

Port Allegany School District

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting

October 14, 2024
High School Library

Minutes

President Erica Petruzzi called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in the high school library with a moment of silence and the flag salute. Mrs. Veilleux called the roll. Mrs. Petruzzi noted that the board had a work session for academic achievement at 6pm.

Board Present: Mr. Nathan Burgett, Mr. Christopher Ernst, Mrs. Erica Petruzzi, Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer, Mr. Donald Tanner, Mr. Nicholas Valentine, Mrs. Ink Young and Mrs. Paula Newell.

Board Absent: Mr. Eric Button and Mr. Jason Stake

Others Present: Business Manager Mr. Adam Moate, High School Principal Marc Budd, Elementary Principal Greg Oliver, Assistant Principal Kathleen Bostjancic, Rachel Vargeson, Brad Stewart and Carey Herndon.

Minutes of the Preceding Meetings

Approved the Minutes of the September 3, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting and September 9, 2024 Regular Meeting. Motion: N. Burgett; Second: I. Young. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Approved the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2024 as presented by Mr. Tanner. Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Bill Lists and Payrolls

General Fund investments on September 30, 2024 were as follows: Juniata Valley Bank (JVB) Investment Savings - \$7,126,720.16 and JVB Now Account - \$15,200.16. Motion: C. Ernst; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

September 30, 2024 balance for various accounts were reported as follows: Capital Reserve Fund - \$1,537,363.92; Student Activities Account - \$99,070.98; Student Athletics Account - \$144,225.02; and Cafeteria Account - \$249,257.63. Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

Bill Lists and Payrolls

Approved the General Fund Bill List of October 14, 2024 - \$606,551.90 and payrolls of September 12, 2024 - \$284,681.44 and September 26, 2024 - \$281,965.77. Motion: D. Tanner; Second: I. Young. The motion was carried unanimously.

Communication

None

Superintendent's Report

There will be a new employee/board meet and greet, November 4th at 6:30pm. Light snacks will be provided.

November 4th: Executive session meeting with solicitor. Please send questions in advance.

Mrs. Newell stated that auditors were here conducting a Federal ESSER Audit: Tuesday, October 8 - Thursday, October 10, 2024. They were here to monitor federal funds for the state.

The board reviewed and discussed the Verkada quote. (School Safety & Security)- 1 year quote given, battery backup check pending. The board asked that we do a three year contract which was given at the previous meeting.

Pre-K Counts agreement. We did receive the Pre-K Counts agreement back from the union which was signed.

MOUs for 2 HR related needs being reviewed by the solicitor. We will send them to the union upon approval.

Chromebooks will be ready for the November 4th meeting. Once they are available, Mrs. Newell will email for pickup if you choose to pick up early.

Finance

None

Personnel

Approved the Personnel Action Report(PAR). Motion: C. Ernst; Second: I. Young. The motion was carried unanimously.

Transportation

None

Buildings & Grounds

None

Curriculum

None

Board

Approved the following policy updates: 146.1 Trauma-Informed Approach, 218 Student Discipline, 218.1 Weapons, 218.2 Terroristic Threats, 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products, 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia, 323 Tobacco and Vaping Products, 351 Controlled Substance Abuse, 707 Use of School Facilities, 801 Public Records, 803 School Calendar, 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response, 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies, 805.2 School Security Personnel, 806 Child Abuse, 815.1 Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education, 904 Public Attendance at School Events and 909 Municipal Government Relations

Approved substitute pay increases. Motion: D. Tanner; Second: E. Stauffer. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved security consultant, Knight Educational Consultant, quote for comprehensive safety plan and security assessment. Motion: C. Ernst; Second: E. Stauffer. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved Centegix security badge quote. Motion: N. Burgett; Second: N. Valentine. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved Lexia professional development in literacy. 2025-2027 Motion: D. Tanner; Second: I. Young. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

The PASD Board of Directors met in closed session at 8:12 pm for matters regarding legal and/or personnel concerns.

Adjournment

Motion: D. Tanner; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously. Mrs. Petruzzi adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA VEILLEUX
Secretary to the Board of School Directors