



PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Phoenixville, PA 19460

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - 7:00 PM
Phoenixville Area School District
Virtual Meeting (TV Channel 28 and www.pasd.com)

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER The January 19, 2021 Board Meeting was held virtually via a ZOOM meeting, streamed through the district website (www.pasd.com), and broadcasted on local Channel 28. Presiding Board President, Ms. Blake Emmanuel, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

ROLL CALL

Dr. Whitehead called the Roll of the Board.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Blake Emmanuel, Board President

Ms. Jeeseley Soto, Board Vice President (arrived at 7:14 PM)

Ms. Laura Reed, Board Secretary

Mr. Christopher Caltagirone

Ms. Michelle Schamis

Mr. David Golberg

Dr. Ayisha Sereni (arrived at 7:09 PM)

Ms. Susan Turner

Mr. Jerome Weiss

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Alan D. Fegley, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. LeRoy Whitehead, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Jeremy Melber, Business Manager and Board Treasurer

Mr. Ken Gibson, Director of Operations and Technology

Mrs. Sandra Claus, Community Relations Coordinator

Mrs. Sylvia Rockwood, Director of Human Resources

Dr. Jessica Kilmetz, Director of Curriculum

Mr. David Ramsey, Director of Specialized Programs and Services

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Lenore Filipovic, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Cabinet

Phantom TV Crew

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Aubrey Wright, Junior Student Representative

Gavin Perillo, Senior Student Representative

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

- Board Executive Session (Virtual)—January 11, 2021, 5:00 PM (Re: Negotiations)
- Board Workshop Meeting (Virtual)—January 11, 2021, 7:00 PM
- Board Executive Session (Virtual)—January 13, 2021, 7:00 PM (Re: Negotiations)

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Board Policy Committee (Virtual) – February 2, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Curriculum Committee (Virtual) – February 2, 2021, 6:30 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee (Virtual) – February 3, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Finance/Personnel Committee (Virtual) – February 3, 2021, 7:00 PM

President Emmanuel noted that Jamie Doyle from PFM, (district bond) will be at the February 3rd, Finance Committee meeting to discuss the bond refinancing.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

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John Mraz, Schuylkill Township resident, wrote regarding the new teacher contract and the potential refunding of two bonds.

President Emmanuel responded to the questions where applicable.

Dr. Fegley thanked Mr. Mraz for his previous comments regarding the website. He noted that Mrs. Claus and Mrs. Kelly were able to revise the site as suggested.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Gavin Perillo, Senior Student Representative, reported for both he and Aubrey. He noted that it was the first day back as well as the first day of the third marking period. Students will be celebrating "Winter Wellness Day", where they will be able to explore more virtual ways to relax. The administration has many activities planned.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Chester Co. School Boards Legislative Council & Board Legislative Chair for PSBA — Blake Emmanuel

President Emmanuel provided updates on recent legislation at the State and Federal levels. A few details included, but were not limited to, the following:

The US Congress passed a Federal budget bill for FY 2021 spending.

In Pennsylvania, PDE issued guidelines pursuant to Act 136, which creates a modified calculation of the Pupil Transportation subsidy.

In the PA House, Republican Representative Curt Sonney, Erie County, and Democratic Representative Mark Longietti, Mercer County, were named Chairs Education Committee. In the PA Senate, Republican Senator Scott Martin, Lancaster County, and Democratic Senator Lindsey M. Williams, Allegheny County, were named Chairs on the Education Committee.

Governor Wolf will present a budget proposal on February 2, 2021.

Additional legislative action reports can be found on the district website – under School Board > Legislative Reports.

Superintendent's Report—Alan D. Fegley, Ed.D.

Dr. Fegley thanked everyone for following the mitigation protocols. There has been a small reduction in Covid-19 cases since the holidays. The numbers are going in the right direction with more students attending school in-person.

He provided updated information on the discussions between the Chester County Superintendents and the Chester County Department of Health.

Dr. Fegley gave a brief update on the vaccine distribution and noted that PASD has been working with the Chester County Department of Emergency Services for years practicing the Point of Distribution (POD) system. He did report as people attempting to get vaccinated must pre-register. Names will be on a list – so walk-ups will not be allowed.

Mr. Weiss also reminded the board and community of the Trivia Night for the PCEF Fundraiser January 29th at 6:00 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA**Board Buildings & Grounds Committee—Jerry Weiss, Chair**

1. Approval of the Library Maintenance Contract for a Term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Board Curriculum Committee—Michelle Schamis, Chair

1. Approval of Disposal / Sale / Recycling of Library Materials – Phoenixville Area High School
2. Approval of the 2021-2022 Phoenixville Area High School Program of Studies
3. Approval of the Adoption of Textbooks for the 2021-2022 School Year
 - Honors Calculus
 - AP Psychology
 - AP US History

Board Finance/Personnel Committee—Laura Reed, Chair**A. Personnel Items**

1. Approval of Personnel Report – January 2021
 - a. Resignations
 - b. Act 93 Agreement (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025)
 - c. Track Changes
 - d. Appointments
 - e. Leave Requests
 - f. Informational Items
 - i. Conferences
 - ii. FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act
 - iii. Transfers

B. Business Office Report

1. Approve the Disbursement of School District Funds
November 2020
Check # 116437 (11/5/2020) - # 116540 (11/30/2020)
ACH # 202101873 (11/5/2020) - #202101993 (11/30/2020)

December 2020
Check # 1000 (12/9/2020) - # 1119 (12/30/2020)
ACH # 202101994 (12/8/2020) - #202102126 (12/30/2020)
2. Acknowledge Receipt of the District Financial Reports – October 2020
3. Acknowledge Receipt of the District Financial Reports – November 2020

C. Business Office Items

4. Approval of the 2021-2022 Act 1 Index Resolution
5. Approval of the Exoneration of Delinquent Property Taxes for the 2018 Real Estate tax year for Facetime Theater, located at 400 Franklin Avenue, Suite 109, Phoenixville, PA 19460, in the amount of \$18,499.22 due to the property owners' tax-exempt status.

Board Policy Report—Susan Turner, Chair

1. Policy 000—Local Board Procedures—Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Guidelines
2. Policy 115—Programs—Career and Technical Education
3. Policy 301—Employees—Creating a Position
4. Policy 304.1—Employees—Nepotism
5. Policy 308—Employees—Employment Contract
6. Policy 710.1—Property—Use of Materials, Equipment/Vehicles by Staff
7. Policy 713—Property—Trespassing on or Misuse of School Property
8. Policy 912—Community—Relationship with Educational Institutions

Board Secretary’s Report—Laura Reed, Board Secretary

1. Approval to Reschedule and Advertise the September 8, 2021, Buildings & Grounds and Finance & Personnel Committee meetings to September 9, 2021, with times remaining the same.
2. Acceptance of the Board of School Directors of the Phoenixville Area School District Adoption of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Standards for Principles for Governance and Leadership
3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - a. December 7, 2020 Board Reorganization Meeting
 - b. December 7, 2020 Board Meeting

President Emmanuel requested a motion to approve consent agenda as presented.

Mr. Golberg posed a question about the MOA with Chester County. He was reminded that this topic will be discussed right after the consent agenda is approved.

Ms. Reed made the **MOTION** with Ms. Turner seconding.

Voice vote:

Emmanuel – Yes

Caltagirone – Yes

Golberg – Yes

Reed – Yes

Schamis – Yes

Sereni – No

Soto – Yes

Turner – Yes

Weiss – Yes

MOTION carries 8-1

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VOTING ITEMS

1. Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Chester County Health Department to participate in the Project ACE-IT (Assisting Childhood Education through Increased Testing)

President Emmanuel requested a MOTION to approve the New Business Agenda Item.

She reminded the board that this item is to begin Rapid COVID testing. The agreement was updated today to include two (2) types of testing. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the last comment regarding guidance.

Ms. Reed made the **MOTION** with Ms. Soto seconding.

Voice vote:

Turner – YES

Caltagirone – YES

Emmanuel – YES

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – NO

Soto – YES

Weiss – YES

Golberg – NO

MOTION Carries 7-2

DISCUSSION

Dr. Jeremy Melber, Director of Finance/Treasurer

- 2021-2022 Budget
- Budget Timeline

Dr. Melber provided a detailed presentation on the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget. He also provided a timeline based on the Budget cycle for the school district.

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Public Comments included:

Ms. Lori Broker, Schuylkill Township resident, wrote regarding the potential refunding of two bonds.

President Emmanuel made closing comments and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

 2/17/21

Laura Reed, Board Secretary