



April 25, 2022
MINUTES

PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Phoenixville, PA 19460

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 25, 2022, 7:00 PM
Phoenixville Area School District
Phoenixville Area High School Cafeteria
(TV Channel 28 and www.pasd.com)

MINUTES

OPENING

Mrs. Susan Turner, Board President, Presiding called the April 25, 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.

ROLL CALL

Dr. Melber called the Roll of the Board.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Susan Turner, Board President
Mr. Scott Overland, Board Vice President
Mr. Jerome Weiss, Board Secretary (Virtual)
Ms. Caitlyn Carminito
Mrs. Betsy Ruch
Ms. Michelle Schamis
Dr. Ayisha Sereni
Ms. Victoria Walker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. David Golberg

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Alan D. Fegley, Superintendent
Mr. Ken Gibson, Director of Operations and Technology
Dr. Jeremy Melber, Business Manager and Board Treasurer
Mr. David Ramsey, Director of Specialized Programs and Services
Mrs. Sylvia Rockwood, Director of Human Resources
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

President Turner announced the meetings held prior to this evening as well as the upcoming meetings in May.

She then indicated there would need to be a motion to allow for Mr. Weiss to participate and vote virtually per Policy 006.1.

Ms. Schamis made the motion and Ms. Walker seconded. Voice Vote all Ayes Motion Passes 7-0 (Weiss – did not vote/abstain)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

- Hares Hill Advisory Group – April 19, 2022, 6:00 PM
- Board Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting—April 25, 2022, 5:30 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting—April 25, 2022, immediately following
- Board Meeting—April 25, 2022, 7:00 PM
- Board Building Committee—April 28, 2022, 5:00 PM

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

President Turner then announced that since there was no student representatives present there will be no student representative reports.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE VOTING 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.

Mrs. Ruch provided a summary of the voting items that were discussed at the committee meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding the EP alarm system and the new bathrooms proposed for the MDS classes in the Middle School. They also discussed the timeline for the renovations at Washington Field. She noted that they expect the track and field to be ready for the fall sports season in mid to late July.

Other topics included the new line painter purchased by maintenance for parking lot line painting projects and the Barkley floor replacement. They are awaiting final information from the borough to begin the sewer maintenance project. She also provided an update on the 33 W. Pothouse Road sale. She noted that the paperwork was signed, and the lawyers are working on the escrow.

She noted that during public comment, a Phoenixville resident, Steve Young, spoke about the storm water runoff issue that has been causing damage to he and his neighbors. He indicated that he is asking the Borough, PennDOT and the district to help mitigate the problem.

B&G Committee Meeting Public Comment

Lisa Longo, Phoenixville resident spoke the Washington Field Track and the concerns about it being changed to black. She also spoke about the SLEP program details as well as the Kindergarten Center appraisal and the analysis of per pupil costs.

Dr. Fegley responded to questions from Dr. Sereni about the 8-step process for the sale of the Kindergarten Center. A lengthy discussion about the shared appraisals ensued. Dr. Fegley also informed Dr. Sereni that the Kindergarten Center appraisal process was identical to the process used for 33 Pothouse Rd property.

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

PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Report – April 2022
 - a. Resignations
 - b. Appointments
 - c. Leave Requests
 - d. Volunteers
 - e. Informational Items
 1. Conference Requests
 2. FMLA

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

Mrs. Ruch provided a brief description of the items listed on the Board Personnel Report. These included appointments, resignations, Leaves of Absence and Conferences. Other items discussed at the Finance Committee meeting, include checks and financial reports as well as the Food Service Contract for 2022-2023 and the tax assessment settlements. They are asking for board approval on the CCIU Brandywine Virtual Academy Marketplace Budget for 2022-2023, the two tax assessments, debt reduction and the public comment regarding the RFP for food service.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

President Turner then opened the floor for the board representative reports.

- Chester County Intermediate Unit Board—Michelle Schamis, Board Representative
Ms. Schamis did not have a report to share.
- Legislative Representative – Mr. Scott Overland
Mr. Overland reported that both he and Dr. Fegley attended the CCIU Legislative breakfast with many of the local legislators. Teachers and staffing shortages were addressed as well as the need for more mental health options.
- Superintendent’s Report—Alan D. Fegley, Ed.D.
Dr. Fegley reported on the donation received from St. Basil the Great for. The donation was created by valedictorian and PASD alumni, Colin Murphy. to donate \$2,000 to PAELC and MES for families in need.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Open Public Comment – Comments on Consent Agenda Items

Lisa Longo, Phoenixville resident questioned why a recent Executive Session was not posted on the agenda. Dr. Fegley responded that as in the past Executive Sessions are noted on the agenda and this will be reflected on the May 9th meeting. The topic in question was personnel.

VOTE
CONSENT AGENDA

President Turner requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Schamis made the motion with Ms. Walker seconding. The board and community were reminded that the Consent Agenda is compiled of voting items for Policy and Curriculum detailed at the last meeting in addition to the current Personnel Report.

Roll Call Vote

Schamis - YES

Sereni – NO (except Yes to #2)

Walker – YES

Weiss – YES

Overland – YES

Carminito – YES

Golberg – Not present
 Ruch – YES
 Turner - YES
 MOTION passes 7-1

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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Board Policy Report—Mr. Dave Golberg, Chair

1. Policy 119—Programs—Current Events
2. Policy 125—Programs—Adult Education
3. Policy 206—Pupils—Assignment Within District
4. Policy 207—Pupils—Confidential Communications of Students
5. Policy 313—Employees—Evaluation of Employees

Board Curriculum Committee—Ms. Michelle Schamis, Chair

1. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Chester County Intermediate Unit for Brandywine Virtual Academy Program for a term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023
2. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Montgomery County Community College for Dual Enrollment/Credit Program for the 2022-2023 School Year
3. Approval of an Academic Affiliation Agreement with West Chester University for Cooperative Student Teaching, Practicum and Field Experiences from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.
4. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Big Smiles Pennsylvania, PC (dba Smile Pennsylvania) to Provide Preventative and Restorative Dental Services for the 2022-2023 School Year.
5. Approval of an Agreement with The Stepping Stones Group, LLC for Contracted Specialized Programs and Services including but not Limited to Speech & Language, Occupational and Physical Therapies and Nursing for the 2022-2023 School Year.
6. Approval of Disposal / Sale / Recycling of Textbooks or Library Books
 - Phoenixville Area Middle School (Library Books)
7. Approval of Transportation and Field Trip Requests

Date	Destination	Group	Trip #	Comment
June 3, 2022	Hershey Middle School Band and Orchestra Hershey Park and Lebanon Valley College	Middle School Band/Orchestra Grades 6-8	2122222	\$713 per bus (2 buses)
June 3, 2022	Music in the Parks Hershey Park and Lebanon Valley College	Middle School Chorus Grades 6-8	21220067	\$713 per bus (1 bus)

President Turner read a retirement resolution for Anthony Johnson.

WHEREAS, Mr. Anthony Johnson has served three years as a dedicated member of the Support Staff of the Phoenixville Area School District; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Anthony Johnson has tendered his 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 him for his 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 Mr. Anthony Johnson from its Support Staff and expresses its deep appreciation for his 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 April 25, 2022, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Anthony Johnson

Secretary Report of March meeting minutes will be addressed in the 9 May Board Meeting

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Open Public Comment – Comments on Any School Subject

Lisa Longo, Phoenixville resident shared her concerns about the proposed Washington Field and track renovations. She provided her understandings of a timeline of the sale of the Kindergarten Center.

John Mraz, Schuylkill township resident, questioned the line item in the Financial Reports listed as Miscellaneous Receipts totaling \$334,000. He also questioned the approval of the audit and how the ESSR Funds were used during the pandemic.

Jane Dugdale, Phoenixville resident, spoke in of support of the community members that questioned the board members who voted in favor of selling to Toll Brothers.

Chris DuVal, Grant Street resident, reminded the board that people make mistakes, and they can change their minds (referring to the sale of the former Kindergarten Center).

Emilyn Fox, Phoenixville Borough resident, also reminded the board that people make mistakes, but they can change their minds.

Stefanie Nicolosi, Washington Avenue resident, posed many questions to the board about the recent sale of the Kindergarten Center to Toll Brothers. She also asked the board to reverse their decision.

Mark Connolly, Phoenixville Area Transition and Phoenixville Green Team representative, reminded the board they too can change their minds if they regret their decision.

Dana Woodman, Hall Street resident, also asked the board to rethink their decision and to vote no on the petition.

Dan Wiser, Washington Avenue resident, spoke against the sale of the Kindergarten Center to Toll Brothers.

Dr. Fegley responded to the concerns shared about the various appraisals. He also explained the analysis as well as the (RFP) Request for Proposal that was completed prior to the property going for sale. He provided details on the financial reports noting that all bills are listed on the Finance Committee agenda which is posted on the District website. He further provided an updated on the cost savings due to the ELC/Manavon geothermal system which for the 2021 calendar year was approximately \$6,000 when compared to a similar HVAC configured building.

An unidentified person requested clarification about using a real estate agent.

Dr. Sereni made a motion to amend the agenda to add a motion to hold a special public hearing to review the appraisals. There was no second to the motion. Motion failed

ADJOURNMENT

President Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM

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