



PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Phoenixville, PA 19460

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 08, 2021 - 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER The February 8, 2021 Board Workshop Meeting was held virtually via ZOOM, the District website (www.pasd.com), and on Channel 28. Presiding Board President, Ms. Blake Emmanuel, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Blake Emmanuel, Board President
Ms. Michelle Schamis, Vice President
Ms. Laura Reed, Board Secretary
Mr. Christopher Caltagirone

Mr. David Golberg
Ms. Susan Turner
Mr. Jerome Weiss

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Ayisha Sereni
Ms. Jeeseley Soto

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Gavin Perillo, Senior Board Representative
Aubrey Wright, Junior Board Representative

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
Mr. David Ramsey, Director of Specialized Program & Services
Dr. Jessica Kilmetz, Director of Curriculum

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

- Board Meeting (Virtual)—January 19, 2021, 7:00 PM
- Board Negotiations Session (Virtual) – January 28, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Executive Session (Virtual) – February 1, 2021, 6:15 PM
- Board Policy Committee (Virtual) – February 2, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Curriculum Committee (Virtual) – February 2, 2021, 6:43 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee (Virtual) – February 3, 2021, 6:01 PM
- Board Finance/Personnel Committee (Virtual) – February 3, 2021, 7:02 PM
- Board Executive Session (Virtual) – February 8, 2021, 6:15 PM (Re: Legal and Personnel)

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Board Meeting (Virtual)—February 16, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Policy Committee (Virtual) – March 2, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Curriculum Committee (Virtual) – March 2, 2021, 6:30 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee (Virtual) – March 3, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Finance/Personnel Committee (Virtual) – March 3, 2021, 7:00 PM

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Open Public Comment – Comments on Any School Subject

At this time, the Board welcomes public comments on any school subject from residents of PASD or others who have a business or group affiliation with PASD. Comments may be emailed to boardmeeting@pasd.com. At the beginning of the comment please include the individual's name, municipality, and topic to be addressed, and group affiliation, if applicable. Comments including this information will be read aloud. The reading of comments will be limited to one (1) - three (3) minute opportunity per individual.

Steve & Kristin Kohlmeir, PASD parents, wrote regarding in-person and virtual options for the 2021-22 school year.

Chris Perillo, PASD parent, wrote regarding full-time, in-person learning.

Daniel Willis, East Pikeland resident, wrote regarding virtual meetings and group discussions.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Gavin Perillo, PAHS Senior Student Board Representative, spoke briefly about the upcoming Parent/Principal Forum and noted more information is available on the PAHS website. He also reported on the additional food distribution day, occurring from 4:30 to 5:30, near the football stadium outside the high school.

Aubrey Wright, PAHS Junior Student Board Representative, reported on the new COVID-19 testing as well as indicated that student pictures are coming up with specific times for virtual students. These photos be appointment based. She stated that students having issues with the various bell schedules can review the PAHS website for assistance and information. In addition, students in grades 8 through 11 are going through the course selection process for the 2021-22 school year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Finance/Personnel Committee—Laura Reed, Chair

Ms. Reed provided a brief update on the items discussed at the meeting following the bonds presentation. She detailed the items for approval and shared a summary of the discussion/informational items which included: Bond Refinancing, Occupational Taxes and the Monthly Bank Statements.

DISCUSSION

Bonds Presentation Jamie Doyle, PFM Financial Advisors LLC

Ms. Doyle, PFM representative provided details on the bond refinance of the 2016 and 2016A General Obligation Bonds. She presented the documents including the timeline. The parameter resolutions will be on the board agenda for approval next week. PFM must wait for the results of the 2019-2020 audit so they can initiate the rating process.

There were no questions from the board.

VOTING ITEMS

PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Items

1. Approval of Personnel Report – February 2021
 - a. Resignations
 - i. Retirement
 1. Robin Bieler
 2. Mary Dehnert
 3. Susan Shirk
 4. Deborah Wallingford
 - b. Professional Contract
 - c. Approval of Contract
 - d. Appointments
 - e. Leave Requests
 - f. Informational Items
 - i. Conferences
 - ii. FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act
 - iii. Transfer
2. Approval of Extending Frontline Software Contract to Include Recruiting and Hiring and Frontline Central

FINANCE**B. Business Office Report**

1. Approve the Disbursement of School District Funds
January 2021
Check # 1120 (1/8/2021) - # 1238 (1/29/2021)
ACH # 202102127 (1/5/2021) - #202102246 (1/29/2021)
2. Acknowledge Receipt of the District Financial Reports – December 2020

C. Business Office Items

3. Approval of an Agreement with Gator Networking Services, Inc. for an E-Rate Contract (Internal Connections Equipment and Installation) in the amount of \$155,797 for services April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022
4. Approval of Refunding and Restructuring of General Obligation Bond Series 2016 as Series of 2021
5. Approval of Refunding and Restructuring of General Obligation Bond Series 2016A as Series of 2021

Board Buildings and Grounds Committee—Jerry Weiss, Chair

Mr. Weiss provided a summary of topics discussed at the Buildings & Grounds committee meeting. Only two items are set for approval. He shared a brief update and summary the Pothouse Road property. Other items discussed and those presented as informational included: SLEP Plan and district needs; Meadowbrook Farmhouse, Barkley brick work and internal plaster, sidewalk repairs, district security cameras, escrow updates for Borough and Schuylkill Township and the Middle School HVAC work.

There were a few questions from the board.

VOTING ITEMS

1. Approval of a Contract with BQ Basement Systems, Inc. to Repair Sidewalk at Phoenixville Area High School at a Cost of \$8,567.20
2. Approval of Contract with Schrader Group to Provide a Feasibility Study for Hares Hill Rd not to exceed \$19,512
 - a. Decision Insite data suggests restart for planning

Board Curriculum Committee—Michelle Schamis, Chair

Ms. Schamis provided a brief update on the curriculum meeting and what was discussed. Only one item for approval. Updates and presentations were given by Dr. LeRoy Whitehead on PDE Keystone and Graduation Pathways, and PDE evaluation changes. Dr. Jessica Kilmetz presented on Student Achievement COVID Data while Mr. David Ramsey, presented on OLSAT Testing and Compensatory Education.

Voting Items

1. Approval of Disposal / Sale / Recycling of Library Materials – Phoenixville Area High School

Board Policy Report—Susan Turner, Chair

Ms. Turner shared a summary of each of the policies up for 1st and 2nd approval. She reported that the committee met and that the new policies presented were referred from the PNN. The topics included Title IX Sexual Harassment, the discipline of Students convicted or adjudicated of sexual assault and other forms of dating violence. Others included homework, employee conduct, law enforcement on campus, Legal services and the districts relationship with the intermediate unit.

1. Policy 103—Programs—Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
2. Policy 130—Programs—Homework
3. Policy 218.4—Pupils—Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault (NEW POLICY Required)
4. Policy 252—Pupils—Dating Violence
5. Policy 317—Employees—Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
6. Policy 709.1—Pupils—Law Enforcement Personnel on Campus
7. Policy 818.1—Operations—Legal Services
8. Policy 914—Community—Relationship with Intermediate Unit

Board Secretary's Report – Laura Reed, Secretary

Ms. Reed provided information on the TV Equipment donation made by Mr. & Mrs. D'Annibale and thanked them for their generosity. She also requested that the board email her any feedback pertaining to the January workshop and board meeting minutes.

1. Approval of Donation of Equipment to the Phantom TV Studio – Phillip & Kelsey D'Annibale
2. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - a) January 11, 2021 Board Workshop Meeting
 - b) January 19, 2021 Board Meeting

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**Board Representatives****▪ Phoenixville Community Education Foundation, Representative – Jerry Weiss**

Mr. Weiss provided updates on recent fundraisers with the PCEF. He reported that the team of Schuylkill teachers won the first annual Trivia Night. The event was a success with over 200 participants and 37 teams. He also noted that the Rotary Club held a BINGO night where funds were raised and shared with PCEF to help fund the tech program.

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

President Emmanuel reported on any current legislative action pertaining to COVID. Other legislative action included the creation of jobs, building and other grant programs for impacts of COVID.

▪ Board Representative to the Chester County Intermediate Unit Board, Representative – Michelle Schamis

Ms. Schamis reported on the January 20th zoom meeting where they were presented the 2019-2020 Audit Report. She provided details of the 2021-2022 long range planning. Dr. Fiore also introduced the Assistant Executive Director.

▪ Representative to the Phoenixville Public Library Board, Representative – Jeeseley Soto

President Emmanuel shared with Ms. Soto's absence that her report will be given at next weeks' board meeting.

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

Enrollment Reports — Grades K-12 (February 2021)

Dr. Fegley provided a brief update on the enrollment for February 2021.

Update on Next Steps for Hybrid/Virtual Learning

Dr. Fegley provided details of the Next Steps for the Hybrid / Virtual Learning program. These are all based on current Covid-19 figures at the time. He provided updates on the Antigen testing. He is asking that staff/employees get tested when possible. He also reported on an email that was sent out asking for students, staff, and employee to double mask. It is not required but it is recommended.

There was a lengthy discussion on the CCHD's and CDC's six-foot recommendation for social-distancing in conjunction with surveying parents on choices they have made regarding in-person, full-time learning, hybrid learning and virtual learning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM



Laura Reed, Board Secretary