



PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Phoenixville, PA 19460

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 8, 2021 - 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER The March 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 7:01 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Blake Emmanuel, Board President	Mr. David Golberg
Ms. Michelle Schamis, Vice President	Dr. Ayisha Sereni
Ms. Laura Reed, Board Secretary	Ms. Susan Turner
Mr. Christopher Caltagirone	Mr. Jerome Weiss

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Jeeseely Soto

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Alan D. Fegley, Superintendent of Schools	Mrs. Sandra Claus, Community Relations Coordinator
Dr. LeRoy Whitehead, Assistant Superintendent	Mrs. Sylvia Rockwood, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Jeremy Melber, Business Manager and Board Treasurer	Mr. David Ramsey, Director of Specialized Program & Services
Mr. Ken Gibson, Director of Operations and Technology	Dr. Jessica Kilmetz, Director of Curriculum

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

- Board Meeting (Virtual)—February 16, 2021, 7:00 PM
- Board Negotiations Session (Virtual) – February 25, 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 Finance Committee Learning Session – March 3, 2021 12:00 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee (Virtual) – March 3, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Finance/Personnel Committee (Virtual) – March 3, 2021, 7:00 PM

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Board Meeting (Virtual)—March 15, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Policy Committee (Virtual) – April 6, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Curriculum Committee (Virtual) – April 6, 2021, 6:30 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee (Virtual) – April 7, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Finance/Personnel Committee (Virtual) – April 7, 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.

Dana Maracucio, PASD resident, wrote regarding full-time, in person learning.

Lee Reedy, PASD resident, wrote regarding select athletic teams being required to remain fully virtual.

Vickie Rosone, Phoenixville Borough resident, wrote regarding select athletic teams being required to remain fully virtual.

Mike and Lorraine Kelly, Schuylkill Township residents, wrote regarding athletes returning to in person learning full time.

Lori Broker, Schuylkill Township residents, wrote regarding public comments at workshop and board meetings.

Tina Baliban, PASD resident, wrote regarding options for students to return to in-person learning full-time.

Monica Kraft, PASD resident, wrote regarding returning to full-time, in person instruction.

Phil Matilla, Schuylkill Township resident, wrote regarding returning to full-time, in person instruction.

Leslie Elverson, PASD resident, wrote regarding hybrid and virtual instruction.

Kristen Myers, PASD resident, wrote regarding hybrid and virtual instruction.

Mike Stevens, PASD resident, wrote regarding returning to full-time, in person instruction.

Danielle Looper, Phoenixville Borough resident, wrote regarding hybrid and virtual instruction.

Tamara Kurtz, PAEA president, wrote in support of admin recommendations to return to school with required 6ft distancing and other mitigation efforts.

Elizabeth Kolb, PAHS senior, wrote regarding hybrid and virtual instruction.

Rosa Gerner, PAHS senior, wrote regarding hybrid and virtual instruction.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Update – Instruction, Extra-Curricular and Sports

Ms. Jeanne Franklin, Director
Chester County Department of Health

Ms. Franklin, Director of the Chester County Health Department, provided guidance on potential requirements needed to return to in person instruction full-time. She noted strategies and mitigation tools used to determine the requirements for schools to follow.

Ms. Franklin responded to many Board comments. There was a lengthy discussion.

Report on the 2019-2020 Annual Financial Audit

Mr. Hogan, Partner
BBD, LLC

Mr. Hogan, Partner presented details on the 2019-2020 Annual Financial audit. He answered numerous questions from Board members.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Buildings and Grounds Committee—Jerry Weiss, Chair

Mr. Weiss provided a summary of topics discussed at the Buildings & Grounds committee meeting and answered a few Board questions.

Board Curriculum Committee—Michelle Schamis, Chair

Ms. Schamis indicated she would report on the discussion items from the Curriculum Committee meeting at next week's Board Meeting. She provided a brief description of the three (3) voting items.

Voting Items included

1. Approval of Service Agreement with Restorative Practices in Action, Inc. for Restorative Teachers Training for a term of March 2021 through June 2022.
2. Approval of a Settlement and Release Agreement with Student 2020-2021A for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 School Years.
3. Approval of the Administrative Recommendations for Instruction, Extra-Curricular and Sports for the Fourth Quarter.

Finance/Personnel Committee—Laura Reed, Chair

Ms. Reed provided a brief update on the items discussed at the meeting. She will report on the discussion items at next week's Board Meeting.

VOTING ITEMS**PERSONNEL****A. Personnel Items**

1. Approval of Personnel Report – March 2021
 - a. Resignations
 - b. Appointments
 - c. Leave Requests
 - d. Volunteers
 - e. Informational Items
 - i. FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act

FINANCE**B. Business Office Report**

1. Approve the Disbursement of School District Funds - February 2021
Check # 1239 (2/5/2021) - # 1350 (2/26/2021)
ACH # 202102247 (2/5/2021) - # 202102351 (2/26/2021)
2. Acknowledge Receipt of the District Financial Reports – January 2021

C. Business Office Items

1. Approval of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Audit performed by BBD, LLC. (Letter)

Transportation Contracts

2. Approve an Intent to Award a Five-year Transportation Contract to _____, Pending a Final Vote and Approval of the Contract Terms

Board Policy Report—Susan Turner, Chair

Ms. Turner shared a summary of each of the policies up for approval through 1st and 2nd reading.

Board Policy Report—Susan Turner, Chair

1. Policy 001—Local Board Procedures—Name and Classification
2. Policy 004.2—Local Board Procedures—Appointment of Members of the Board of Trustees to the Phoenixville Public Library
3. Policy 011—Local Board Procedures—Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct
4. Policy 150—Programs—Title 1 Comparability of Services (New Policy)
5. Policy 801—Operations—Open Records
6. Policy 822—Operations—Automated External Defibrillator/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
7. Policy 910—Community—Community Engagement/Community Relations
8. Policy 917—Community—Parental/Family Involvement

Board Secretary's Report – Laura Reed, Secretary

Ms. Reed indicated the Board Meeting minutes are available for review. She asked that if anyone had any questions to please reach out to her.

Board Secretary's Report—Laura Reed, Board Secretary

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - a) February 8, 2021 Board Workshop Meeting
 - b) February 16, 2021 Board Meeting

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Board Representatives

- ***Superintendent's Report—Alan D. Fegley, Ed.D.***
Enrollment Reports — Grades K-12 (March 2021)
Dr. Fegley provided a brief update on the enrollment for March 2021.

Update on Next Steps for Hybrid/Virtual Learning

Dr. Fegley provided details of the Next Steps for the Hybrid / Virtual Learning program.

There was a lengthy discussion on the CCHD's recommendations and the next steps.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 PM

Laura Reed, Board Secretary