mr. Nathan Burgett from the CTC General Advisory Board referred to an electronic report he emailed to the board.

Mr. Justin Fillhart, the PSBA Legislative Representative reminded everyone that tomorrow is election day.

Superintendent's Report

The 2021-2022 PSSA/Keystone assessment scores were received and will be released publicly. Mr. Buchsen provided a regional and state proficiency comparison.

Act 158 graduation requirements are something that all schools are working through but effective with the graduating class of 2023, students have the option to demonstrate post secondary preparedness

through one of four pathways. If the students do not pass their Keystones, they have several alternatives in order to earn their diploma. Mr. Budd stated that every student has different scenarios and different paths. If all of the seniors pass all of their credits here at the high school and have met their graduation requirements here, it does not necessarily mean that they will receive their diploma unless they have met these Act 158 requirements. The guidance office is keeping track of all of the assessments and getting students to attain these requirements. The superintendent may issue a waiver for students to fail to meet the required pathways.

Mr. Buchsen provided a summary of the comprehensive plan that will need to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by November 30.

District administration provided an updated spending report on various COVID related funds, PCCD mental health, safe schools grants, and the COVID homeless education grant.

The district has been approached by Mike Bovino, Senior Advisor Special Olympics, and has been asked to be a pilot school district in creating a middle school (grades 6-8) Unified Sports bocce program. They would like to expand this regional program which now consists of 7 schools.

Mrs. Valentine's after school photography I class has concluded. The administration would like to recommend adding additional classes beginning in November. This would include the hourly stipend and funding for supplies.

The State Police Risk & Vulnerability assessment was conducted October 19-21. A report should be made available to the school district sometime in December. That information will be shared with the board once it has been received.

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 9th at the high school, November 10 for elementary school and November 11 at both schools in the morning. There is no school for students on Friday, November 11.

### Curriculum

Authorized the superintendent to sign the educational services agreement with Commonwealth Charter Academy to provide chemistry and honors chemistry curriculum for two high school classes during the 2022-2023 school year. Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

### Personnel

Hired Tyler Anderson as a temporary professional employee assigned as a high school science and chemistry teacher beginning November 1, 2022 at a prorated salary of \$48,621 (M, Step 1) and fringe benefits set in accordance with the Professional Agreement and district policy. Mr. Fillhart stated that he would like an update as to how the program is going for both the students and the teacher. Motion: D. Tanner; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

Reassigned Ms. Makenzie Burr from a PreK Counts assistant teacher to a temporary professional employee assigned as an elementary teacher beginning November 1, 2022 at a prorated salary of \$45,706 (B, Step 1) and fringe benefits set in accordance with the Professional Agreement and district policy. Motion: J. Fillhart; Second: E. Stauffer. The motion was carried unanimously.

Appointed Ms. Lisa (McDowell) Redmond as Assistant Cheerleading Coach for the 2022-2023 season at a supplemental salary of \$1,880. Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recommendation to approve Mr. Kerry Hawver and Mrs. Erica Babcock as volunteer assistants for the boys' basketball program and Ms. Erin Stauffer as a volunteer assistant for the girls' basketball program was tabled until the regular meeting.

Accepted the letter of resignation from Mrs. Joyce Stehle as an elementary food service worker effective November 4, 2022. Motion: J. Stake; Second: J. Fillhart. The motion was carried unanimously.

Transferred Mrs. Roseann Penick from a 4.5 hour cook/server/attendant to a 5.75 hour cook/server/attendant effective November 8, 2022. Motion: D. Tanner; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

Accepted the letter of resignation from Ms. Kendyl Guisto as an elementary teacher effective October 31, 2022. Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Stauffer. The motion was carried unanimously.

### Finance

Consideration of a phase III energy project with Schneider Electric.

### Board

A board meeting calendar discussion will be held next week. The board will need to approve a 2023 calendar at the December reorganization meeting.

### Executive Session

The board met in executive session for personnel and safety and security matters at 8:30pm.

### Adjournment

Motion: J. Stake; Second: D. Tanner. 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