



PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Phoenixville, PA 19460

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, June 14, 2021, 7:00 PM
Phoenixville Area School District
Phoenixville Area High School
Virtual Meeting (TV Channel 28 and www.pasd.com)

CALL TO ORDER The June 14, 2021 Board Workshop Meeting was held in the cafeteria of the Phoenixville Area High School, via ZOOM, livestream on 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 (zoom)
Ms. Jeeseley Soto (zoom)
Ms. Susan Turner
Mr. Jerome Weiss

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. David Golberg

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Aubrey Wright, Senior Board Representative
Scout Woronko, 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 Meeting (Virtual) – May 17, 2021, 7:00 PM
- Board Policy Committee (Virtual) – June 1, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Curriculum Committee (Virtual) – June 1, 2021, 6:37 PM
- Board Executive Session (Virtual) – June 1, 2021, 7:55 PM (Re: Confidential Student Matter)
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee (Virtual) – June 2, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Finance/Personnel Committee (Virtual) – June 2, 2021, 7:26 PM
- Board Executive Session (Virtual) – June 2, 2021, 8:05 PM (Re: Personnel)
- Board Interviews – Library Board of Trustee Vacancies – June 14, 2021, 6:00 PM

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Board Meeting – June 21, 2021, 7:00 PM

MOTION TO ALLOW REMOTE DELIBERATION AND VOTING:

1. Approval to Allow Board Members to Deliberate and Vote while Attending Meetings Virtually and/or remotely as Stated in Board Policy 006.1

President Emanuel requested a motion to all Board members to deliberate and vote while attending meetings virtually and/or remotely as stated in Board Policy 006.1.
Mr. Weiss made the **MOTION** with Ms. Reed seconding.

Voice vote

Caltagirone – YES

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – Absent

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – YES

Soto – Abstain

Turner – YES

Weiss – YES

7-0-1 **MOTION CARRIES**

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Open Public Comment – Comments on New Business Item

At this time, the Board welcomes public comments on any New Business item 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.

NEW BUSINESS ITEM

1. Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Phoenixville Area Education Support Professionals Association (PAESPA) for a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

President Emanuel opened the floor for public comment. Those attending in person will speak first followed by the emails sent in to the boardmeeting@pasd.com email address.

No comments in audience or via email.

President Emmanuel requested a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Phoenixville Area Education Support Professionals Association (PAESPA) for a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

She noted that the parties have been meeting for over six months. She thanked the parties that participated for the wonderful experience in working together to better the students and the district. Dr. Fegley thanked Ms. Rockwood, Mr. Gibson, and Dr. Melber for their hard work.

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

Voice vote

Caltagirone – YES

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – Absent

Reed – YES

Schamis – Abstain

Sereni – NO

Soto – YES

Turner – YES

Weiss – Abstain

6-0-2 **MOTION CARRIES**

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Open Public Comment – Comments on Any School Subject

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Paster Paul D. Anderson, from Grace Valley Fellowship, wrote regarding the return to in person church services at PAMS.

Christine Tavani, resident of Phoenixville Borough and German teacher at PASD High School, wrote regarding the recent Award of Distinction that Phoenixville Area High School received from the German American Partnership Program (GAPP) Exchange Program. Ms. Tavani also wrote regarding personnel levels in the Language Department.

Mr. Michael Stevens, Schuylkill Township resident, wrote regarding the PASD strategic plan survey.

Mr. Ben Martin, East Pikeland Township resident, wrote regarding PASD's strategic plan survey.

Ms. Lori Broker, Schuylkill Township resident, wrote regarding finances and real estate transactions.

President Emmanuel responded to the comments. She noted the comment regarding PAMS facility rental will be discussed later in the meeting. She also spoke about the German teacher vacancy in the Middle School. Equity has been discussed for many years at public meetings and has long been part of the strategic plan. She stated critical race theory is not part of PASD's curriculum.

Dr. Fegley responded that the Hares Hill property was purchased from Longview Properties.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Aubrey Wright – Senior Student, Representative, spoke about the end of year activities and the Class of 2021 graduation ceremony. She detailed the memorial students conducted for a former student of PAHS that passed away. She noted that Baccalaureate went well, and she commended the Class of 2021 on all of their accomplishments this year.

Scout Woronko – Junior Student Representative, introduced herself and her excitement to work with the School Board. She spoke regarding plans to introduce the incoming 9th and 10th graders to the high school building.

There was a brief discussion between the students and the Board about mental health and supports needed for students returning to school full time next year.

Theme from last year was “Make it Count”. Next year’s theme is “A Better New Normal”.

President Emmanuel responded to a few questions, including one about the vaccine clinic. She noted there may be more clinics based on need.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Buildings and Grounds Committee—Jerry Weiss, Chair

Mr. Weiss provided a summary of the voting items, as well as an update regarding letters of intent for the purchase of the old Kindergarten center property. Mr. Gibson spoke regarding a new process to rent the outdoor fields and indoor areas to non-District entities. This process was shared at the June 2, 2021 Buildings & Grounds committee. Other items discussed included Phoenixville Borough and Schuylkill Township escrow updates, and a report on PASD’s current unused properties. Board discussion occurred regarding the Meadowbrook Farm Property, the 33 W Pothouse Road property, and the Valley Forge Aquatic Center’s lease.

1. Approval of a Two (2) Year Extension of the Agreement with Valley Forge Aquatics Center dated July 17, 2018 for the Lease of a 16 Acre Parcel, Parcel ID 27-5-1
2. Approval of a Three-year (3) Lease with Cottage Seven for the 1191 Hares Hill Road property for a term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024 Rd at a cost not to exceed \$160,408 per year – Original Docs
3. Approval of a 120-day Lease Extension for the Meadowbrook Farm Property – Original Docs
4. Approval of a 120-day Lease Extension for the 33 W Pothouse Road while continuing to work on sale proposal - Original Docs
5. Approval of the Administrative Rental Restart Recommendations beginning June 2021 (outdoor) and August 2021 (indoor)

Board Curriculum Committee—Michelle Schamis, Chair

Ms. Schamis reported on the approval items and the other items discussed at the June 1 Curriculum Committee meeting.

1. Approval of Resolution Declaring an Emergency Pursuant to Section 520.1 of the PA School Code
2. Approval of Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement with Student 2020-2021D
3. Approval of Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement with Student 2020-2021E

Board Finance/Personnel Committee—Laura Reed, Chair

Ms. Reed reported on the discussion from the June 2 Personnel and Finance Committee meeting. She noted the usual resignations, appointments, volunteers, resignations, and approval of 2021-2022 salaries.

PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Items

1. Approval of Personnel Report – June 2021
 - a. Resignations
 - b. Rescind Appointment
 - c. Approval of Salaries
 - d. Appointments
 - e. Leave Requests
 - f. Volunteers
 - g. Informational Items
 - Conference Requests
 - Family and Medical Leaves
 - Transfers

B. Business Office Report

1. Approve the Disbursement of School District Funds – May 2021
Check # 1609 (5/1/2021) - # 1717 (5/28/2021)
ACH # 202102667 (5/1/2021) - # 202102811 (5/28/2021)
2. Acknowledge Receipt of the District Financial Reports – April 2021

C. Business Office Items

1. Approval of the 2021-2022 Chester County Intermediate Unit Marketplace Budget/Contract
2. Approval of a Vocational Immersion Program Services Agreement with Valley Forge Educational Services for student enrollment from July 6, 2021 to August 30, 2021 in the amount of \$6,100.00
3. Approval of Aramark, Inc. to serve as the Food Service Management Company for Phoenixville Area School District for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year
4. Approval of an Agreement for Crossing Guard Services with Schuylkill Township for the Term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
5. Approval of an Agreement for Crossing Guard Services with the Borough of Phoenixville for the Term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
6. Approval of District Property and Liability Insurances, Pending Quotes
7. Approval of PlanCon Part K for the refunding of the General Obligation Bond Series of 2021

Pupil Services Agreements

8. Approval of an Extended School Year Enrollment Contract with The Camphill School for a term of June 28, 2021 through July 23, 2021 at a rate not to exceed \$5,166.60.
9. Approval of an Enrollment Agreement with Valley Forge Educational Services through Vanguard School for the remainder of the 2020-2021 School Year
10. Approval of an Enrollment Agreement with Valley Forge Educational Services through Vanguard School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
11. Approval of a Standard Education Agreement with Devereux Foundation for Extended School Year Services for a term of July 5, 2021 through August 20, 2021.

Board Policy Report—Susan Turner, Chair

Ms. Turner summarized some policy changes that are being recommended. A new, proposed policy refers requires the District to provide menstrual products in female and non-gendered student restrooms in the Middle School and High School. Currently, students need to go to the nurse's office for menstrual products.

Minor wording changes were in a few of the policies. Other policies are personnel related.

1. Menstrual Products (Number to be assigned by PSBA)
2. Policy 319—Employees—~~Outside~~ Activities Outside of Work Hours
3. Policy 320—Employees—Freedom of Speech **in Non-School Settings** in Non-District Setting
4. Policy 352—Employees—Benefits Eligibility for Dependents: Legal Marriage of Common Law Marriage Status **(ELIMINATION OF POLICY)**
5. Policy 816—Operations—Video and Digital Surveillance
6. Policy 817—Operations—Energy Conservation Management

Board Secretary's Report—Laura Reed, Board Secretary

The Board interviewed three (3) candidates for two (2) Phoenixville Library Board of Trustees' vacancies in an Executive Session prior to the meeting.

Ms. Soto **NOMINATED** Ms. Lauren Eustis, with Ms. Schamis seconding.

Mr. Caltagirone **NOMINATED** Mr. Steve Hirsch, with Mr. Weiss seconding.

Mr. Caltagirone **NOMINATED** Ms. Michelle Brenner, with Turner seconding.

Roll Call Vote for Ms. Michelle Brenner

Caltagirone – YES
Emmanuel – NO
Golberg – Absent
Reed – NO
Schamis – NO
Sereni – YES
Soto – NO
Turner – YES
Weiss – NO

Roll Call Vote for Mr. Steve Hirsch

Caltagirone – YES
Emmanuel – YES
Golberg – Absent
Reed – YES
Schamis – YES
Sereni – YES
Soto – YES
Turner – YES
Weiss – YES

Roll Call Vote for Ms. Lauren Eustis

Caltagirone – YES
Emmanuel – YES
Golberg – Absent
Reed – YES
Schamis – YES
Sereni – YES
Soto – YES
Turner – YES
Weiss – YES

Mr. Steve Hirsch and Ms. Lauren Eustis received the **NOMINATION APPROVAL** for positions on the Phoenixville Library Board of Trustees.

Ms. Reed noted that the board minutes that were attached were not formatted correctly. She asked that the minutes be pulled for review and would be on the voting agenda at the July meeting.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Phoenixville Community Education Foundation, Representative – Jerry Weiss
- Board Representative to the Phoenixville Public Library Board, Representative(s) – Jeeseley Soto
- Representative to the Chester County Intermediate Unit Board, Representative – Michelle Schamis
- Chester Co. School Boards Legislative Council & Board Legislative Chairperson for PSBA — Blake Emmanuel
- Superintendent's Report— Alan D. Fegley, Ed.D.
 - Enrollment Reports — Grades K-12
 - June 2021

ADJOURNMENT

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