

Port Allegany School District

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 6, 2024
High School Library
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

President Erica Petruzzi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library with a moment of silence and the flag salute. Mrs. Veilleux called the roll.

Board Present: Mr. Nathan Burgett, Mr. Eric Button, Mr. Christopher Ernst, Mrs. Erica Petruzzi, Mr. Jason Stake, Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer, Mr. Donald Tanner, Mr. Nicholas Valentine, Mrs. Ink Young and Mr. Gary Buchsen.

Others Present: Business Manager Mr. Adam Moate, High School Principal Marc Budd, Elementary Principal Tracy Kio, Assistant Principal Greg Oliver, Matthew Lawton, Tre Garzel, Tracy Wilfong, Jarrod Funk, Austin Hamilton, Jacob Causer and Derek Smith.

Public Comment

There were no comments related to agenda items, no comments relating to Title I and Title II and no comments relating to the District Health and Safety Plan approved by the board on July 26, 2021 and most recently reauthorized on January 17, 2024.

Mrs. Tracy Wilfong, who is currently the parent of two students here at the high school, spoke in regards to the open head basketball position. She spoke very positively about Tre Garzel who is currently the JV basketball coach for Port Allegany.

Mr. Tre Garzel, the current JV basketball coach, wanted to introduce himself to the board as one of the candidates for the open head basketball position. He also asked if it was possible to have open gyms throughout the year.

Jarrod Funk, Austin Hamilton, Jacob Causer and Derek Smith also spoke about Mr. Tre Garzel and how he is not only as a basketball coach but how he has been as a person to them outside of the sports that he has coached them in.

Committee Reports

Mr. Christopher Ernst, Intermediate Unit Nine Board of Directors stated that there has not been a board meeting since last month.

Mr. Nathan Burgett, Seneca Highlands CTC General Advisory Board had nothing to report.

Mr. Nicholas Valentine, SBA Legislative Representative had nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Buchsen stated that they had requested to have the Port Allegany School District host the McKean County Special Olympics in 2025.

Anastasia Penick has qualified for the Skills USA National competition in Atlanta to be held from June 24-27, 2024.

Schneider Electric will have phase III quotes available at the May 13 meeting. The board will also be asked to consider a resolution for permission to seek grant funding for a potential project. If they are interested in moving forward, this will be a 25% match from the district.

Mrs. Bishel will provide an itinerary for the board for the French Club trip to Quebec, Canada.

The annual maintenance agreement for building environmental systems at the high school with Mazza Mechanical Services, Inc. will be approved at next week's meeting.

Personnel

Approved the addition of Mr. Daniel Finn to the professional substitute list. Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved Mr. Brandon Higley to the 2023-2024 baseball volunteer list pending receipt of clearances. Motion: N. Burgett; Second: J. Stake. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved Mr. Josh Nelson, Ms. Tracy Smith, Mrs. Makenzie Veilleux, and Ms. Lisa Daniels as volunteer volleyball coaches. Motion: N. Valentine; Second: I. Young. The motion was carried unanimously.

Finance

The board will need to adopt a tentative 2024-2025 budget at the regular board meeting in May. A final budget will need to be approved at the regular June meeting. Mr. Buchsen did bring up the addition of a concession stand/bathrooms at the football stadium.

2024-2025 Special Education resolution and contract with the Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit Nine to provide support services at a cost of \$570,121.

A copy of the 2024-2025 MCIU Powerschool Agreement was handed out and will be approved at next week's meeting.

Approved a cost not to exceed \$500.00 to reupholster equipment in the weight room. Mr. Cliff Fillhart would be completing this work. Motion: C. Ernst; Second: D. Tanner. The motion was carried unanimously.

Curriculum

2024 list of 52 seniors. Graduation contingent upon completion of graduate requirements.

The administration will be recommending approval of an updated Penn Highlands Community College dual credit agreement.

The administration will be recommending approval to post for extended school year, Title I kindergarten readiness, and Title I kindergarten camp programming at next week's meeting.

The administration will be recommending approval of Penn Foster summer credit recovery programming at next week's meeting.

Board

Athletic Trainer Agreement with UPMC Cole. UPMC Cole has proposed to provide athletic trainer services for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$35,700. This would be for 1,000 hours of service.

Executive Session

The board met in executive session for personnel and legal matters at 9:06 pm.

Adjournment

Motion: E. Button; Second: N. Valentine. The motion was carried unanimously. Mrs. Petruzzi adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA VEILLEUX
Secretary to the Board of School Directors