



**October 10, 2022**  
**Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Monday, October 10, 7:00 PM  
Phoenixville Area School District  
Administration Office Board Room  
(TV Channel 28 and [www.pasd.com](http://www.pasd.com))

#### MINUTES

#### OPENING

Ms. Susan Turner, Board President, Presiding called the October 10, 2022, Board Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held in the Phoenixville Area School District Administration Office Board Room and broadcasted on the website and local cable Channel 28.

#### ROLL CALL

Dr. Kilmetz called the Roll of the Board

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

#### ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Alan D. Fegley, Superintendent  
Dr. Jeremy Melber, Director of Finance  
Mr. Ken Gibson, Director of Technology and Operations  
Mr. David Ramsey, Director of Specialized Programs and Services  
Dr. Jessica Kilmetz, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Kate Pacitto, Executive Director of Curriculum and Specialized Programs and Services  
Dr. Frank Garritano, Executive Director of Schools, and DEI  
Dr. Rose Scioli, Principal, Phoenixville Area High School  
Mrs. Sandy Claus, Community Relations Coordinator  
Mrs. Sylvia Rockwood, Director of Human Resources

#### STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

No students were present.

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Lenore Filipovic, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools  
Phantom TV Crew

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

- Board Curriculum Committee Meeting—October 10, 2022, 5:30 PM
- Board Policy Committee Meeting—October 10, 2022, 2022, immediately following
- Board Meeting—October 10, 2022, 7:00 PM

**UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- Hares Hill Advisory Group Meeting—October 17, 2022, 6:00 PM
- Board Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting—October 24, 2022, 5:30 PM
- Board Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting—October 24, 2022 immediately following
- Board Meeting—October 24, 2022, 7:00 PM
- Board Building Meeting—October 27, 2022, 5:00 PM

**STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Dr. Rose Scioli, PAHS Principal, announced and welcomed the two students who were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists. She provided a brief history of the scholarship program and the qualifications needed for consideration. The two Semi-finalists were Ezekial Rein and Ailill Forte.

She also noted that the Girls' Golf Team won the PIAA Championship and are headed to the State Championships.

**STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Student representatives were not present for the meeting. They will give their report at the October 24, 2020 meeting.

**DISCUSSION OF FUTURE VOTING ITEMS**

Board Curriculum Committee—Ms. Michelle Schamis, Chair

(Potential voting items for October 24, 2022)

1. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Young Men and Women in Charge Foundation, Inc. to provide School and Student based Services for a one-year term
2. Approval of a Contract with Bayada Home Health Care Inc., for School and Field trip Nursing Services at a Rate of \$56/hour for RN and \$51/per hour for LPN services for a term from September 19, 2022 through August 31, 2023.
3. Approval of an Affiliation Agreement with Immaculata University for a five-year term from Spring 2023 Term to Spring 2028 Term to provide Clinical Agency Pre-licensed Nursing Students.
4. Approval of Disposal / Sale / Recycling of Textbooks or Library Books
  - Manavon Elementary School (Library Books)
  - Phoenixville Area Curriculum Department (Textbooks)
5. Approval of Transportation and Field Trip Requests

Date	Destination	Group	Trip #	Comment
October 30-31, 2022	FBLA State Leadership Workshop Kalahari Resort Poconos Pocono Manor, PA 18349	FBLA Grades 9 - 12	22230063	Club Funded

Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Ms. Schamis, provided a summary of the discussions at the meeting held earlier in the evening. She noted the voting items which included an MOU with YMWIC, a contract with Bayada Nursing Services, a trip for the FBLA, and many disposed/recycled or sold text and library books.

There was a question regarding line item 3.3 in the YMWIC contract requiring proof of vaccination for all employees of YMWIC. It was clarified that the clause is per the YMWIC policy. Dr. Kilmetz noted we have used YMWIC for additional summer programs for students in grades K-8. Questions pertaining to the educational component and the alignment to state standards were also posed. Drs. Kilmetz and Pacitto agreed to get answers to any other questions before the vote in two (2) weeks. Dr. Pacitto provided a presentation on the results of the Fall Test Data.

**Board Policy Committee— Mr. David Golberg, Chair**

**Potential voting items for October 24, 2022**

1. [Policy 216.1—Pupils—Supplemental Discipline Records](#)
2. [Policy 220—Pupils—Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials](#)

Policy Committee Chair, Mr. Golberg, provided a summary of the policies addressed during the Policy Committee meeting held earlier in the evening.

For Policy 216.1 the word “or” should replace the “and” in the Authority section. (end of last sentence should be “weapons, drugs OR violence school property.”)

Changes to Policy 220 allows for the Purpose to “include and to disseminate non-school materials to others... This is also allowed on school property or during a school-sponsored activity.

Mr. Golberg reported that during the committee meeting he opened the floor for discussion on Policy 216, Student Records. There was no board discussion or public comment on Policy 216.

**Board Personnel Committee— Mrs. Betsy Ruch, Chair**

**PERSONNEL**

**Potential voting item for October 10, 2022**

1. **\*Personnel Report – October 2022**
  - a) Appointments
  - b) Volunteers
  - c) Informational Items
    - a) Conference Requests
    - b) Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave of Absence
    - c) Transfers

Personnel Committee chair, Mrs. Ruch provided a summary of the items being approved later this evening. She noted the resignations, appointments, coaches, substitutes and extra pay for extra duty employees, leave requests, building volunteers, all listed on the personnel report.

**Potential voting item for October 10, 2022**

**Board Secretary’s Report— Jerome Weiss, Board Secretary**

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
  - a) September 12, 2022, Board Meeting

Mr. Weiss noted that he was recommending the Minutes from the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting be pulled as they were not ready for approval. The September 12<sup>th</sup> minutes are to be kept on the consent agenda for this week. There were no comments or questions.

- b) September 27, 2022, Board Meeting **PULLED UNTIL OCT 24th**

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

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

- **Phoenixville Library Board—Dr. Alan Fegley & Mrs. Jessica Bicker**  
Dr. Fegley shared the Library report which detailed the current projects, programs, and fundraising efforts. The library is currently accepting bids for new furniture for the downstairs of the library. There was a follow up on an library employee situation and he noted that the two big fundraisers include Wine, Wit and Wisdom on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Rivercrest Country Club and the Amazing Race which is a program with other local libraries trying collect the most donations in November.
- **Legislative Committee—Scott Overland, Board Representative**  
Mr. Overland reported that the house and senate are winding down the legislative calendar and that two bills are still being tracked with a potential to pass the Senate. One pertains to the vexatious requesters of Right To Know Inquiries SB552 and the other is HB1813 allowing for the advanced enrollment for children of military families.

He also reported that Free Breakfast will begin for all students on 1 October. Finally, the collection of public comments for Title IX program is coming to an end and they will begin working towards next school year.

- **Superintendent Report—Alan D. Fegley, Ed.D.**
  - **Enrollment**  
Dr. Fegley noted that the enrollment report attached to the agenda was still a Draft copy. A final copy will be attached for the upcoming meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Donations
  - [Kim and Matt Murphy \(parents of former PASD Valedictorian Colin Murphy\)](#)  
[\\$1,000 Monetary Donation to purchase gift cards to Walmart for families in need.](#)
  - [St. Basil's the Great \(in conjunction with the Murphy's\)](#)  
[1,000 Monetary Donation to purchase gift cards to Walmart for families in need.](#)
- School Calendars
  - 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026
  - 2025-2026 start after labor day, shorter spring break
  - Share a draft of the proposed 2023 board committee calendar

Dr. Fegley highlights the unique features of the next 3 school year calendars due to the Hares Hill construction project, especially around spring break. The initial draft of the proposed 2023 board committee calendar will be circulated this week.

#### OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

President Turner opened the floor for public comment on consent agenda items. There was no public comment.

#### VOTE CONSENT AGENDA

President Turner requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Golberg made the motion with Mrs. Walker seconding. She reminded the board that they will only vote on the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

Mr. Weiss announced he would need to abstain from Consent Agenda Item 1B under Personnel.

Dr. Kilmetz called the roll.

Overland - YES

Ruch - YES

Schamis - YES

Golberg - YES

Carminito - YES

Sereni - NO

Walker - YES

Weiss – YES (abstain personnel 1B)

Turner - YES

Motion Passes 8-1 (see above for abstention)

#### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

##### **PERSONNEL**

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##### **FINANCE**

##### **Business Office Report**

1. [Approve the Disbursement of School District Funds – August 2022](#)  
Check # 3533 (8/5/2022) – Check # 3628 (8/26/2022)  
  
ACH # 222300189 (8/5/2022) – ACH # 222300348 (8/26/2022)
2. [Acknowledge the Receipt of District Financial Reports – August 2022](#)

**Business Office Items**

- 1. Approval of Tax Assessment Settlement for 1000 Nutt Road, Parcel ID 15-07-0017.0100 for an Assessment of \$5,370,000 (increase of \$2,630,890.)

**Board Secretary's Report— Jerome Weiss, Board Secretary**

- 1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
  - a) [September 12, 2022, Board Meeting](#)

- b) [September 27, 2022, Board Meeting](#)

**PULLED FOR APPROVAL AT 10/24**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION ON ANY SCHOOL SUBJECT**

President Turner opened the floor for public comment on any school subject.


Becky McCarron, Phoenixville resident spoke against the contract with the company requiring employees to be vaccinated. She also noted that she was under the impression the school administration and board did not have any discussions with the local law enforcement about drills and trainings.

Dr. Fegley, responded that the administration has been and will continue to work with the local law enforcement agencies on emergency response training protocols.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Turner adjourned the meeting 7:24 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.

  
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 Jerome Weiss  
 Board Secretary

10/26/2022  
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 Date

