

Port Allegany School District

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Committee of the Whole Meeting

October 7, 2024
High School Library

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. Petruzzi noted that there was a discussion regarding a scope project for bathrooms/locker rooms at the football field. 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 Mrs. Paula Newell.

Others Present: Business Manager Mr. Adam Moate, High School Principal Marc Budd, Elementary Principal Tracy Kio, Assistant Principal Greg Oliver and Toncha Barber.

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.

Committee Reports

Mr. Christopher Ernst, Intermediate Unit Nine Board of Directors stated that there was not a meeting this month.

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

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

Communication

None

Superintendent's Report

There will be a new employee/board meet and greet, November 4th at 6:30pm. Light snacks to be provided.

There will be a work session on student achievement at 6pm on October 14th before the regular meeting.

Substitute pay recommendations were provided to the board.

Title IX Policy was discussed. There is new language and has been legal disputes regarding this policy. We are not going to update it now, we are encouraged to wait until the new language is complete and then we will update which does not make us out of compliance.

The Federal ESSER Audit: Tuesday, October 8 - Thursday, October 10, 2024.

An update was given on the Amish Transportation Issue that is ongoing. Our solicitor says that we can not offer payment but we can hire their driver as an independent contractor and pay them.

The cafeteria provided their September board report.

The solicitor meeting is changed to November 4th executive session; questions requested in advance.

ESSER Grant obligations completed, September 30, 2024

Strategic Plan discussion

The board reviewed and discussed the Centegix quote for school safety and security badges.

The board reviewed and discussed the Verkada quotes for both a 3 and 5 year contract which is what we currently have for badges and entry into the high school.

The board reviewed and discussed the LETRS Lexia Quote for professional development and literacy. This is a two year program for visible learning.

Finance

None

Personnel

Approved the Personnel Action Report (PAR). Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Transportation

None

Buildings & Grounds

HVAC Update: Schneider Electric is ordering parts for the repairs to the HVAC in the music and band room. The parts have a 5-6 week lead time.

Curriculum

None

Board

Consideration of Gator Network purchase request. The Google Sheet was provided to the board. The second tab is for the recommended purchase. The first tab is an inventory of already purchased items that we have for the Gator Network. Mrs. Stauffer stated that she would like a breakdown of the equipment that we need to replace that we are currently using, that is their personnel equipment. Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Valentine. The motion was carried 6-2 with Mr. Burgett, Mr. Ernst, Mrs. Young, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Petruzzi and Mrs. Stake approving, Mr. Button and Mrs. Stauffer disapproving and Mr. Tanner abstaining.

First reading of the following policy updates: 146.1 Trauma-Informed Approach, 218 Student Discipline, 218.1 Weapons, 218.2 Terroristic Threats, 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products, 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia, 323 Tobacco and Vaping Products, 351 Controlled Substance Abuse, 707 Use of School Facilities, 801 Public Records, 803 School Calendar, 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response, 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies, 805.2 School Security Personnel, 806 Child Abuse, 815.1 Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education, 904 Public Attendance at School Events and 909 Municipal Government Relations.

Retroactively approved the Trauma-Informed Teaching training. Bowman Consulting - \$28,072.64 Included in the ESSER grant. Includes: One-day training - October 14, 2024: "Truly Trauma Informed", 14 consulting sessions to work directly with teachers, administrators, and teams throughout 2024/2025 and Two-Day CPS Level 1 Essentials Training in September 2025. (CPS: Collaborative Problem Solving Model). Motion: C. Ernst; Second: E. Stauffer. The motion was carried unanimously.

Retroactively approved the The Core Project for continuing training for secondary teachers and SEL curriculum for MS/HS students. \$29,975.00. Included in the ESSER grant. Includes: MS/HS SEL Curriculum and renewals through 26/27, In-Person training 2025-2026: Student Leadership, School Leadership, School Staff Development and Ongoing Support through 12/2026. Motion: D. Tanner; Second: J. Stake. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approved the contract with the Warren County School District to provide distance learning options during the 2024-2025 school year. Motion: J. Stake; Second: N. Burgett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

The PASD Board of Directors met at xxx in executive session regarding matters of personnel.

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