



BOARD MEETING

04/11/2022 [07:00 PM-09:00 PM]

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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 Only

Minutes

3.a. Science Olympiad (Mrs. Klos and students)

Mrs. Klos introduced the Science Olympiad students who were present: Will Klos, Gavin Klos, Isander Gonzalez, Ava Sachs, Samuel Sachs, Holden Stapp, John Willshier and Noah Schneck. She thanked the Lion Foundation who provided the funding for starting up the Olympiad. The team placed 9th at regionals which is only one place away from qualifying for states.

Some additional awards went to:

Isander Gonzalez and Ava Sachs – 5th place in Anatomy and Physiology

Gavin Klos and Daniel Murphy – 6th place in Bridge Building

Will Klos and Ava Sachs – 3rd place in Meteorology

Samuel Sachs and Molly Kaylor – 2nd place in Mission Possible.

Holden Stapp and Colden Nattress – 4th place in Solar System

Noah Schneck and Will Klos – 2nd place in Sounds of Music

Ava Sachs and Samuel Sachs – 5th place for Write-it, Do-it.

The students showed their projects to the Board members. Samuel demonstrated the Rube Goldberg machine he built.

3.b. Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Serfass congratulated the Middle and High School students who participated in the Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair. Ian Lentz placed first and was selected as the Grand Champion. He will participate in the international competition in Atlanta later this year. The advisor, Mrs. Diehl was selected for the Dr. Laura Johnson Hummel Educator Award.

The following students received awards: Anna Lentz (2nd place), Nora Klapkowski (1st place), Margot Kuller (3rd place), Alice Benavides (3rd place), Ian Lentz (1st place + Grand Champion), Isaiah Houssou (2nd place) and William Klos (2nd place).

3.c. CHHS Color Guard (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Raygani introduced the indoor color guard who, in addition to performing with the marching band, continues to compete separately through the winter. The team recently won 1st place at the Keystone Indoor Drill Association Championship in the Scholastic White division.

3.d. CHHS Mini-THON (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Serfass congratulated the students, staff, and community for raising a record-breaking \$105,720.14 for Four Diamonds during the 7th annual Camp Hill Mini-THON. Attached to the agenda is a list of what \$105,720.14 can provide for kids fighting cancer.

3.e. Health and Safety Plan Update (Mr. Serfass)

Mr. Serfass reported that the principals have been revising the Health and Safety Plan including the following:

- Water fountains will be flushed during spring break and will be open back up on the 19th.
- The elementary schools are phasing back into full use of the cafeterias.
- Parents have been included in buildings for educational events, but will also be included in the end of year events such as parties and picnics.

Mental health and the opioid crisis are of deep concern. Our health curriculum addresses these issues focusing on prevention and wellness. The internal Student Assistance Program partners with screening and referral agencies. There has been a slight uptick to referrals this year. Conversations are being had with students to let them know they can refer themselves or others. ESSER funds have been used to increase counseling with Laurel Life. Will be receiving and analyzing data from the Comprehensive PA Youth Survey from fall 2021 which covers mental health and drug and alcohol use. This will assist with prevention and wellness planning.

A summer reading program is being planned. There are math and SAT Prep summer camp opportunities for students. They will be free for CHSD students.

Two new summer camp opportunities for high school students, algebra review and SAT and ACT prep. The camps are free for Camp Hill students.

Dr. Mallah asked if the schools have NARCAN available. Mr. Serfass responded that he will ask the nurse and will report back to the Board.

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

Mr. Latham congratulated all the students present for their accomplishments.

5.b. Secretary

Mr. Ammerman reported that the Intermediate Board is up for election. Mr. Serfass sent it out today and is due back early June.

5.c. Solicitor

Mr. Pahowka reminded the Board members of the School Law Update and Dinner program on May 4.

5.d. Superintendent

Mr. Serfass reported that the principals' reports include many student accomplishments and are attached to the agenda.

6. Comments from Citizens

Caroline Machiraju, Columbia Avenue, feels there should be transparency about any new rules about the use of bathrooms by transgender students. Asked how it is monitored. Asked how the school district is accommodating those students who are uncomfortable with this policy.

Jacob Prins, 3426 Hawthorne Drive, asked when sexual education is being taught to the students.

John West, Dickinson Avenue, asked if the school district provides the curriculum to parents to review before they make the decision to send their children to CHSD. He would like to be the person to teach any controversial topic to his children.

Bryan Burton, 2312 Logan Street, feels that it is nonsensical for so many students to be given academic honors and feels it identifies students are having academic problems. Believes the recent construction should have included unisex bathrooms. In reference to a correspondence from the school district where the term cisgender was used, Mr. Burton expressed his dislike for the use of the word as he feels the majority should not be labeled.

7. Report of Committees

Minutes

7.a. Athletic - Mr. McInroy

Mr. McInroy reported that spring sports are underway. Some events have been postponed due to weather. The administration is procuring applicants for the girls soccer coach and girls basketball coach. Senior athletes will be celebrated on May 15 at Siebert Park. Senior athlete college signing day is in May following the AP tests.

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

Mrs. Kennedy was unable to attend so Mr. Lamay reported that most of the information was covered at the Work Session. They went over the CAIU operating budget, audit presentation, approval process of ESSER funds, general funds budget, and personnel pay rate changes.

7.c. Buildings and Grounds - Mr. Gale

Mr. Gale reported that the old District Administrative Office was demolished. The bidding process has started for landscaping that area and trying to develop an outdoor classroom. The Board discussed safety in regards to the outdoor classroom. Mr. Serfass stated that it would be the same as the students using that area during lunch and is an extension of the Literacy Park.

Work has begun on the College Park tennis and pickleball courts. The Borough agreed to not turn the Siebert courts into pickleball courts if the school district would do them at College Park. The school wanted full use of the Siebert courts for the tennis team's competitions.

Currently receiving proposals for a long range plan for facilities.

Some sidewalk at Hoover needs repaired as required by the Borough.

The baseball and softball fields have been refurbished.

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

Mrs. Gurgiolo reported that there was a meeting on March 17 where Jennifer Dorand did a presentation of Leader in Me. She was invited to present to the full Board which she did.

Received an update from the CAC for DEI on bylaws and definitions. They will be on the May work session for discussion and the Board meeting for approval. The Board members are being asked to read over the information and come to the Community Engagement Committee with questions and suggestions.

The committee discussed how to handle member resignations or expulsion and filling available seats.

Mrs. Kennedy commented on the importance of replacing members with someone with similar interests.

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

Mr. Connelly reported that the Comprehensive Plan was put before the committee for discussion. There was some feedback given and some refinements done.

Discussed Leader in Me and the Measureable Results Assessment Survey and the Boards role in curriculum.

There was discussion about transitioning from monthly principal reports to periodic reports. Instead of the monthly reports, students and staff would be invited to present on programs, achievements, etc.

7.f. Policy - Mr. Lamay

No report

8. Report of Board Representatives

Minutes

8.a. Community Recreation - Mrs. Gurgiolo

Mrs. Gurgiolo reported that there was a meeting last Tuesday. There are summer camp and summer job opportunities with the Borough recreation department. Community Shred Day is Saturday, April 23. The Board members will walk in the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Serfass will be a speaker at the cemetery after the parade. Kite Fest is May 15. Box Lunch Reviews are coming back at Willow Park. Pool passes are now available. Discovered that the stream through Siebert is Black Berry Spring Run named by William Penn.

Shout out to Audrey Carter, Sarah Ginck, Alice Benavides, Gabby Scaringi, Keira Hartman, Maddie Veit, Jenny Marino, Jonah Spotts, Nick Crosby and Zeke Gutierrez. They spent 3 hours entertaining over 35 children with games and crafts at the Borough's Easter Egg Extravaganza. And then stayed to clean up afterwards.

Mr. McIroy gave a reminder that the Canadensis Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on April 24.

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

Mr. Lamay reported that there was not March meeting. The next meeting is a week from Monday.

8.c. District/Borough - Mr. Gale

Dr. Mallah read a report shared by Borough Council Member, Sherry Bowman. The report was a summary of Camp Hill Borough Counsel activity for Quarter 1 of 2022. The summary included discussions and actions regarding the proposed tolling of the 83 bridge, discussion of the graffiti in the borough, approving donation of a pool membership for the Lion Foundation auction, grant for improving sidewalks, crosswalks and lighting for the underpass near Eisenhower, and many other items.

Mr. Latham added that he and Mr. Serfass have discussed having regular meetings with some of the council members.

Mr. Serfass added that he did reach out to the Borough Manager about having a joint meeting in May.

8.d. HACC - Mr. Gale

Mr. Gale stated that the affiliation agreement is on the agenda for approval tonight.

The employees have voted to unionize. They are the last community college in the state to do this.

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

Dr. Mallah reported there is a meeting in May. The Middle School musical, Shrek Jr. is April 29-May 1.

9. New Business

Minutes

9.a. 2020-21 Audited Financial Report

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

9.b. Affiliation Agreement with Bloomsburg University

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the affiliation Agreement with Bloomsburg University. The motion passed unanimously.

9.c. Affiliation Agreement with Harrisburg Area Community College

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Affiliation Agreement with Harrisburg Area Community College. The motion passed unanimously.

9.d. Affiliation Agreement with The Pennsylvania State University

Mrs. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the Affiliation Agreement with The Pennsylvania State University. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Kennedy asked if there was a budgetary impact for the affiliation agreements. Mr. Ammerman said there was not.

9.e. 2022-23 CAIU General Operating Budget

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamay to approve the 2022-23 CAIU General Operating Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

9.f. Personnel Report

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

The Board discussed the increase rates for instructional aides, but that it has not yet been approved. Would be up for vote in May as part of the budget and would take effect July 1.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.