

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

October 3, 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.

Board Present: Mr. Nathan Burgett, Mr. Eric Button, Mr. Sean Lathrop, Mrs. Erica Petruzzi, Mr. Jason Stake, Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer, Mrs. Ink Young, and Mr. Gary Buchsen.

Board Absent: Mr. Justin Fillhart and Mr. Donald Tanner

Others Present: Business Manager Adam Moate, High School Principal Marc Budd, Elementary School Principal Tracy Kio, Assistant Principal Greg Oliver, Rachel Vargeson, Matthew Lawton and Daniel Finn.

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 had nothing to report.

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 was not present.

Communication

Superintendent's Report

School resource officer update. The MOU has been signed and provided to the borough for a school resource officer. This is a discussion at the borough council meeting.

The after school elementary photography class started last week. Mrs. Valentine started at keeping it at 5th and 6th grade students and she achieved that. There were 40 students signed up and we kept it at 20 and we will see about starting another class once this one is over. The class is scheduled for six weeks.

P2G - Path to Graduation grant opportunity. (Mr. Oliver) Mr. Oliver stated that it is a grant that targets at-risk youth in danger of not graduating. This will focus first on the emotional support students in the district. We are looking at 3 students who are at-risk and then if it goes well, maybe open it up to the other special education and regular education students. The grant focuses on middle school students. This is a \$10,000 grant that will address some of the concerns that came out of the special education audit and the special education plan.

Self Defense Class offered by Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, Inc. This is a program that will be conducted at no cost to the district and will need board approval next week. Mrs. Stauffer asked if the students would sign up themselves and when it would be. Mr. Buchsen stated that it would take place after school hours.

Curriculum

None

Personnel

Hired Ms. Sunday Gledhill as a 4.5 hour life skills aide effective September 27, 2022 at the high school, at an hourly rate of \$18.10 and fringe benefits in accordance with the support staff agreement and district policy. Motion: J. Stake; Second: E. Button. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved the addition of Ms. Rachel Kellner, Mr. James Spiegel, and Ms. Randi Causer to the substitute list for paraprofessional staff. Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously with Mr. Button abstaining.

Finance

Mr. Buchsen and Mr. Oliver wanted the board to be aware that there will be Sign Language invoices on the bill list. We have a special needs family where both of the parents are deaf and the child has an IEP. An interpreter has attended IEP meetings to assist with this process. Mr. Oliver stated that we reached out to Ms. Laura Russell who used to work for the IU and she said she would do it.

Transportation

Approved John Murphy Jr. as a bus driver, as recommended by Joseph Muccio Transportation, LLC, pupil transportation contractor. Motion: N. Burgett; Second: J. Stake. The motion was carried unanimously.

Buildings and Grounds

We have been working with Mrs. Bickford with purchasing Stop the Bleed Kits for elementary school and high school. We had "Stop the Bleed" training on the teacher inservice days for all staff. The kits would be placed next to the AED equipment in both buildings. The administration will have quotes for kits for both buildings at next week's meeting.

Board

A comprehensive plan draft will be shared with the board next Monday. It will need to be approved in November after a public comment period. Deadline for submission to PDE is November 30, 2022. Mr.

Buchsen stated that the process has changed a little bit. They will get a copy of the draft to the board next week and will have to go through a 28 day public review period. Then when we get to the regular board meeting, it will hopefully be approved by the board and then submitted to PDE by November 30th.

Executive Session

The board met in executive session for legal, personnel, and safety and security matters at 7:22pm.

Adjournment

Motion: J. Stake; Second: S. Lathrop. The motion was unanimously carried. Mrs. Petruzzi adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA VEILLEUX
Secretary to the Board of School Directors