



BOARD MEETING

02/14/2022 [07:00 PM-09:00 PM]

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Latham began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

2. Roll Call

Members in attendance included: Bob Latham (President), Melanie Gurgiolo (Vice President), Josceylon Buchs, Neil Connelly, Laurie Kennedy, Karen Mallah, Geoffrey McInroy, Greg Lamay, Dan Serfass (Superintendent), Jeff Ammerman (Secretary) and Gareth Pahowka (Solicitor). Randy Gale was absent.

Community/Staff Attendees are available on the attached list.

3. Agenda Approvals

Minutes

3.a. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. McInroy to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3.b. Minutes From Previous Meetings

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the Minutes From Previous Meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

3.c. Bills List

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the Bills List. The motion passed unanimously.

3.d. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report of Officers and Others

Minutes

4.a. President

No Report

4.b. Secretary

No Report

4.c. Solicitor

Mr. Pahowka thanked the board members who registered for the School Law Event on Wednesday.

4.d. Superintendent

Mr. Serfass reviewed the recent COVID data rates and the draft Health and Safety Plan Resolution. When the case count is $<$ or $=$ 1%, the District would go mask optional. Once mask optional, will revert to mask required if case counts rise above 2% of the building population. PIAA guidelines will be followed for sports.

5. Comments from Citizens

Mr. Latham requested signs and placards be removed from the board room.

Rebecca Bordlamay, asked for the mask mandate to be eliminated with no threshold. N95 masks are affective for the mask wearer but other masks are not. Many do not report when a family member is sick.

Aimee Lighty, 1536 Heritage Square, Middletown, has a student in the school district. Spoke against mask mandates due to social and emotional consequences of wearing masks. Asked if masks are mandated, will the school offer and pay for N95 masks?

Michael Vogel, 2193 Chestnut Street, feels the hourly rates for Instructional Aides are too low. Would like to see the Board pick either masking or not, but not go back and forth between the two. Asked about where the masking metrics are coming from. Feels the language in the resolution about tolling mimics the Borough's language.

Jonathan Casey - 499 N. 25th Street, was disappointed that the school closed last month due to COVID and feels school closures more harmful to students than the virus.

Caroline Machiraju, spoke against masking in the schools. Compared Camp Hill to other school districts that have gone mask optional and stated that other schools have a higher threshold to go mask optional. Spoke about natural immunity and the high survival rate for children.

Megan Yost, urged the Board to amend the Health and Safety Plan before voting and feels they should wait until March before going mask optional. Stated that it's not possible to maintain social distance in the schools. The right masks will still slow the spread.

Anita Burton, 2312 Logan Street, pulled her children from the school district due to the masking policy. Asked the Board to think about what masking is doing to the elementary students.

Allison Bordlemay, 2420 Yale Avenue, feels that masking is political and abuse. Stated that the numbers will never get down to 1%. Believes that there are a lot of people who use COVID to play hooky and that is why the numbers won't go down.

Arlene Figueroa, spoke in favor of going mask optional. Feels that medical organizations that say mask optional is ok are not being heard.

Kris Kaleida, Lincoln Street, feels the school district and community need to take the students' anxiety and depression more seriously. Asked if anyone has surveyed the student body about masking. The kids she has spoken with feel wearing masks isn't a big deal.

Carrie Emmons, 3298 Walnut Street, spoke in favor of going mask optional and feels that 1% is too low of a threshold.

Katy Pearson, N. 25th Street, spoke in favor of going mask optional. Spoke about religious exemptions. Does not approve of the optional voluntary testing the school district is providing.

Kathy Bruder, N. 29th Street, spoke against mask mandates. Stated that it's hard for the students to understand when in language class. Would like to hear from the board members who vote no as to why they are making that decision.

Claire Pelella, 2110 Princeton Avenue, spoke in support of going mask optional. Suggested looking into who has had COVID to track who has natural immunity. Feels parents should decide if their children should wear a mask.

Michelle Skinner, N 26th Street, urged the Board to move to mask optional tomorrow and not wait for a later date. Feels masks are harmful.

Ellie Grove, 1706 Linwood Drive, feels masks should be optional and everyone should have a choice like they do with the vaccine.

Jack Sastre, 2018 Harvard Avenue, stated that forcing a mask mandate is not equitable and that the school district will never reach 0 cases. Feels that masking should be optional.

Greg Pearson, feels that the Board doesn't care that students are struggling with masking.

Chance Figueroa, is a student and feels they should be able to take off their masks if 6 feet apart. Spoke in favor of masks being optional.

Nicole Custer, 2113 Chestnut Street, spoke in favor of going mask optional. Feels that masking affects communication, social and emotional skills. Kids are going to activities without masks and are only masked in school.

Melanie, Yale Avenue, spoke against the mask mandate. Moved to Camp Hill for the school district, but may move if the mask mandates stay in place.

6. Report of Committees

Minutes

6.a. Athletic - Mr. McInroy

Mr. McInroy stated that the school district is in search for a Track and Field Coach and a Girls High School Soccer Coach. Interviews are beginning in the near future. Spring sports sign ups are starting up with 150 athletes already signed up. March 7 is the start date for High School spring sports and March 14 for Middle School spring sports.

Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that the Athletic Committee supports the Harrisburg Academy Track and Field Coop which is being voted on this evening.

6.b. Budget and Finance/Personnel - Mrs. Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy stated that the minutes are attached.

6.c. Buildings and Grounds - Mr. Gale

Mrs. Buchs stated that there was no report.

6.d. Community Engagement/Governmental Relations - Mrs. Gurgiolo

Mrs. Gurgiolo reported that the CAC for DEI met last week and is working on their bylaws. The meeting time has been changed to the first Wednesday each month at 6:30 pm. The Chair will address the Community Engagement Committee.

6.e. Curriculum and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Connelly

Mr. Connelly reported that the minutes are attached. The Curriculum and Extracurricular Activities Committee will have a joint meeting with the Policy Committee on March 1 to discuss policies 108, 109 and 119.

6.f. Policy - Mr. Lamay

No report

7. Report of Board Representatives

Minutes

7.a. Community Recreation - Mrs. Gurgiolo

Mrs. Gurgiolo reported that the next meeting is in April.

7.b. District/Borough - Mr. Gale

Mr. Gale is not present. There has not been a meeting.

7.c. Cumberland Perry Area Career & Technical Center - Mr. Lamay

Mr. Lamay reported that the minutes are attached.

At the CPACTC, the students do presentations at their Joint Operating Committee meetings and Mr. Lamay suggested Camp Hill students have an opportunity to present their accomplishments at Board meetings.

7.d. HACC - Mr. Gale

No report

7.e. Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee - Dr. Mallah

Dr. Mallah reported that rehearsals for the High School musical, Anything Goes, are going well.

Melody Hoffman, Nick Jacobs and Sam Wilkins were nominated for Apollo Awards for 12 Angry Jurors.

8. New Business

Minutes

8.a. Health and Safety Resolution

Mrs. Gurgiolo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the Health and Safety Resolution.

The Board discussed the resolution and the goal of finding a solution where the students would not have to go back and forth between mask optional and mask mandated. There was discussion about how the threshold of 1% was chosen and if District or county numbers should be used.

Mr. Lamay suggested to amend the resolution to remove the threshold for elementary schools starting Tuesday, February 22.

The Board discussed and suggested that Section 4b would read “As of February 22, 2022, Hoover Elementary School and Eisenhower Elementary School will transition to mask optional status.” Section 5 will be updated to “Once the Middle School/High School is in mask optional status, it will revert to mandatory masking status when active cases rise above a threshold of 2% on an assessment day, rounded to the nearest whole number.”

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to amend the resolution with changes stated.

The motion for the amendment passed with a roll call vote of 6 Yes and 2 No, with Mr. Connelly and Dr. Mallah voting No.

Mrs. Kennedy requested the Board continue to explore making the Middle School/High School mask optional.

The motion for the resolution as amended passed with a roll call vote of 6 Yes and 2 No, with Mr. Connelly and Dr. Mallah voting No.

8.b. Earl Besch Food Pantry Renovation Project

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the Earl Besch Food Pantry Renovation Project. The motion passed unanimously.

8.c. CHSD Resolution: I-83 South Bridge Project

Minutes

Mr. Latham stated he will abstain from voting as there is a potential conflict.

Mrs. Gurgiolo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the CHSD Resolution: I-83 South Bridge Project.

Mr. Lamay stated he will abstain from voting because he feels it is not in the school board’s scope.

Mrs. Kennedy noted that the resolution asks for the project to be paused until the concerns about the detrimental impact on pedestrians and their safety can be addressed.

The motion for the resolution passed with a roll call vote of 6 Yes and 0 No, with Mr. Latham and Mr. Lamay abstaining.

8.d. 2022-23 School Year Calendar

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the 2022-23 School Year Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

8.e. HACC Five Year Sponsorship Agreement

Mrs. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the HACC Five Year Sponsorship Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

8.f. Co-op with Harrisburg Academy for Softball and Track & Field

Mrs. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Co-op with Harrisburg Academy for Softball and Track & Field. The motion passed unanimously.

8.g. PA College of Health Sciences Dual Enrollment Agreement Renewal

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the PA College of Health Sciences Dual Enrollment Agreement Renewal. The motion passed unanimously.

8.h. 2022-23 High School Educational Planning Guide

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the 2022-23 High School Educational Planning Guide. The motion passed unanimously.

8.i. 2022-23 CPACTC Budget

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the 2022-23 CPACTC Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

8.j. Building Substitutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the Building Substitutes. The motion passed unanimously.

8.k. Personnel Report

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the Personnel Report.

Mr. Lamay abstained as his daughter is on the list.

The Board spoke about the pay rate for support staff and that there has been an effort to increase rates. Budget and Finance will continue to look at the rates and discuss.

The motion passed with a roll call vote of 7 Yes and 0 No, with Mr. Lamay abstaining from the vote.

8.I. Extra Duty

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to approve the Extra Duty list. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Brian Lownsbery
Megan Wert
Minke Kooistra
Aimee Lighty
Kirsten Del Gaudio
Beth Dillon Kern
Kate Murray
Maxim Serdar
Kathryn Speaks
Joe Harner
Joe Marcus
Caroline Machiraju
David LaTorre
Micki Kautz
Jonathan Casey
Jennifer Hoover
Dori Livelsberger
Meghan Klee
James Chace
Ella Rhen
Heather Lister
Holly Keich
Mark Ziegler
Arlene Figueroa
Marc Reeves
Kris Latham
Megan Yost
Ashley Poorman
Joe Vogel
Kris Kaleida
Chloe Wilson
Autumn Reely
Marc Levy
Susan Good
Kathleen Bruder
Karen Glatfelter
Krissy Casey
Marc A. Scaringi
Jamie Pettit
Melanie

Donald Seidel
Dianad
Kate
Annette Taylor
Betsy Gayner
Jennifer Merx
Hannah and Mike McPhelin
Jill Hans
Elsie Spitzer
Elizabeth Mathias
Meredith Seidel
Greg Herb
Leslie Richter
Roxanne Dixon
Dana Little
Angie Shaw
Karen Minehan
Jennifer Sarff
Mollie Kieff
Brant Underwood
Kyle Kepner
Adam Grove
Karen Evanoff
Annie Forbes
Erik Novak
Nicole Custer
Dana Miller
Tanae crandall
Jason
Ayesha Ahmed
George Diehl
Diana Comp
Heather MacDonald
Angela Burge
Ray Adams
Tina Langzettel
Sharon Hanson
Rebecca Keefer
Michael Vogel
Rebecca Bordlemay
Allison Bordlemay
Carrie Emmons
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