



**PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Phoenixville, PA 19460**

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

Monday, August 16, 2021, 7:00 PM  
Phoenixville Area High School  
(TV Channel 28 and [www.pasd.com](http://www.pasd.com))

**CALL TO ORDER** The August 16, 2021 Board Workshop Meeting was held in the cafeteria of the Phoenixville Area High School, on the District website ([www.pasd.com](http://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  
Ms. Michelle Schamis, Vice President  
Ms. Laura Reed, Board Secretary  
Mr. Christopher Caltagirone  
Mr. David Golberg (*arrived at 7:07 PM*)

Dr. Ayisha Sereni  
Ms. Jeeseley Soto (*online*)  
Ms. Susan Turner  
Mr. Jerome Weiss

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT**

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 – August 3, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Education Session – August 3, 2021, 6:10 PM – Meeting the new legal team
- Board Finance/Personnel Committee– August 11, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee –August 11, 2021, immediately following above

**UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- Board Meeting—August 23, 2021, 7:00 PM
- Board Policy Committee —August 31, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Curriculum Committee — August 31, 2021, 6:30 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee—September 9, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Personnel/Finance Committee – September 9, 2021, 6:00 PM
- Board Workshop Meeting—September 13, 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 allow board members to deliberate and vote while attending meetings virtually and/or remotely as stated in Board Policy 006.1.

Mr. Caltagirone made the **MOTION** with Ms. Schamis 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 Any School Subject including Agenda Items***

- Michael Cianci, Phoenixville area resident, spoke regarding the District’s mission and the teaching of religion.
- John Mraz, Schuylkill Township resident, spoke regarding the District’s Performance Audit, performed by the Department of the Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30,2019.

President Emmanuel responded to the two public comments. Dr. Fegley noted the District’s Performance Audit could be found with the audited financial reports on the District’s website.

**STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Scout Woronko – Junior Student Representative spoke regarding the beginning of preseason for fall sports, as well as the book drive, upcoming schools’ open houses, and vaccine clinics. The students and staff are excited to have Dr. Scioli as the new principal and wished Dr. Parkinson well with his new position. Lastly, she updated the Board and community of the new Equity Panel at PAHS with the Humans of Phoenixville Empowered, or HOPE, club. This club focuses on different cultures and ethnicities, and implements projects that address cultural climate improvement at PAHS.

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

Mr. Weiss provided information on the real estate offers received for the Kindergarten Center location. He also provided a recap of the discussion items at the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting which included:

- Preparation for sale of Pothouse Road.
- Lighting replacement project financed mostly through grant funding. The District paid approximately \$12,000 for a \$91,000 LED project, and electrical usage will also be lower.
- 2021-2022 SLEP Plan for Barkley improvements and sidewalks near High School.
- Escrow update sharing the district received the \$51,000 from the Borough which closed out the escrow account. There is still one pending with Schuylkill Township.
- Lease Renewal for the farmhouse property

There was a brief board discussion which included clarification on the number of offers received for the Kindergarten Center property. Mr. Weiss shared a historical perspective on the process of advertising as well as the RFP process for property sales.

1. Approval for Administration to Negotiate and Pursue an Offer of \$3,700,000 with Rockwell for the sale of the of the 100 School Lane Property (former Kindergarten Center)

**Board Curriculum Committee—Michelle Schamis, Chair**

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

1. Approval of Disposal / Sale / Recycling of Textbooks or Library Books - Phoenixville Area Middle School
2. Approval of Transportation / Field Trip Requests

Date (s)	Description	Location	Team/ Group	Trip ID#
August 18 – 20, 2021	Artillery Ridge Campground – Cross County Training Camp	Gettysburg PA	PAHS Cross Country Team	2122029

**Board Finance/Personnel Committee—Laura Reed, Chair**

Ms. Reed reported on the happenings at the August Personnel and Finance Committee meeting. She noted the usual resignations, appointments, volunteers, and the many extra pay for extra duty hires. She detailed the other items up for approval next week.

**PERSONNEL****A. Personnel Items**

1. Approval of Personnel Report – August 2021
  - a. Resignation
  - b. Appointments
  - c. Volunteers
  - d. Informational Items
    - Transfers

**FINANCE****B. Business Office Report**

1. Approve the Disbursement of School District Funds
  - June 2021
    - Check # 1718 (6/4/2021) - # 1804 (6/25/2021)
    - ACH # 202102812 (6/4/2021) - # 202102947 (6/25/2021)
  - July 2021
    - Check # 1805 (7/2/2021) - # 1954 (7/30/2021)
    - ACH # 212200001 (7/2/2021) - # 212200164 (7/30/2021)
2. Acknowledge Receipt of the District Financial Reports – May 2021 and June 2021

**C. Business Office Items**

1. Approval of a Lease Agreement with Quadient for a 5-Year Renewal of the District's Postage Machine
2. Approval and Acceptance of the CCIU Child Nutrition Programs (Participation) between School Districts, Vo-techs, and Intermediate Units for the 2021-2022 School Year

**Pupil Services Agreements**

3. Approval of a ESY Standard Education Agreement with Devereux Foundation for the term of July 1, 2021 to August 17, 2021
4. Approval of a Day Student Monitoring & Placement Agreement with Melmark for the 2021-2022 School Year
5. Approval of Three (3) Agreements with The Timothy School for Specialized Educational Services for the 2021-2022 School Year. (Students 1, 2 and 3)
6. ~~Approval of an Ambulance/BLS Agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ for Emergency Service Coverage for district events for the 2021-2022 School Year (pending)~~

**Transportation Contracts**

7. Approval of the Transportation Contract with Atlas Transportation for Student Transportation to the Talk Institute for the 2021-2022 School Year

There was a brief discussion regarding overnight trips and approvals after they occur.

**Board Policy Report—Susan Turner, Chair**

It was noted that seven of the policies were moved to next month leaving only the Social Media policy to be read for 1<sup>st</sup> reading this evening and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and approval next week.

1. Policy 815.1—Operations—Social Media (NEW POLICY)

**Board Secretary's Report—Laura Reed, Board Secretary**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
  - a) July 13, 2021, Board Meeting
  - b) August 3, 2021, Board Meeting

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- Superintendent's Report— Alan D. Fegley, Ed.D.
  - Enrollment Reports — Grades K-12
  - August 2021

**Open Public Comment – Comments on New Business Items**

- Anthony Valencia, Phoenixville area parent, spoke regarding the Covid-19 Decision Matrix and masks.
- Eileen Michaud, Phoenixville area resident, spoke regarding masks for children.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Health and Safety Plan with Addendum including Decision Matrix

President Emmanuel requested a motion to approve the Health and Safety Plan with Addendum including the Decision Matrix.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Board of the newly proposed Health and Safety Plan with Addendum including the Decision Matrix.

Ms. Reed made a **MOTION** to approve the Health and Safety Plan with Addendum including the Decision Matrix, with Ms. Schamis seconding.

Mr. Caltagirone made a **MOTION** to Amend the above motion with the following: Follow universal masking for all students, staff, and faculty, regardless of community transmission rate, and that it be required inside of all District buildings, with exceptions for those with a properly supported medical exemption. Ms. Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote for Motion to Amend

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

5-4 **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIES**

Roll Call Vote for Main Motion to approve the Health and Safety Plan with Addendum, including the Decision Matrix, with Amendment.

Roll Call Vote

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

**6-3 MAIN MOTION, with Amendment, CARRIES**

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Emmanuel adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

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