



PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Phoenixville, PA 19460

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 21, 2021 - 7:00 PM
Phoenixville Area High School
Virtual Meeting (TV Channel 28 and www.pasd.com)

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER The June 21, 2021 Board Meeting was held in the cafeteria of the Phoenixville Area High School, virtually via ZOOM, 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 7:02 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. Michelle Schamis, Board Vice-President
Ms. Laura Reed, Board Secretary
Mr. Christopher Caltagirone

Mr. David Golberg
Ms. Jeeseley Soto (via Zoom)
Ms. Susan Turner
Mr. Jerome Weiss

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Ayisha Sereni

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Aubrey Wright, Senior Board Representative not present
Scout Woronko, Junior Board Representative not present

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Alan D. Fegley, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. LeRoy Whitehead, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Jeremy Melber, Business Manager (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
Dr. Craig Parkinson, Phoenixville High School Principal

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Natalie Hrynko, Instructional Coach
Mr. Justin Winters, High School Science Teacher
Ms. Kara Sturges, PAELC First Grade teacher

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

- Board Workshop Meeting – June 14, 2021, 7:00 PM

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Board Meeting – July 13, 2021, 7:00 PM
- Board Policy Committee –August 10, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Curriculum Committee – August 10, 2021, 6:30 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee – August 11, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Finance/Personnel Committee – August 11, 2021, 7:00 PM
- Board Workshop – August 16, 2021, 7:00 PM
- Board Meeting – August 23, 2021, 7:00 PM

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Aubrey Wright – Senior Student Representative not present.
Scout Woronko – Junior Student Representative not present.

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

Ms. Reed made the **MOTION** to allow Board Members to deliberate and vote while attending meetings virtually and/or remotely as stated in Board Policy 006.1. Ms. Schamis seconded the motion.

Voice vote

Caltagirone – YES

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – YES

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – Absent

Soto – Abstain

Turner – YES

Weiss – YES

7-0-1 **MOTION CARRIES**

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Open Public Comment – Comments on Any School Subject

Michelle Sinclair, PASD resident, spoke regarding the District’s diversity, equity, and inclusion policy.

Tamara Kurtz, Physical Education teacher and PAEA President, thanked the Board for their support during the pandemic, and the teachers’ perspective regarding offering a hybrid teaching model for the 2021-2022.

Tamela Luce, President and CEO of the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation, wrote regarding PASD’s diversity, equity, and inclusion policies.

Maureen Buckley and the DiStasio family wrote regarding PASD’ s diversity, equity, and inclusion policies.

Michael Stevens, Schuylkill Township resident, spoke regarding a Phantom Newsletter sent in April with parent resources to assist children process unsettling events and images in the media.

Dr. Fegley responded to each of the statements detailing the mission of the school district.

President Emmanuel expanded on his comments.

There was a brief board discussion regarding the public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Buildings and Grounds Committee—Jerry Weiss, Chair

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 while marketing the property, for sale.
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

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

A. Personnel Items

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

FINANCE

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 PlanCon Part K for the refunding of the General Obligation Bond Series of 2021.

Pupil Services Agreements

7. 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.
8. Approval of an Enrollment Agreement with Valley Forge Educational Services through Vanguard School for the remainder of the 2020-2021 School Year
9. Approval of an Enrollment Agreement with Valley Forge Educational Services through Vanguard School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
10. 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, Chairperson

1. Feminine Hygiene (Number to be assigned by PSBA)
2. Policy 319—Employees—Activities Outside of Work Hours
3. Policy 320—Employees—Freedom of Speech ~~in~~ Non-District Settings
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

Moved to July 2021 meeting

President Emmanuel requested a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Caltagirone made the **MOTION** with Ms. Turner seconding.

Voice vote

Caltagirone - YES

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – YES

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – absent

Soto – YES

Turner – YES

Weiss – YES (exceptions included: NO – Administrators salaries, Abstention on Support Staff salaries, Unrepresented employee salaries, and section 4 on Coaches)

8 - 0 MOTION CARRIES

President Emmanuel then read the retirement resolutions for Ms. Rebeca Mahon and Sherry Young.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mrs. **Rebecca Mahon** has served **19.5** years in Phoenixville and Mrs. **Sherry Young** has served **10** years in Phoenixville as dedicated members of the support staff at Phoenixville Area School District.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rebecca Mahon and Mrs. Sherry Young have tendered their resignations from the District for the purpose of retirement.

WHEREAS The Board of School Directors of the Phoenixville Area School District wishes to recognize them for their valued service and officially record its appreciation; be it hereby,

RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors of the Phoenixville Area School District observes with regret the resignations of Mrs. Rebecca Mahon and Mrs. Sherry Young from its staff and expresses its deep appreciation for their service and dedication; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Phoenixville Area School District held on June 21, 2021, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Rebecca Mahon and Mrs. Sherry Young.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

President Emmanuel provided details on the bills currently going through the House and Senate. Additional information is available on the district website.

AGENDA ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS ITEM

1. Approval of the Insurance Policy Renewals for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as listed below:

Coverage Type	Company	Current Premium	Renewal Premium	% Change
Property Package	Utica	\$95,214	\$88,533	7.0% decrease
Commercial General Liability	Utica	\$29,090	\$32,186	10.6% increase
Crime	Utica	\$5,625	\$5,039	10.4% decrease
Business Auto	Utica	\$14,152	\$14,287	0.9% increase
School Board Legal Liability	AIG	\$36,500	\$38,275	4.8% increase

Cyber Liability	Utica	\$11,750	\$17,845	51.8% increase
Commercial Umbrella	Utica	\$14,315	\$14,958	4.5% increase
Totals:		\$206,646	\$211,123	2.16% increase
Student Accident	Fairfax Financial		\$16,490	*New Policy
Grand Total:			\$227,613	

It was stated that the insurance policy approval item was not complete as of the workshop. Since that time additional information has come forth and it is listed for review and approval under New Business.

Mr. Caltagirone made the **MOTION** to approve the Insurance Policy Renewals for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as presented. Mr. Weiss seconded the motion.

Dr. Melber provided details on the line items and why specific insurance companies were chosen.

Voice vote

Caltagirone – YES

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – YES

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – not present

Soto – YES

Turner – YES

Weiss – YES

8-0 **MOTION CARRIES**

The Educational Task Force provided a detailed presentation on their recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Kilmetz, Mr. Winters, Ms. Sturges and Ms. Hrynko all gave details on specific areas.

ADJOURNMENT

President Emmanuel adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM