

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

October 4, 2021
High School Library
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

President Carlson 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: Dr. Mark Carlson, Mr. Kerry Hawver, Mr. Sean Lathrop, Mr. Jason Stake, Mr. Jonathan Stehle, Mr. Donald Tanner, Mr. Adam Moate and Mr. Gary Buchsen

Board Absent: Mr. Justin Fillhart, Mrs. Bonna Johns, and Mrs. Erica Petruzzi

Others Present: High School Principal Mr. Marc Budd, Elementary School Principal Mr. Tracy Kio, Assistant Principal Greg Oliver and Akane Hanson

Committee Reports

Mrs. Johns was not present to report from the Intermediate Unit Nine Board of Directors.

Mr. Donald Tanner reported that the Seneca Highlands CTC will be having an open house for potential 9th grade students on November 10th from 6-9pm.

Mr. Fillhart was not present to report anything from the PSBA.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Buchsen shared a presentation on 2021 PSSA results. These were the first state assessments given to students since the spring of 2019.

Mr. Kio provided an update on the district's Pre-K Counts classroom. The district has been provided additional funded seats. Unfortunately, we have not had very few parents sign up for these seats and will not be able to open a second classroom this year.

Port Allegany could receive up to \$31,124 in Homeless and Children Youth funding through the American Recovery Plan. Mr. Buchsen will submit the application which is due October 15th.

A discussion was held with the board on substitute pay. The district current pays \$95 a day for substitute teachers and \$8.50 for substitute support staff. Mr. Moate will contact other districts to provide a comparison for the board.

The district's Unified Champion Sports Bocce Team will be competing again this school year. Last year's season was cancelled due to COVID restrictions. Mr. Osani and Mrs. Davis have again agreed to coach this year's team. Muccio's LLC has again agreed to donate transportation for the upcoming season.

Personnel

Approved the addition of Ms. Shelby Witt to the Substitute List for paraprofessional staff pending completion of paperwork. Motion: S. Lathrop; Second: J. Stake. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approved the addition of Mackenzie Burr to the Substitute List for teaching staff (Act 86) pending completion of paperwork. Motion: K. Hawver; Second: S. Lathrop. Motion was carried unanimously.

Accepted the retirement of Georgia Wiles as a paraprofessional assigned to the elementary library. Mrs. Wiles' last day will be January 20, 2022. Dr. Carlson thanked Mrs. Wiles for her years of service. Motion: J. Stehle; Second: J. Stake. Motion was carried unanimously.

The administration will have recommendations for the open assistant boys' and girls' basketball coaching positions for board consideration next week. Mr. Buchsen stated that he would share them in executive session.

Administration will have recommended candidates for any homebound instruction work during the 2021-2022 school year at next week's meeting.

Finance

A discussion was held to review the contract proposal from Mazza Mechanical Services, Inc. The high school service contract has increased due to the amount of new equipment with the HVAC installed this summer as part of the energy contract.

Board

Policy Updates - first reading Policy 006 Meetings. A discussion and determination was made by the board to keep the current meeting format and continue to provide public comment at the beginning part of each meeting. Policy 006 is recommended by PSBA to comply with the Sunshine Act.

Executive Session

The board moved to executive session for personnel matters at 7:56 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: S. Lathrop; Second: J. Stehle. The motion was carried unanimously. Doctor Carlson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA VEILLEUX
Secretary to the Board of School Director