



May 9, 2022
Meeting
MINUTES

PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Phoenixville, PA 19460

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 9, 2022, 7:00 PM
Phoenixville Area School District
Phoenixville Area High School Cafeteria
(TV Channel 28 and www.pasd.com)

MINUTES

OPENING

Mr. Scott Overland, Board Vice President, Presiding called the May 9, 2022, Board Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held in the Phoenixville Area High School Cafeteria and broadcasted on the website and local cable Channel 28.

There was the presentation of the colors by the Phoenixville Area High School AFJROTC and there was the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Dr. Whitehead called the Roll of the Board

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Overland, Board Vice President
Mr. Jerome Weiss, Board Secretary
Ms. Caitlyn Carminito
Mr. David Golberg
Mrs. Betsy Ruch
Ms. Michelle Schamis
Dr. Ayisha Sereni
Ms. Victoria Walker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Susan Turner, Board President

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Alan D. Fegley, Superintendent
Dr. LeRoy Whitehead, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Ken Gibson, Director of Operations and Technology
Mr. David Ramsey, Director of Specialized Programs and Services
Mrs. Sandra Claus, Community Relations Coordinator
Dr. Jessica Kilmetz, Executive Director of Curriculum and Specialized Programs and Services
Dr. Frank Garritano, Executive Director of Schools, and DEI

OTHERS PRESENT

Lenore Filipovic, Executive assistant to the Superintendent and Cabinet
Phantom TV Crew

Vice President Overland announced the meetings held prior to this evening as well as the upcoming meetings in May and June

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

- Board Executive Session—April 18, 2022, 5:15 PM – Re: School Security/Safety
- Board Executive Session—April 25, 2022, 6:45 PM – Re: Personnel

- Board Meeting—April 25, 2022, 7:00 PM
- Board Building Committee—April 28, 2022, 5:00 PM
- Board Curriculum Committee Meeting—May 9, 2022, 5:30 PM
- Board Policy Committee Meeting—May 9, 2022, immediately following Curriculum

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Hares Hill Advisory Group—May 16, 2022, 6:00 PM
- Board Finance/Personnel Meeting—May 23, 2022, 5:30 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee—May 23, 2022, immediately following
- Board Meeting—May 23, 2022, 7:00 PM
- Board Building Committee—May 26, 2022, 5:00 PM

Vice President Overland reminded the community members present they need to sign-in if they wish to speak during public comment.

PAHS AFJROTC ANNUAL UPDATE – Cadet Colonel Coda Dunn (past Commander of PA-20142)

Vice President Overland opened the floor to Cadet Colonel Dunn who provided an update on the 2022 AFROTC Unit Mission Brief. Cadet Colonel Dunn noted the many events the cadets participate in throughout the year. They include drill competition, Military Ball, Change of command Ceremony, and the raising of the flag/presentation colors. They perform at many out of school activities as well as trips and training opportunities. They host car washes and have a flag football team.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Overland then invited Scout Woronko, Junior Student Board Representative to share her report. She reported on the AP exams and how it was the last student day for seniors who are doing work study or internships. They will report back for graduation practice and other senior events. She noted that the parent satisfaction survey will give a chance for parents/guardians to share how the school year went for their child(ren). She reported on the ranking of Phoenixville Area High School in the US News World Report chart and detailed the many upcoming band, orchestra and choral events being held district wide. Other events included the HOPE club cultural fair, the Mini Thon which funds pediatric cancer raised over \$17,000. Finally, she reminded parents and the community that the Kindergarten Camp and Phoenixville Summer Camp registration deadline is coming up.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE VOTING ITEMS

Board Curriculum Committee—Ms. Michelle Schamis, Chair

Potential voting items for May 23, 2022

1. Approval of the K-12 Science Curriculum, effective 22-23 school year (Total cost approximately \$246,846 for 6 years, in Curriculum & Instruction Budget)
2. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with University of Valley Forge for Collaborative Participation in the Teacher Candidate Preparation Fieldwork
3. Approval of Therapy Services Agreement with Pediatric Therapeutic Services, Inc. (PTS) for the 2022-2023 School Year
4. Approval of a Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student 2021-2022F
5. Approval of a Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student 2019-2020B
6. Approval of a Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student 2021-2022G
7. Approval of Disposal / Sale / Recycling of Textbooks or Library Books
 - Manavon Elementary School (Library Books)
 - Phoenixville Area Middle School (Library Books)
8. Approval of Transportation and Field Trip Requests

Date	Destination	Group	Trip #	Comment
June 29 – July 3, 2022	FBLA National Leadership Conference Academic Competition Hyatt Regency Hotel Chicago, IL	High School FBLA Members Grades 9 – 12	2122257	Funded by FBLA and students

Ms. Schamis, Curriculum Committee Chair provided a summary of the voting items that were discussed at the curriculum committee meeting held earlier in the evening. There was a brief discussion regarding the K-12 Science Curriculum presentation that had been given as well as other topics including the confidential student settlement and release agreements, the Pediatric Therapy Services contract, the disposal of library books from Manavon Elementary and the Middle School.

Board Finance/Personnel Committee— Mrs. Betsy Ruch, Chair

PERSONNEL

Potential voting items for May 9, 2022

1. Personnel Report – May 2022
 - a. Resignation and Resignation Agreement
 - b. Resignation
 - c. Appointments
 - d. Leave Requests
 - e. Volunteers
 - f. Informational Items
 1. Conference Requests
 2. FMLA

Finance/Personnel Committee chair, Mrs. Ruch provided a summary of the items on the personnel report being approved later this evening. She noted the resignations and resignation agreement, any appointments, leaves of absence, volunteers, and conference requests.

Board Policy Report—Mr. Dave Golberg, Chair

Potential voting items for May 23, 2022

1. Policy 218—Pupils—Student Discipline
2. Policy 220—Pupils—Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
3. Policy 227—Pupils—Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
4. Policy 235—Pupils—Students Rights/ Surveys
5. Policy 237—Pupils—Electronic Devices
6. ~~Policy 800—Operations—Record Retention~~ (discussion only)

Policy Committee chair, Mr. Golberg provided details of the policies addressed during the Policy Committee meeting. He noted that Policy 800 was not scheduled for approval and is to be removed from the approval list as it was only a discussion item.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Vice President Overland then opened the floor for the board representative reports.

- Phoenixville Community Education Foundation – Ms. Caitlyn Carminito

Mrs. Carminito reported that PCEF met on April 18th and noted that they continue to look at ways to support PASD students.

- Phoenixville Library—Alan D. Fegley, Ed.D. on behalf of Jessica Bicker, HS Librarian

Dr. Fegley reported that the library board met last Monday. At that time, they made changes to the 2022-2023 budget based on the school district's budget and either he or Ms. Bicker reported that they will not be asking for the 2 percent increase. They also received grant funding from East Pikeland Township and continue to work on fundraising. Current fundraising efforts raised \$5,609 between two events including the Bistro On Bridge (percentage from meals) and Kimberton Whole Foods (round up the register program). He also noted that the library board is continuing to look at other options for the Wine, Wit, and Wisdom event. He noted that they updated their behavior policy which now reflects that vaping is not allowed on the library campus. The board is looking into a new phone system. He spoke briefly about the three (3) board vacancies that the board will vote on in June.

The three applicants for the three vacancies are Joseph Koury (current), Michael English (current) and Stephanie Allen (former). The library board has sent the three names for consideration of the three open seats. The school board can choose to interview them or just vote and not interview.

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

Dr. Fegley shared current enrollment numbers for the 1st of May. He noted that the enrollment is up 80 students since the first day of the school year.

He provided details of the ACME Nourishing Neighbors GENYouth donation of \$2,500 in \$50 gift cards for families in need.

Board Comment

A question was raised as to the status of the Kindergarten Center sale. Dr. Fegley stated that the agreement of sale was received today and was signed and is on the board portal for board review. He also responded that the appraisals will be on the district website later this week.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Open Public Comment – Comments on Consent Agenda Items

John Mraz, Schuylkill Township resident shared concerns about what he viewed as inaccurate financial reporting in terms of what is considered “miscellaneous” funds.

Lisa Longo, Phoenixville Borough resident, questioned the need for the new East Pikeland Fire alarm system that is up for approval.

Dr. Fegley reminded Ms. Longo that Cottage Seven Academy currently rents portions of the East Pikeland Elementary School building.

VOTE CONSENT AGENDA

Vice President Overland requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Ruch made the motion with Mrs. Schamis seconding. The board and community were reminded that the Consent Agenda is compiled of voting items for Buildings & Grounds and Finance/Personnel Committees detailed at the last meeting in addition to the current Personnel Report.

Dr. Sereni made a motion to pull the finance reports and checks/ACH payments from the Finance Report (items #1 and 2) to be approved at the next public meeting. There was no second to the motion. MOTION fails

Back to original motion to approve the consent agenda

Dr. Whitehead called the roll.

Weiss - YES

Walker – YES

Sereni - NO

Schamis - YES

Ruch - YES

Goldberg - YES (except B&G #2 – MDS bathroom)

Carminito – YES

Overland – YES

MOTION carries 7-1 (Sereni)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Board Buildings and Grounds Committee—Mr. Jerome Weiss, Chair

1. Approval of East Pikeland Elementary School Fire Alarm Systems Engineering Update with Keystone Fire and Security at a cost not to exceed \$6,836.
2. Approval of the Renovation and Addition of a Bathroom to the Middle School Room 111 MDS Classroom in the amount of \$117,951.06.

Board Finance/Personnel Committee— Mrs. Betsy Ruch, Chair

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FINANCE

1. Approve the Disbursement of School District Funds – March 2022
 Check # 2894 (3/4/2022) – Check 3009 (3/25/2022)
 ACH # 212201411 (3/4/2022) – ACH # 212201583 (3/25/2022)
2. Acknowledge the Receipt of District Financial Reports – March 2022

Business Office Items

1. Approval of Renewal of the Food Service Management Contract with Aramark to Provide Food Services for the 2022-2023 School Year
2. Approval of Tax Assessment Settlement for 1 Kenalcon Drive, Parcel ID 15-18-0001.01A0 for an Assessment of \$1,655,000 (Increase of \$631,840).
3. Approval of Tax Assessment Settlement for 30 Nutt Road, Parcel ID 15-18-0001.0200 for an Assessment of \$5,085,000. (Increase of \$2,367,112).
4. Approval of the CCIU Proposed 2022-2023 Marketplace Programs Pricing

Vice President Overland read a retirement resolution for June Perry.

WHEREAS, Ms. June Perry has served nine years as a dedicated member of the Support Staff of the Phoenixville Area School District; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. June Perry has tendered her resignation from the employ of the District for the purpose of retirement; effective June 30, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of School Directors of the Phoenixville Area School District wishes to recognize her for her 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 resignation of Ms. June Perry from its Support Staff and expresses its deep appreciation for her 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 May 9, 2022, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. June Perry.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION ANY SCHOOL SUBJECT

Lisa Longo, Phoenixville Borough resident requested clarification on the timeline and discussions that occurred over the sale of the Kindergarten Center.

John Mraz, Schuylkill Township resident, commented on the vote on the consent agenda for the finance report and check line items questioning if any board member read the reports. He also requested more details on the usage of ESSA funds.

Christopher De Vol, Grant Street resident spoke about the sale of the Kindergarten Center and if the board was aware of the proposed addition of the Schuylkill Trail in the Phoenixville Borough and Schuylkill Townships Comprehensive Plan to go through the Kindergarten Center property since 2016.

Dr. Fegley provided a detailed list of dates and public meetings where discussion took place about the sale of the Kindergarten Center. He also noted that the topic to sell was part of the Superintendent Goals for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. He also reported on the two Town Hall discussions that took place in 2021 on the same topic.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Overland adjourned the meeting at 7:44PM

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



Jerome Weiss, Board Secretary



Date