

**PUBLIC MEETING OF  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
PENN DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2821 CONCORD ROAD  
ASTON, PA 19014**

**Minutes of the Board of School Directors  
AUGUST 10, 2020**

A special meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Penn-Delco School District convened on Monday, August 10, 2020, at 7:47 p.m. via electronic communication, pursuant to advertisement published in the Delaware County Daily Times.

**School Directors Present:**

Kate Denney  
Stephanie Ellis  
Lisa Esler  
Catherine Hilferty  
M. Colleen Powell  
Bernie Seasock  
Kevin Tinsley  
Leon Armour

**School Directors Absent:**

Dawn Jones

**Others in Attendance:**

Dr. George Steinhoff, Superintendent  
Eric Kuminka, Assistant Superintendent  
Erik Zebley, Business Administrator  
Nina Tyre, Human Resources Director

**MOTION FOR WAIVER OF FORMALITIES**

A motion was made by Mr. Tinsley and seconded by Mrs. Ellis to waive formalities.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting No: None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

No report

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC**

President Armour announced, pursuant to Act 48 – Sunshine Act, this evening, the Board met in executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues.

## COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

None

## ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION

None

## ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

President Armour announced per guidelines released today from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, he would like a motion to remove item 8.03 Penn-Delco Covid-19 Pathway to Reopening Schools Health and Safety Plan Revision from the agenda this evening.

Following a motion by Stephanie Ellis and seconded by Lisa Esler, the above removal was unanimously approved.

Voting Yea: All

Voting No: None

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

### **PREPARED AND INFORMAL COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES FROM CITIZENS GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues with the importance of involving members of the public in Board meetings. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comments, the Board will provide for two periods for public participation during Board meetings. The presiding officer at each public Board meeting will follow these guidelines:

- Public participation shall be permitted only as indicated on the order of business in the procedures of this Board, or at the discretion of the presiding officer on a given issue.
- Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer, and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if appropriate.
- All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually.
- Public participation at the beginning of the agenda will be limited to 15 minutes total and to three minutes per person, on agenda topics only.
- **Public participation at the end of the agenda will be limited to 30 minutes total and to three minutes per person.**

The presiding officer may interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant.

Approved January 24, 1990

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Christina Johnson, asked which Board Members are in the same room, and indicated that they should be wearing masks.

Mr. Puppio responded to her comment.

Jaime Tanner, has concerns with students being able to hear their teachers while wearing masks.

Mr. Puppio indicated the Board is following the recommendation and guidelines from PDE. Parents would have an option to choose Penn-Delco’s cyber program.

Jennifer Day, asked if the district is going forward with the hybrid program.

McGovern, asked about the removed agenda item.

Mr. Puppio cited the new guidelines released today from PDE, and explained that the reopening plan approved July 29, 2020 remains in place.

Joanne Bamgbose, asked for bullet points of the options that are available.

President Armour indicated there are two options; Hybrid or all virtual.

Dotti, inquired about enrolling her student for virtual learning for the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period.

Dr. Steinhoff asked her to reach out to him and he will provide her with that information.

**ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

**8.01 Personnel – Professional**

**(1) Resignation**

- (a)** Samantha McGinn, Art Teacher at Aston and Parkside Elementary, effective 8/7/2020.

**(2) Leave of Absence**

- (a)** Randi West, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Aston Elementary, FMLA from 10/5/2020 through 1/7/2021.
- (b)** Rebecca Cacciola, 5th Grade Teacher at Aston Elementary, FMLA from 9/1/2020 through 10/15/2020.
- (c)** Courtney Hatch, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Pennell Elementary, FMLA from 9/14/2020 through 12/8/2020 and child rearing leave from 12/9/2020 through 6/21/2021.

**ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION - Continued**

**8.02 Personnel – Classified**

**(1) Resignation**

(a) JoAnn Robinson, Paraprofessional at Pennell, effective 7/29/2020.

(b) Melissa Mooney, Paraprofessional at Parkside, effective 7/23/2020.

(c) Maria Gaudino-Smith, substitute HRLA, effective 8/1/2020.

(d) Janemarie Gill, substitute Classroom Assistant, effective 8/3/2020.

**(2) Retirement**

(a) Stephanie Riberio, Clerical Assistant at Sun Valley, effective 8/1/2020.

**(3) Change of Status**

(a) Marc Thompson from Bus Driver to full-time Custodian at Sun Valley @ \$17.23/hour, up to 40 hours/week, 261 days/year with full-time benefits in accordance with the PDSSPA contract, effective 8/10/2020.

**References: Penn-Delco Budget 2020 – 2021; Act 93 Plans; PDEA Agreement; PDESPA Agreement; PDSSPA Agreement; PA School Code Section 1108B.**

**Administrative Recommendation: To approve all personnel items as presented.**

Following a motion by Mrs. Esler and seconded by Mr. Tinsley the above motion was unanimously approved.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting No: None

**8.03 Penn-Delco Covid-19 Pathway to Reopening Schools Health and Safety Plan Revision**

**MOTION:** The Administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approves a revision to the Penn-Delco Covid-19 Pathway to Reopening Schools Health and Safety Plan, which was approved on July 29, 2020, to indicate: “All Penn-Delco schools will begin the 2020-2021 school year in a virtual format until at least October 9, 2020.”

**The above motion, 8.03, was removed from the agenda**

**8.04 Virtual Learning Furlough Notification**

**MOTION:** To approve the recommendation pursuant to Board Policy 311 to furlough support staff in accordance with Board Policy for lack of work due to virtual learning.

Following a motion by Mr. Tinsley and seconded by Mrs. Esler the above motion was unanimously approved.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting No: None

**ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION - Continued**

**8.05 Go Guardian with Beacon Proposal**

**MOTION:** Extend our contract with Go Guardian to cover all K-12 devices (i.e. Chromebooks), with the addition of Beacon, for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Following a motion by Mrs. Denney and seconded by Mrs. Powell the above motion was unanimously approved.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting No: None

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Pamela Morelli, asked a question regarding virtual learning enrollment.

Dr. Steinhoff explained that the Department of Health and PDE indicated we can move forward with the Hybrid option. The District is requesting if parents utilize the cyber program, they stay with that option for the first marking period.

Scottam, commented on the public health's recommendation and indicated that parents are concerned with contingency plans.

Dr. Steinhoff indicated the District has the information available and will be putting out material that would give detailed information on the options that are available.

O'Donnell Family, asked whether there will be changes or impact to sports.

Dr. Steinhoff indicated PIAA pushed back their decision 2 weeks, with their next meeting to be held on August 21. He is aware of the Governor's recommendation and PIAA's interpretation of that recommendation.

Christina Johnson, asked when they can expect to see the meeting available for review. She also commented on the minutes and public comment back-up.

Joanne Bamgrose, asked to state the options and when they would be available.

Dr. Steinhoff indicated the Hybrid option would be 2 days a week in person and 3 days at home or parents can apply for the Penn-Delco Virtual Program.

Beth McClure asked about the detailed schedule of the cyber option, and accommodations for students with 504 or IEPs. She additionally commented on whether this plan will change going forward.

Dr. Steinhoff indicated there will be FAQ nights and special education information will be pushed out to parents tomorrow.

Mr. Kuminka indicated the plan will have schedule details and example of schedules for secondary students. He additionally explained that students be able to live stream.

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - Continued**

Shari Sharp, S. Lee Lane Aston expressed concern with coming back to in-school teaching in September.

Paula Tenaro, asked for clarification on what changed today.

President Armour indicated the guidelines are available at [www.education.pa.gov](http://www.education.pa.gov), where they gave a county assessment.

Kourtney, asked if students were already enrolled in cyber last week, whether they need to be re-enrolled.

Mr. Kuminka indicated they wouldn't need to re-enroll, they captured that information.

Kate Bigelow, thanked everyone for their hard work, this hasn't been easy. She also commented regarding the recording of meetings.

Mr. Puppio responded to her comment.

Sue Fee-Schaeffer, asked whether people be made aware of positive cases, or access for testing. She also thanked everyone for their hard work and appreciation for our teachers.

Dr. Steinhoff explained that the District will follow the guidelines set forth by the Chester County Health Department. CCHD would conduct contract tracing and determine who may have been in contact with them.

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

President Armour indicated the Study Session meeting is being moved from Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> to Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Following a motion by Mrs. Esler and seconded by Mr. Tinsley the Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erik Zebley  
Board Secretary

Next Meetings: Thursday, August 20, 2020 - Study Session – Via Zoom - 7:30pm  
Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - Board Meeting – Via Zoom - 7:30pm