



BOARD MEETING

03/14/2022 [07:00 PM-09:00 PM]

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Latham began the meeting at 7:07 p.m. with the pledge to the flag. He apologized for the delay. The Board was in executive session which ran late.

2. Roll Call

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

Community/Staff Attendees are available on the attached list.

3. Informational Presentations

Minutes

3.a. Mini-THON (CHHS Students and Mrs. Bauman, Adviser)

Mrs. Bauman spoke about Mini-THON and thanked the Board, Administration and community for all their support. She introduced the 2022 Senior Leaders that were present: Elsie Spitzer, Maddie Newman, Bramley Hawkins, Emma Chaplin, Nora Klappowski, Peyton Shore and Jamie Ho. Each leader spoke about their role in preparing for the event. Elsie Spitzer and Anjali Zumkhawala-Cook were on the Four Diamonds Leadership Council.

Dan thanked the students for their energy and stated that they are an inspiration.

Mr. Latham thanked the students for all their hard work.

3.b. Cumberland Perry Area Career & Technical Center (CHHS Students and Mr. Justin Bruhn, Administrative Director)

Mr. Bruhn reported that the CTC has record numbers this year and Camp Hill's numbers have grown quickly over the last few years.

Grace Christensen, a CTC Criminal Justice program student, talked about her experience and accomplishments at CTC including being involved in a state competition for police practices. She has worked on self-defense, fire arm safety, and has had a lot of book work also.

Mr. Bruhn added that the CTC has done some renovations recently, changed their name, and are looking at expansion of the school due to the increasing interest. They have approximately 1,000 applications and 500 spots.

4. Agenda Approvals

Minutes

4.a. Approval of the Agenda

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

4.b. Minutes From Previous Meetings

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Minutes from Previous Meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

4.c. Bills List

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

4.d. Treasurer's Report

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

5. Report of Officers and Others

Minutes

5.a. President

No report

5.b. Secretary

Mr. Ammerman reported that the audit is done and the auditors will be here next month to report.

5.c. Solicitor

No report

5.d. Superintendent

Mr. Serfass thanked the Board on behalf of the faculty and staff for the Appreciation Breakfast. Congratulations to the pit, crew and actors of Anything Goes. Suggested the Board go and see the student artwork displayed at the Pollock Center.

There will be a professional development day on Monday. The work on the comprehensive plan continues. There is a quarterly Earl Besch council meeting today. The end of the third marking period is next week. Junior Achievement is at the high school on Wednesday. BizTown is happening this year.

Mr. Latham reported that the Quiz Bowl team finished second in the Eastern Seaboard Academic Challenge.

6. Comments from Citizens

Michelle Skinner, 139 N. 26th Street - concerned that there is ongoing issue of inherent bias in 11th grade English and the book Stitches which is assigned in the same class.

Phil Knepper, 1906 Rutland Street, concerned about sources used in 11th grade English. He would like to know who besides the principal approves the curriculum. The agenda being taught is against what his family believes.

Caroline Machiraju, Columbia Avenue, concerned about the methods for research being taught in Media Tech class. Concerned about the lunch practices in the elementary schools where the students are still eating in spaced out seating.

Carrie Emmons, 3298 Walnut Street, stated that mitigation efforts should be evaluated as there haven't been any cases since going mask optional. Doesn't feel the students should be social distancing. Suggested bringing back a la carte options in the cafeteria.

Bryan Burton, 2312 Logan Street, concerned about the ability of the Administration to create and enforce balance. Feels there are many examples of bias in the curriculum. Would like the Leadership team to put in writing that there is no bias in the curriculum so they can be held accountable.

Kathy Bruder, N. 29th Street, expressed that she is happy mini-THON will be indoors. Also concerned about the same English class others have spoken about tonight and feels there is a lot of bias. Doesn't feel there needs to be any mitigation in the schools.

7. Report of Committees

Minutes

7.a. Athletic - Mr. McInroy

Mr. McInroy reported that the minutes for the February 16 meeting are attached.

The Administration and Athletic Director have been busy interviewing and filling positions. They filled the Track and Field coaching position, Softball coaching staff, and a new Middle School Girls Soccer coach position. The High School Girls Soccer coach position is still to be filled.

Mrs. Gurgiolo reported that there will be some Thursday night Football games due to referee availability. Each school will have one Thursday night home game. Mid Penn Conference decides on which games are on Thursday nights.

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

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the budget was increased to help make the Instructional Aides pay more competitive and that will continue to be reviewed. There were some questions asked of the Board in regards to the ESSER presentation at the Work Session. What was presented is not set in stone.

On Thursday the Community Engagement Committee will be meeting and the representative from Leader in Me will be presenting. There may also be another Q&A session on the Leader in Me program. She encouraged parents to attend the Community Engagement Committee meeting.

Mr. Serfass stated that there are two professional learning days for all staff on the program. A survey will be done by students and parents to set a baseline. The Franklin Covey representative can be available for a Q&A.

7.c. Buildings and Grounds - Mr. Gale

Mr. Gale reported that he was unable to attend the meeting but that there was discussion about the new five year plan for Buildings and Grounds. Mrs. Martin is putting out a RFP for the long range plan.

Schultz's has a design for the old District Office location which will expand the literacy park, add picnic tables, an outdoor classroom and additional green space. This will cost approximately \$60,000-70,000.

Mr. Lamay added that the demolition of the old District Office occurred today. The architect, EI offered a follow up plan after the Middle/High School renovation, but the District is putting a RFP out to have a planning tool for next 5 years.

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

Mrs. Gurgiolo reported that there is a meeting Thursday at noon where they will discuss Leader in Me and hear the report from CAC for DEI. The committee is considering having an evening meeting in May so there can be more community participation.

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

Mr. Connelly reported that there was a joint meeting with the Policy Committee about administrative regulations.

The committee also discussed the student research project by Camp Hill graduate Alyssa Foerster.

7.f. Policy - Mr. Lamay

Mr. Lamay stated that the minutes are attached from that meeting. A couple of months ago there was a motion to retire Policy 108. The Board decided at that meeting to request an alternate approach. PSBA is drafting an updated policy that is expected to be complete this spring. The proposed draft was reviewed, but additional guidelines are needed. The concern is having guidelines that do not take up too much of the teachers' time.

Mrs. Kennedy noted that they understand it's important to provide as much clarity and transparency as possible since some concerns were raised by community members about a balanced curriculum.

Mr. Serfass stated that the Board and Leadership team worked on the administrative regulations and used information from other school districts as well as PSBA. The next steps is implementation and professional development is part of that.

8. Report of Board Representatives

Minutes

8.a. Community Recreation - Mrs. Gurgiolo

Mrs. Gurgiolo reported that the Bunny Festival is April 8th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The Kite Fest is May 18, 1:00-4:00pm at Fiala. Siebert Park Pool is looking for employees. Camp Hill Borough is being awarded the Green and Sustainable Park Award at the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society (PRPS) Annual Conference later this month. Bill Forrey is being awarded the Community Champion Award by PRPS. Camp Hill Recreation is being

awarded the Excellence in Recreation and Parks from PRPS for the Parade of Lights event. Mrs. Gurgiolo also reminded the Board Members that they get to walk in the Memorial Day parade.

8.b. Cumberland Perry Area Career & Technical Center - Mr. Lamay

Mr. Lamay thanked Mr. Bruhn and Grace for their presentations.

The CTC is planning to expand the building as they are running out of space. The enrollment keeps increasing and they would like to provide for that increase.

8.c. District/Borough - Mr. Gale

No report

8.d. HACC - Mr. Gale

No report

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

Dr. Mallah reported that Anything Goes was fabulous. The Middle School show is Shrek Jr in May.

9. New Business

Minutes

9.a. Roger Williams University Student Research Project

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Roger Williams University Student Research Project. The motion passed unanimously.

9.b. Resolution to Appoint Trustee to the South Central Trust

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Resolution to Appoint Trustee to the South Central Trust. The motion passed unanimously.

9.c. Budget Amendments

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Budget Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

9.d. CHSD Resolution: Masking

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gurgiolo to approve the CHSD Resolution: Masking.

The Board discussed the resolution. The phrase “level of concern” in section 4 could be better defined to be less subjective. The resolution would make a more consistent policy across the school district and bring the responsibility back to the local level. There was concern expressed that the new resolution may make it harder for the Board to act quickly. The solicitor verified that there is 24 hours’ notice required for a special meeting, but no notice required for an emergency meeting. There would still be a quorum required for vote.

Per the solicitor, policy 006 states that the president may call a special meeting at any time and shall call a special meeting upon presentation of the written request of three Board members, or a special meeting can be called by a majority of the Board members.

The motion passed with a roll call vote of 6 Yes and 3 No, with Mr. Connelly, Mr. Gale and Mr. McInroy voting No.

9.e. Personnel Report

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Personnel Report. The motion passed unanimously.

9.f. Extra Duty

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

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 9:01 p.m.

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Meeting Attendees

Mark Ziegler
Autumn Reely
Megan Miller
Brian Lownsbery
Minke Kooistra
Justin Bruhn
Heather MacDonald
Jonathan Casey
Micki Kautz
Sara Tubbs
Linda Christensen
Michael Vovakes
Stephanie Jack
Liz Reilly
Dr Jill Stahl
Arlene Figueroa
Caroline Machiraju
Annette
Diana Comp
Kris Kaleida
Rendy Knepper
Kate Murray
Irene Hawkins
Rebecca Keefer
James Willshier
Leslee DeLong
Jennifer Hoover
Michael Vogel
Bryan Burton
Kris Latham
Erik
Sharon Hanson
Ayesha Ahmed
Cindy Compton
Michelle Skinner
Phil Knepper
Carrie Emmons
Kathy Bruder
Corrine Bauman
Elsie Spitzer

Emma Chaplin
Bramley Hawkins
Maddie Newman
Jamie Ho
Nora Klapkowski
Peyton Shore