



PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Phoenixville, PA 19460

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 – 6:00 PM
Phoenixville area High School
Channel 28 and www.pasd.com

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER The July 13, 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 6:00 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
Dr. Ayisha Sereni
Ms. Jeeseley Soto (via Zoom)
Ms. Susan Turner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Jerome Weiss

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Alan D. Fegley, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. LeRoy Whitehead, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Jeremy Melber, Business Manager (Board Treasurer)

Mrs. Sandra Claus, Community Relations Coordinator
Mrs. Sylvia Rockwood, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Jessica Kilmetz, Director of Curriculum

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mark Fitzgerald, Solicitor Fox Rothschild

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

- Board Executive Session—June 21, 2021 – 6:30 PM (Re: Legal)
- Board Meeting—June 21, 2021, 7:00 PM
- Board Executive Session—June 23, 2021 – 10:00 AM (Re: Legal)
- Board Planning Session (Strategic Planning)— June 23, 2021, 6:15 PM
- Board Education Session – July 1, 2021, 7:00 PM (Re: Organizational Design)
- Board Executive Session—July 1, 2021, 7:40 PM (Re: Personnel)
- Board Executive Session—July 1, 2021, 8:09 PM (Re: Organizational Design)
- Board Executive Session—July 13, 2021, 5:30 PM (Re: Personnel)

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 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.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Open Public Comment – Comments on Any School Subject

In person

- Becky McCarron, PASD resident, spoke regarding the Board vote on the safety and health procedures.

Read by Sylvia Rockwood

- Chris Perillo, PASD resident, wrote regarding the District’s plans, the CDC guidelines, and mask wearing for the upcoming school year.
- Michael Smith, PASD resident, wrote regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion, and critical race theory.
- Steven Smith, PASD resident, wrote regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion, and critical race theory.

President Emmanuel responded to statements where applicable.

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. Turner 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. Reed seconded the motion.

Voice vote

Caltagirone – YES

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – YES

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – Absent

Soto – Abstain

Turner – YES

7-0 (Soto abstain) **MOTION CARRIES**

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Board Curriculum Committee—Michelle Schamis, Chair
Ms. Schamis provided a brief summary of the items scheduled for approval. Dr. Whitehead provided information on the Health and Safety plan and noted the document is required for any Federal Funding.

There was a brief discussion among the board.

Solicitor Fitzgerald responded to questions posed by members of the board.

- B. Board Finance/Personnel Committee—Laura Reed, Chair
Ms. Reed reported on the changes to the administrative team but noted that there were no additional positions added.
- C. Board Secretary's Report—Laura Reed, Board Secretary
There was a brief board discussion regarding meeting minutes which required a response from the Solicitor.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

President Emmanuel reported on the items on the recent Legislative report. She noted that the information can also be found on the District website. Items included:

State of PA passed the budget which provides amendments to the School Code and Fiscal code. Senate Bill 554 now Act 65 requires school districts to post at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and prohibits the addition of taking any official action on items that are not on the agenda.

President Emmanuel then read the Retirement Resolution for Donna Fehr-Cannon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Audrey Yeatman, PASD resident, spoke regarding masks.
Ms. Theresa Olsen, PASD resident, spoke regarding the Health and Safety standards for fall.

VOTING ITEMS

Curriculum Committee Items, Michelle Schamis, Board Chairperson

Ms. Schamis provided information on the voting items which also included in addition to the Health and Safety Plan, the disposal/sale or recycling of textbooks and library books, the agreement with CCIU for the online education program rendered by the Brandywine Virtual Academy (BVA). Finally, the list of transportation and field trips was shared. It was noted that many of these requests are based on the team or athlete qualifying for that next level of play.

1. Approval of the Health and Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year
2. Approval of Disposal / Sale / Recycling of Textbooks or Library Books
 - a. Phoenixville Area High School
 - b. Barkley Elementary School

Curriculum Committee Items, continued

3. Approval of an Agreement with Chester County Intermediate Unit for Online Education Services Rendered by Brandywine Virtual Academy (BVA) for a term of August 30, 2021, through June 7, 2022
4. Approval of Transportation / Field Trip Requests

Date (s)	Description	Location	Team/ Group	Trip ID#
July 23 – 25, 2021	Alvernia University Basketball Camp	Alvernia University, Reading, PA	PAHS Boys Basketball Team Grades 9-12	2122020
August 15 – 17, 2021	Pine Forest Cheer Camp	Pine Forest Cheer Camp, Greely, PA	PAHS Cheer Squad Grades 9-12	2122021
October 29 – 30, 2021 *	PIAA Girls Golf Championships	Hershey Racquet Club Hershey, PA	PAHS Girls Tennis Grades 9-12	2122001
November 19 – 20, 2021	PIAA Boys & Girls Soccer State Championships	Hershey Park Stadium, Hershey, PA	PAHS Boys & Girls Soccer Teams Grades 9-12	2122006
December 9 – 11, 2021	PIAA Boys Football State Championships	Hershey Park Stadium Hershey, PA	PAHS Football Team Grades 9-12	2122007
December 27 – 30, 2021	Board Walk Classic Tournament	Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, NH	PAHS Boys Basketball Team Grades 9-12	2122022
January 14 – 15, 2022 *	PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships	Giant Center, Hershey, PA	PAHS Competitive Cheer Squad Grades 9-12	2122010
February 10 – 12, 2022	PIAA Wrestling State Championships	Giant Center, Hershey, PA	PAHS Wrestling Team Grades 9-12	2122011
March 16 – 20, 2022 *	PIAA Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving Championships	Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA	PAHS Boys & Girls Swim & Dive Team Grades 9-12	2122012
March 24 – 26, 2022 *	PIAA Boys & Girls Basketball Championships	Giant Center Hershey, PA	PAHS Boys & Girls Basketball Teams Grades 9-12	2122013
May 27 – 28, 2022 *	PIAA AA & AAA Boys' Singles and Doubles Tennis	Hershey Racquet Club Hershey, PA	Boys Tennis Team Grades 9-12	2122014
May 27 – 28, 2022 *	PIAA AA & AAA Girls' Track and Field Championships	Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA	Girls Track and Field Team Grades 9-12	2122016
June 17, 2022 *	PIAA A, AA, AAA & AAAAA Baseball Championships	Medlar Field at Lubrano Park University Park, PA	Boys Baseball Team Grades 9-12	2122018
June 16 – 17, 2022 *	PIAA A, AAA & AAAAA Softball Championships	Nittany Lion Softball Park, University Park, PA	Girls Softball Team Grades 9-12	2122019

* Competition Qualification

President Emmanuel requested a motion to approve the Curriculum agenda items as presented. Mr. Golberg made the **MOTION** with Ms. Reed seconding.

Voice vote

Caltagirone - YES

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – YES

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – Curriculum Committee - Yes B, No A, C, and D

Soto – YES

Turner – YES

7 - 0 **MOTION CARRIES**

Board Finance/Personnel

Personnel Items

a. Approval of Personnel Report – July 2021

1. Resignations

2. Appointments

3. Leave Requests

4. Informational Items

a. Conference Requests

b. Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leaves of Absence

c. Transfers

President Emmanuel requested a motion to approve the personnel items as presented. Ms. Turner made the **MOTION** with Ms. Reed seconding.

Voice vote

Caltagirone - NO

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – NO

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – YES for 1 A, B, C and NO for all others

Soto – YES

Turner – YES

5 – 3 **MOTION CARRIES**

President Emmanuel requested a motion to approve the Finance agenda items as presented. Ms. Reed made the **MOTION** with Ms. Schamis seconding.

Voice vote

Caltagirone - YES

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – YES

Reed – YES

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Schamis – YES

Sereni – NO

Soto – YES

Turner – YES

7 - 1 **MOTION CARRIES**

Finance Items

- b. Approval of PlanCon Part K for the refunding of the General Obligation Bond Series A of 2021.
- c. Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) for Medical Authorization Approvals Required for School-Based ACCESS Billing of MA Eligible Health-related Services for the 2021-2022 School Year - Rates
- d. Acceptance of the Share our Strength's **No Kid Hungry Campaign Grant** in the amount of \$15,000.
- e. Acceptance of the Nourishing Neighbors Grant in the amount of \$7,500 from the Phoenixville ACME
- f. Approval of (2) two Day Student Monitoring and Placement Agreements with Melmark for the 2021 ESY program and the 2021-2022 School Year.
- g. Approval of the Healthcare Staffing Agreement for School Services with Interim Healthcare of Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia Counties for a term of May 28, 2021, through July 1, 2022.
- h. Approval of an Educational Institutional Staffing Agreement with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. for the term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
- i. Approval of the Addendum to the Extended School Year Agreement with the Timothy School for a term of July 6, 2021, through August 13, 2021, for three (3) Special Education placements.
- j. The Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the District Administration, in consultation with the Solicitor's office, to file District initiated Tax Assessment Appeals for the 2021-2022 fiscal year for properties that meet the criteria for appeals under Policy 615.1. In authorizing the Administration herein, the School District shall file an appeal with the county's Board of Assessment Appeals. Filing a further appeal beyond the Assessment Board level shall be at the discretion and separate approval of the School Board.

Being sent for review if they are under assessed.

Board Secretary Report

- 1. Approval of the District Strategic Plan

President Emmanuel provided information on each of the updates to the Strategic Plan goals. She then requested a motion to approve the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Reed made the **MOTION** to approve the Strategic Plan as presented with Ms. Turner seconding the motion.

Voice vote

Caltagirone - YES

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – NO

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – NO

Soto – YES

Turner – YES

6-2 **MOTION CARRIES**

2. Approval of the 2021-2022 Superintendent Goals

President Emmanuel provided information on each of the updates to the Superintendents Goals for 2021-2022. She then requested a motion to approve the Superintendent Report.

Ms. Reed made the **MOTION** to approve the Superintendent Goals with Ms. Turner seconding the motion.

Voice vote

Caltagirone - NO

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – NO

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – NO

Soto – YES

Turner – YES

5 - 3 **MOTION CARRIES**

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

President Emmanuel requested a motion to approve the following Meeting Minutes.

a) May 10, 2021, Board Workshop Meeting

b) May 17, 2021, Board Meeting

c) June 14, 2021, Board Workshop Meeting

d) June 21, 2021, Board Meeting

Mr. Golberg made the **MOTION** to approve the Board Minutes with Ms. Schamis seconding the motion.

Voice vote

Caltagirone - YES

Emmanuel – YES

Golberg – YES

Reed – YES

Schamis – YES

Sereni – NO

Soto – YES

Turner – YES

7 - 1 **MOTION CARRIES**

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Open Public Comment – Comments on New Business Item - None

NEW BUSINESS

Board discussion regarding the option of allowing emailed submissions for Public Comments for in-person public meetings

Mr. Caltagirone made the **MOTION** to suspend all emailed submissions for public comment for in-person meetings. Ms. Reed seconded the motion.

President Emmanuel noted the Board will continue to receive emails at BoardMembers@pasd.com, but the emails will not be read aloud at a meeting.

Voice vote

Caltagirone - YES

Emmanuel – NO

Golberg – YES

Reed – YES

Schamis – NO

Sereni – YES

Soto – NO

Turner – YES

5-3 MOTION CARRIES

The website will be updated with that information. It will also be shared on social media.

ADJOURNMENT

President Emmanuel adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM



Laura Reed
Board Secretary