



PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Phoenixville, PA 19460

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, May 10, 2021, 7:00 PM
Phoenixville Area School District
Virtual Meeting (TV Channel 28 and www.pasd.com)

CALL TO ORDER The May 10, 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

Dr. Ayisha Sereni
Ms. Jeeseley Soto
Ms. Susan Turner
Mr. Jerome Weiss

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. David Golberg

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Gavin Perillo, Senior Board Representative (absent)
Aubrey Wright, Junior Board Representative

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Alan D. Fegley, Superintendent
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 Executive Session – April 19, 2021, 6:00 PM (re: Legal and Confidential Student Matters)
- Board Meeting (Virtual) – April 19, 2021, 7:00 PM
- Board Negotiations Session (Virtual) – April 21, 2021, 12:00
- Board Executive Session (Virtual) – April 21, 2021, 6:30 (Legal)
- Board Negotiations Session – April 27, 2021, 5:45 PM
- Board Policy Committee (Virtual) – May 4, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Curriculum Committee (Virtual) – May 4, 2021, 6:30 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee (Virtual) – May 5, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Finance/Personnel Committee (Virtual) – May 5, 2021, 7:26 PM
- Board Executive Session (Virtual) – April 21, 2021, 8:20 (Legal)

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Board Meeting – May 17, 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 your name, municipality, topic to be addressed, and group affiliation, if applicable. Anonymous comments or those on an unrelated subject will not be read. Additionally, comments which pertain to personnel matters, individual student matters, or specifically name individuals, will not be read. Instead, they will be given to both the Board and administration for review. The reading of comments will be limited to one (1) - three (3) minute opportunity per individual.

Chris Cervino, PASD resident, wrote regarding the outdoor field and facility rentals.

James Cicman, Phoenixville Borough resident, wrote regarding Covid-19 vaccines for students.

President Emmanuel responded to both comments. She noted that the field rental item will be discussed later in the meeting. Student vaccine requirements are beyond the purview of the Board or District.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Aubrey Wright – Junior Student Representative, spoke about the NHS volunteering projects as well as the recent FDA approval for students to get vaccinated. She congratulated the students in the Technology Student Association (TSA) Club for their role at Nationals. Ms. Wright also reminded the community that registration for summer camps is coming up and that more information can be found on the District website. She also congratulated the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for their accomplishments.

Recognition of Senior Student Board Representative

Gavin Perillo – Penn State University Class of 2021

Phoenixville Area High School—Dr. Craig Parkinson, Principal**Class of 2021**

Valedictorian – Colin Murphy

Salutatorian – Luke Hihi

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS***Board Buildings and Grounds Committee—Jerry Weiss, Chair***

Mr. Weiss provided a summary of the three (3) voting items that are up for approval. He did clarify that these have been coordinated with the Finance Director. There was a very brief discussion regarding the roof and brickwork at Barkley.

Other items discussed at the committee meeting included the Meadowbrook Farmhouse draft agreement as well as the online rentals for buildings and athletic fields. Any changes, including a new fee structure, will be brought to the June B&G meeting. The role of the PAC will also be discussed. It was also stated that the new fee structure needs to include Covid-19 related expenses, custodial fees, and other fees to ensure a small profit is made.

There was a suggestion to look at rental opportunities for the tennis courts. Potential income would be from private tennis lessons and local tournaments.

It was noted that the district is still awaiting the release of the Borough escrow funds totaling \$51,000.

Capital Reserve Expenditure noted in Service Life Expectancy Program (SLEP)

1. Approval of Sidewalk Repairs High School and Barkley with Ramps - \$209,280.00 (County Bid)
 - a. This is to replace all damaged sidewalks and ramps around the High School and Barkley.
2. Approval of Barkley External Brickwork
 - a. \$108,881.83 which includes repairing general brick veneer around the building. There would be specific repairs and repointing on the north area of the building where the leaking is occurring.
 - b. \$180,079.78 (Same as above) But includes Alternate 1 which accounts for the additional \$71,197.05. This includes Power Washing the entire building and applying a penetrating masonry sealant to the entire building.
3. Approval of Barkley Internal plaster work for auditorium - \$29,771.82

Board Curriculum Committee—Michelle Schamis, Chair

Ms. Schamis reported on the approval items and noted they were discussed at the committee meeting and that all are ESSR grant funded.

ESSR GRANT

1. Approval of a Contract with Newsela, Inc. for a term of June 13, 2021 through June 12, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.
2. Approval of a Contract with NearPod for Interactive Response Software at a rate not to exceed \$19,000.
3. Approval of a Contract with Remind for a Term of 6/19/2021 through 6/18/2022 at a rate not to exceed \$16,400.

Board Finance/Personnel Committee—Laura Reed, Chair

Ms. Reed reported on the discussion from the committee meeting. She noted the usual resignations, appointments, volunteers, resignations, bulk of report is Extended School Year (ESY) and Summer Stepping-Up (SSU) staffing.

She read the business office items for approval.

PERSONNEL**A. Personnel Items**

1. Approval of Personnel Report – May 2021
 - a. Resignation
 - b. Appointments
 - c. Informational Items
 - Conference Requests
 - Family and Medical Leaves
 - Transfers
 - Employee Survey Results

FINANCE**B. Business Office Report**

1. Approve the Disbursement of School District Funds – April 2021
Check # 1452 (4/1/2021) - # 1608 (4/30/2021)
ACH # 202102505 (4/1/2021) - # 202102666 (4/30/2021)
2. Acknowledge Receipt of the District Financial Reports – March 2021

C. Business Office Items

1. Approval of the Exoneration of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes for East Pikeland Township - Parcel ID 26-2K-1.3.
2. Approval of a Settlement of the Tax Assessment Appeal filed by FBW Storage, LP for Parcel ID 27-02-0081.000 for a new assessment of \$3,055,000.

Board Policy Report—Susan Turner, Chair

Ms. Turner summarized any changes that are being recommended. A new proposed policy refers to the need to have feminine hygiene products in the girls' bathrooms. Currently the nurse provides access to those items. Minor wording changes were in a few of the policies. Other policies are personnel related.

1. Menstrual Products – (Proposed / Pending PSBA Numbering)
2. Policy 137.1—Programs—Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
3. Policy 150—Programs—Title I-Comparability of Services
4. Policy 321—Employees—Political Activities
5. Policy 336—Employees—Personal Leave
6. Policy 339—Employees—Uncompensated Leave
7. Policy 339.1—Employees—Military Leave
8. Policy 828—Operations—Fraud (New Policy)

Board Secretary's Report—Laura Reed, Board Secretary

At the May Board Voting meeting, the following items will be addressed:

1. Nomination and Appointment of the Phoenixville Area School District Board Treasurer for a one- year term through June 30, 2022.
2. Nomination and Appointment of the Phoenixville Area School District Board Secretary for a four-year term through June 30, 2025.
3. Approval of Phoenixville Area High School Students Eligible for Graduation – Class of 2021
4. Approval of a Donation from Giant Food Stores in the amount of \$18,500 for the Giant Feeding School Kids Program
5. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - a) April 12, 2021 Board Workshop Meeting
 - b) April 19, 2021 Board Meeting

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION***Open Public Comment – Comments on Budget Agenda Item***

No new comments

BUDGET REPORT

1. Request Approval of the Resolution Adopting the District's 2021-2022 Proposed Final Budget in the Amount of \$99,144,698 with a 1.57% Increase.

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

Mr. Weiss provided a recap of the last two PCEF meetings. In April PCEF supported the summer program as well as PAPA and purchases of remote cameras.

In May they will support the Phoenix Phantom Summer Food Program as well. He noted that PCEF is hosting a page on their website allowing the five candidates running for school board to answer 5 questions which allowed for the community to learn about each of them.

Board Representative to the Phoenixville Public Library Board, Representative(s) – Jeese Soto

Ms. Soto noted that last month the library had received only two (2) applications for two (2) vacant seats. Since then, a third application has been received. They will be added to the June board agenda for discussion and potential vote. She also reported that the library has opened for browsing by appointment only. They are also hosting a ROKU lending program. Diversity/Equity and Inclusion are being discussed as additions to the Library's Strategic Plan. The author event is coming up in July. Tickets go on sale May 11th.

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

Donation – Giant Food Stores (Giant Feeding School Kids Program \$18,500)

Dr. Fegley provided a summary of the donation made from Giant Food Stores to provide \$18,500 for the food program.

Administrative Recommendations regarding Masking

Dr. Fegley detailed the mandates from the PA government and how they affect the District. Masks are still required inside and outside for all adults, but students may remove masks during recess and when actively participating in sports.

May 2021 Enrollment Reports — Grades K-12

Dr. Fegley reported that the enrollment has been steady. PASD Kindergarten enrollment is about 30 to 40 students behind last year. PASD is hosting Kindergarten Registration days on the 18th and 19th of May.

Ms. Turner made a **MOTION** to approve to Administrative Recommendations regarding masking. Ms. Reed seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Caltagirone – NO

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – YES

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – NO

Soto – YES

Turner – YES

Weiss – YES

MOTION CARRIES

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Ms. Emmanuel adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: This agenda is subject to change. The Board requests that they be made aware of anyone taping the proceedings of this meeting. ADF/ldf