

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

Minutes of the Board of School Directors

JULY 29, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Penn-Delco School District convened on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at 7:42 p.m. via electronic communication, pursuant to advertisement published in the Delaware County Daily Times.

School Directors Present:

Stephanie Ellis
Lisa Esler
Catherine Hilferty
M. Colleen Powell
Kevin Tinsley
Leon Armour

School Directors Absent:

Kate Denney
Dawn Jones
Bernie Seasock

Others in Attendance:

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

MINUTES AND MONTHLY REPORTS

The Agenda for this meeting is attached hereto as Appendix "1".

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Upon considering the draft minutes attached hereto as Appendix "2", it was resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 2020 as presented, be and are hereby approved.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Mrs. Powell and seconded by Mrs. Esler the motion was unanimously approved.

2. **APPROVAL OF INVOICE LISTING** – Upon considering the invoice listing attached hereto as Appendix "3", it was resolved that the invoice listing for July 2020 as presented, be and is hereby approved.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Ms. Hilferty and seconded by Mrs. Esler

Voting Yea: All
Voting No: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhoff provided an update on the renovations at Sun Valley; which is on schedule.

Dr. Steinhoff announced Northley Middle Schools has received their second designation banner as a "Schools to Watch". The Pennsylvania "Schools to Watch" leadership team had announced that Northley Middle School was one of ten re-designated schools recognized at the Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Education State Conference in 2020. This is a great achievement at Northley.

Dr. Steinhoff gave a PowerPoint presentation on Pathways to Re-opening plan, which will be submitted to the State.

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

President Armour thanked the Administration, as well as, the Reopening Team for their hard work in completing the Pathways to Re-opening plan for Penn-Delco.

ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION

President Armour asked if any Board Members had questions for Mr. Ed Murray of Boenning & Scattergood, regarding the refunding of the 2013A Bond; which is on the agenda this evening. There were no questions.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

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:

Shari Sharp – 2230 S. Lee Ln – Aston; commented on concerns teachers have with reopening and recommends on-line learning.

Melissa Lavery – 101 Greenbrier Pl – Aston; commented on re-opening and the morale of employees.

Judith Saunders – 62 E. Chelton Rd – Parkside – commented on masks on buses and if mask will be added to the District’s dress code.

John Deorio – 24 W. Roland Rd – Parkside; commented on rotation schedule, possible having consecutive days instead. Dr. Steinhoff addressed his concern.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.01 Personnel – Professional

(1) Appointment

- (a) Meredith Benson, Temporary Professional Employee, effective 8/26/2020 pending pre-employment paperwork**

Education

Widener University
BS, Secondary Math Education

Professional Experience

Ridley School District

Cert/Assign

Mathematics 7-12
Sun Valley – Math

Salary

B/1 \$50,255

Rationale

N. Kowalski, Resignation

(2) Rescission

- (a) Caitlin Hunt, Long-term substitute ELA Teacher at Northley, effective 7/16/2020.**

- (b) Anthony Marano, Long-term substitute 5th Grade Teacher at Coebourn, effective 7/20/2020.**

(3) Resignation

- (a) Lauren Herbert, Special Education Teacher at Sun Valley, effective on or before 9/15/2020.**

(4) Leave of Absence

- (a) Rachael Kestenbaum, Kindergarten Teacher at Aston Elementary, adjusted FMLA from 9/1/2020 through 11/25/2020.**

- (b) Nikole Lutteroty, Reading Specialist at Coebourn Elementary, FMLA from 10/5/2020 through 1/7/2021.**

- (c) Brianna Joseph, 4th Grade Teacher at Aston Elementary, FMLA from 9/21/2020 through 12/15/2020.**

(5) Wage and Salary Adjustment

- (a) Katherine deRitis, Math Teacher at Sun Valley, from Master’s, step 5 @ \$55,865 to Master’s 60, step 5 @ \$60,030 effective 9/1/2020.**

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION - Continued

(6) Tuition Reimbursement

Budget Code: 10-2271-240-000-10-00-00-000

Kaitlyn Ranieri	\$643.50	Immaculata University
Aston		-Prevention and Intervention for at-Risk Youth PK-12

9.02 Personnel – Classified

(1) Resignations

(a) Philip Grau, part-time Security Guard, effective 7/8/2020.

(b) Lisa Marie Magargal, Health Room Licensed Assistant, effective 7/27/2020.

(2) Change of Status

(a) Jaclyn Yannone from substitute Assistant to Playground/Café Assistant (A1, step 1) at Pennell Elementary @ \$11.12/hour, 22.5 hours/week, 184 days/year with part-time benefits in accordance with the PDESPA contract, effective 9/8/2020.

(b) Susan Nolek from Technology Clerical Assistant to Secretary for the Middle School Main Office (SB, step 1) at Northley @ \$16.30/hour, 37.5 hours/week, 261 days/year with fulltime benefits in accordance with the PDESPA contract, effective 8/10/2020.

(3) Leave of Absence

(a) Alfred Groer, Transportation Supervisor, FMLA from 8/26/2020 through 9/15/2020.

(b) Leontine Brightwell, full-time Custodian at Sun Valley, FMLA from 5/13/2020 through 9/2/2020.

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

9.03 Copier Lease

MOTION: To approve the lease with Ricoh USA, Inc., as presented.

9.04 Healthcare Trust

MOTION: To appoint Mrs. Nina Tyre as Trustee for the Delaware County Public School Healthcare Trust, representing the Penn-Delco Board of School Directors, effective date of 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2022.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION - Continued

9.05 Tax Appeal

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize the settlement of the real estate tax assessment appeals for the following properties:

- 0 W. Brookhaven Road, Brookhaven Borough (Folio #05-00-00058-00) at an assessment of \$104,450
- 8 W. Brookhaven Road, Brookhaven Borough (Folio #05-00-00059-00) at an assessment of \$84,030
- 4106 - 4114 Edgmont Avenue, Brookhaven Borough (Folio #05-00-00417-01) at an assessment of \$262,720

9.06 Special Education Agreements

9.06.1 MOTION: To approve the Transportation Agreement for Student #55259, as presented.

9.06.2 MOTION: To approve the Settlement and Release Agreement for Student #36092, as presented.

9.06.3 MOTION: To approve the Tuition Contract with The Mill Creek School for Student #24588, as presented.

9.06.4 MOTION: To approve the agreement with Child Guidance Resource Center, as presented.

9.06.5 MOTION: To approve the agreement with CADES for student #42834, as presented.

9.06.6 MOTION: To approve the agreement with CADES for student #43486, as presented.

9.06.7 MOTION: To approve the agreement with CADES for One-on-One Staff for student #43486, as presented.

9.06.8 MOTION: To approve the Contract for Educational Services with Kim McGinley, as presented.

9.07 Maintenance Agreement

MOTION: To renew the agreement between Sage Technology Solutions and the Penn-Delco School District for Telephone/Voicemail system Maintenance Agreement, as presented.

9.08 Instructional Technology Resources

9.08.1 MOTION: To approve the agreement with TCI for \$11,411.00, as presented.

9.08.2 MOTION: To approve the agreement with Edpuzzle for \$7,200.00, as presented.

9.08.3 MOTION: To approve the agreement with Screencastify for \$4,350.00, as presented.

9.08.4 MOTION: To approve the agreement with Newsela for \$27,680.00, as presented.

9.08.5 MOTION: To approve the agreement with Nearpod for \$17,809.20, as presented.

9.08.6 MOTION: To approve the agreement with Learning A-Z for \$29,176.10 as presented.

9.08.7 MOTION: To approve the agreement with DCIU/Discovery Ed for \$5,424.09, as presented.

9.09 Food Service

MOTION: Authorize the transfer of \$32,000 from the general fund to the food service fund to cover the decrease in net position in the food service fund for the 2018-2019 school year.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION - Continued

9.10 District Physician Agreement

MOTION: To approve the agreement between Lou Giangulio, MD, d/b/a Sugartown Pediatrics, LLC, and the Penn-Delco School District to provide physician services, as presented.

9.11 Change Orders – Sun Valley – Secure Entry & Nurses Addition

MOTION: To approve the following change order(s) as presented:

- GC-01 John S. McManus, Inc.: for unforeseen conditions and owner directed changes, for an amount not to exceed \$27,086, as presented.

9.12 School Board Policies - Adoption

MOTION: To approve for adoption the following revised policy, as presented.

#103 - Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment - School and Classroom Practices

9.13 2021 Tax Reassessment Appeals

MOTION: In connection with Delaware County’s 2021 countywide reassessment, to approve the solicitor’s filing of 2021 tax assessment appeals as it deems appropriate and necessary in the interest of the District.

9.16 CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM RESOLUTION

MOTION: To approve a resolution calling for Charter School funding reform, as presented.

9.17 Title IX Coordinator

MOTION: To appoint Mr. Eric Kuminka as the Title IX Coordinator, Mrs. Nina Tyre as Title IX Co-Coordinator, and Mrs. Regina McClure as Title IX Co-Coordinator for the Penn-Delco School District.

Following a motion by Mrs. Powell and seconded by Mrs. Esler the above motion 9.03 – 9.13 & 9.16 – 9.17 were unanimously approved.

Voting Aye: All
Voting No: None

9.14 Covid-19 Pathway to Reopening Schools Health and Safety Plan

MOTION: To approve the Covid-19 Pathway to Reopening Schools Health and Safety Plan, as presented.

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

Voting Aye: All
Voting No: None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION - Continued

9.15 2013A Bond Refunding Parameters Resolution

MOTION: To approve a resolution authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt to be evidenced by the issuance of the Bonds in one or more series in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$20,280,000, to provide funds for the Refunding Project, 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

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

President Armour indicated questions and comments regarding the re-opening plan can be e-mailed to Dr. Steinhoff, the Board or Administration.

President Armour thanked Dr. Steinhoff and his team and noted more information will come out soon. If the District needs a virtual plan, it will be different than in the spring.

Dr. Steinhoff indicated the plan needed to be received by the State by July 31st, but direction was needed from the Board before we could move forward. Additional information on the District's Cyber program will be available on August 5th.

Dr. Steinhoff thanked the parents for answering the District's questions regarding the re-opening plan. Mrs. McClure put a letter out today, addressing students' needs in special education.

Dr. Steinhoff addressed comments he has heard on other districts going all virtual. He is only aware of one district, Chester Upland going that route.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Erik Zebley
Board Secretary

Next Meetings: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 - Study Session - Service Center - 7:30pm
Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - Board Meeting - Service Center - 7:30pm