

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

**Minutes of the Board of School Directors
MARCH 24, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Penn-Delco School District convened on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 7:33 p.m. via electronic communication, pursuant to advertisement published in the Delaware County Daily Times.

School Directors Present:

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

School Directors Absent:

Catherine Hilferty

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 February 24, 2021 as presented, be and are hereby approved.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Mrs. Ellis and seconded by Mrs. Powell 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 February – March 2021 as presented, be and is hereby approved.

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

Voting Yea: All
Voting No: None

MINUTES AND MONTHLY REPORTS - Continued

3. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT** – Upon considering the draft Treasurer's Report attached hereto as Appendix "4", it was resolved that the Treasurer's Report of February 2021, as presented, be and is hereby approved.

Mrs. Powell presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2021.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Esler. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT

MOTION: To approve the Budget Transfer Report for February – March 2021.

Motion to approve the Transfer Report was made by Mrs. Ellis and seconded by Mrs. Powell. The motion was unanimously approved.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT TO THE BOARD

Autumn Brown, Felicia Christaldi and Gianna Ellis reported on the following happenings at Sun Valley:

- Spring sports have begun at the Valley.
- A unified track team has been added this year and is being coached by Mr. McCormick.
- Sun Valley Bocce Team took 2nd Place at the State Competition held this past weekend.
- The Annual Volleyball Marathon will be held outdoors this year in May.
- Sun Valley will be doing an outdoor musical this year, Momma Mia will be held in June.
- AP Exams are scheduled to be hosted at Sun Valley on May 21, 2021; Practice tests are being held in April.
- 9th grade students started back to in-person learning on Monday March 22nd.
- Sun Valley PMEA finalist submitted their auditions. Chiara Robinson was selected to participate in this year's Virtual Festival.
- Junior Prom is tentatively scheduled on May 21 at the Waterfall in Delaware. This will be open to Juniors only with a back-up plan in place should restrictions be implanted due to the pandemic.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhoff gave an update on the Pathways to Re-opening which as begun. He is pleased to see efforts put in place to ensure the safety of our students and staff. He hopes we continue to have positive momentum until the end of the school year.

Dr. Steinhoff announced that PSSA & Keystone Exams will still take place this year. District Superintendents were hoping the State would waive this requirement. It's a terrible year to require these assessments, but they will begin the week of April 19th.

Dr. Steinhoff shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Comprehensive Plan Survey which recently went out. He thanked those 1,484 parents who responded, which is above average.

Lastly, Dr. Steinhoff indicated the Mr. Kuminka defended his dissertation for his Doctorate from Weidner University and was successful. Congratulations Dr. Kuminka!

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 AND 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:

None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.01 Personnel – Professional

(1) Appointment

- (a) Rebecca Ritter, Long-term Substitute, effective on or before 4/19/2021 through 1/26/2022 pending pre-employment paper work**

Education

West Chester University
BS, Education

Professional Experience

Kelly Educational Staffing
Substitute Teacher Service

Cert/Assign

Grades PK-4
Aston – 2nd Grade/4th Grade

Salary

B/1 \$50,255

Rationale

G. Mack, Resignation
Employee #3099, Leave

(2) Resignation

- (a) Gabrielle Mack, 2nd Grade Teacher at Aston, effective 4/6/2021.**

(3) Leaves of Absence

- (a) Employee #1205, adjusted FMLA from 12/21/2020 through 4/5/2021 and temporary leave from 4/6/2021 through 5/27/2021.**
(b) Employee #176, adjusted intermittent FMLA from 10/5/2020 through 2/18/2021 and temporary leave from 2/19/2021 through 3/26/2021.
(c) Employee #1949, FMLA from 9/1/2021 through 11/29/2021.

(4) Extra Duty Pay Assignments

Rescissions:

Sun Valley Athletics

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|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Brendan Seleyo | 9th Gr. Baseball Asst. | 9 Units @ \$291 | \$2,619. |
| Paul Egleston | Boys Track/Field Asst. | 10 Units @ \$291 | \$2,910. |
| Albert Juliano | Boys/Girls Track/Field Asst. | 9 Units @ \$291 | \$2,619. |

Appointments:

Sun Valley Athletics

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|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Brendan Seleyo | Baseball Asst. | 10 Units @ \$291 | \$2,910. |
| Steven Okoorian | Wrestling Asst. | 10 Units @ \$276 | \$2,760. (pro-rated) |
| Arden Keller | Girls Track Asst. | 10 Units @ \$276 | \$2,760. |
| Paul Egleston | Boys Track/Field Head | 15 Units @ \$291 | \$4,365. |
| Albert Juliano | Boys Track/Field Asst. | 10 Units @ \$291 | \$2,910. |

Northley Athletics

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|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Steven Kmett | Boys 8 th Gr. Baseball | 9 Units @ \$276 | \$2,484. |
| Kevin Siegel | Girls 8 th Gr. Track | 9 Units @ \$276 | \$2,484. |
| Angela Radico | Girls 7 th Gr. Softball | 7 Units @ \$276 | \$1,932. |

(5) Extra Pay – Extended Employment

- (a) Elementary Math Pilot Committee Meeting, 2/10/2021 (1 Hour)**

#10-2260-123-986-10-00-000

Joshua Labik

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION - Continued

(b) PDS Conference Day - Professional Development, 2/12/2021 (2 Hours)

#10-2260-123-000-10-00-00-000 – Elementary Presenters

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|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Bryan Arra | Kate Furia | Wayne Lutteroty |
| John Clark | Maureen Irving | Kaitlyn Porrini |
| Michelle Craley | Albert Juliano | Jackie Samuelian |
| Lyndsay Dotzman | Virginia Jones (Lee) | Morgan Zimmerman |
| Andrea Fulginiti | Amy Lindsey | |

#10-2260-123-000-30-00-00-000 – Secondary Presenters

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|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Adria Bondanza | Colleen Kelly | Shari Sharp |
| Allison Burns | Erin Kenney | Kevin Siegel |
| Jennifer Coffman | Amanda Kikut | Kerry Smith |
| Danielle Cook | Jacqueline Matys | Lindsay Turk |
| Jodi Cunniffe | John Moletteri | Christa Ventura |
| Molly Dwyer | Kathleen Phelps | Lindsey Wiley |
| Bill Hartwell | Alison Roccio | |
| Kathryn James | Karen Scharrer | |

(c) Special Education Case Management and Caseload Coverage, Outside of Contractual Hours, 3/1/2021-3/15/2021

#10-1241-123-000-00-00-00-000 Hours

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Jillian Foster | 0.75 |
| John Moletteri | 3.25 |
| Kathleen Taylor | 2.50 |

(d) Grading APEX Math Tests SVHS, 3/12/2021

#10-1110-123-060-30-00-00-000 Hours

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|----------------|-----|
| Evan Marabella | 1.0 |
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9.02 Personnel – Classified

(1) Appointment

- (a) Ruth Williams, substitute Assistant at Pennell @ \$10.35/hour, on call as needed, no benefits effective 3/23/2021.

(2) Change of Status

- (a) Lauren Fagust from substitute Assistant to Playground/Café Assistant (A1, step 2) at Parkside Elementary @ \$11.27/hour, 22.5 hours/week, 184 days/year with part-time benefits in accordance with the PDESPA contract, effective 3/22/2021.

- (b) Brenda Plummer from substitute Classroom Assistant to Paraprofessional (A2HQ, Step 1) at Northley @ \$13.28/hour, up to 27.5 hours/week, 184 days/year, with part-time benefits in accordance with the PDESPA contract, effective 3/11/2021.

(3) Resignation

- (a) Letitia Barlow, Paraprofessional at Coebourn, effective 2/22/2021.
(b) Lisa Radico, substitute Assistant, effective 3/1/2021.
(c) Joseph Lopchinsky, part-time Custodian at Parkside, effective 3/26/2021.
(d) Richard Hildebrand, Bus Driver, effective 3/23/2021.
(e) Kristina Pappas, Paraprofessional at Coebourn, effective 3/12/2021.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION - Continued

(4) Retirement

(a) Theresa Seitz, Clerical Assistant at Sun Valley, effective 6/30/2021.

(5) Leaves of Absence

(a) Employee #3644, temporary leave from 3/25/2021 through 4/19/2021.

(b) Employee #3648, adjusted temporary leave from 1/19/2021 through 4/15/2021.

(c) Employee #137, adjusted temporary leave from 9/3/2020 through 3/10/2021.

(d) Employee #41, temporary leave from 3/8/2021 through 3/19/2021.

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. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Esler the above motions were unanimously approved.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

9.03 PlanCon Approval

9.03.1 MOTION: To accept PDE approval of PlanCon K for Lease 203762, as required.

9.03.2 MOTION: Authorize and direct the Administration and Architect to submit PlanCon F for the renovations and additions to Sun Valley High School construction as presented.

9.04 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Special Education Funding Agreement 2021-2022

MOTION: To approve the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Special Education Budget of \$19,380,443.00 with Penn-Delco's estimated share for students receiving Intermediate Unit special education services in the amount of \$634,227.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

9.05 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget 2021-2022

MOTION: To approve the Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Operating budget of \$9,765,889 for the 2021-2022 school year. Penn-Delco's share is projected to be not more than \$44,688.78. Submit the same for approval to the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

9.06 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Technical Schools Budget 2021-2022

MOTION: To approve the Delaware County Technical School's budget of \$14,960,102.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. Penn-Delco's share is projected to be not more than \$682,248. Submit the same for approval to the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

9.07 Special Education Agreements

9.07.1 MOTION: To approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Child Guidance for Student #43852, as presented.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION - Continued

9.08 Tax Appeals

9.08.1 MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize the settlement of the real estate tax assessment appeal for 3600 Concord Road, Aston Township (Folio #02-00-01878-00) at an assessment of \$545,000.

9.08.2 MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize the settlement of the real estate tax assessment appeal for 4017 E. Chester Drive, Aston Township (Folio #02-00-02846-00) at an assessment of \$181,000.

9.09 PDSB Comprehensive Plan

MOTION: To approve for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Penn-Delco School District Comprehensive Plan, as presented.

9.10 School Board Policies - Adoption/Retirement

MOTION: To approve the following policies for adoption or retirement, as presented.

Policy #204 - Attendance

Policy #347 - Expectations for Conduct towards Students (to be retired)

Policy #824 - Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

9.11 Final Application of Payment – SV – Secure Entry and Nurse Addition

MOTION: to approve the final payment application #12 for John S. McManus of Chester Heights, PA in the amount of \$4,580. This brings the total amount paid to \$1,752,674.

9.12 Middle School STEM Course Offerings

MOTION: To approve the administrative recommendation to add one (1) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) course to each grade at Northley Middle School, authorize the adoption of *Project Lead The Way* curriculum and resources, and authorize the creation of one (1) additional full-time math/science STEM teaching position.

9.13 Today's Child Rental Rate Reduction

MOTION: To approve the discounted rate request for facilities use from Today's Child for a portion of the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Following a motion by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Powell motions 9.03 – 9.13 were unanimously approved.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Esler publically apologized to Mrs. Porter, regarding her Facebook post. Her intent was not to single her out and she is sorry.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Powell congratulated Dr. Kuminka.

President Armour added it is nice to see the kids back in school and it's going well. Kudos to Dr. Steinhoff and his team for their hard work. He also gave a shout out to the Facilities Department, who went above and beyond to get the buildings ready.

President Armour hopes April's meetings will be in person. They will let know once a location is determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Powell the Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erik Zebley
Board Secretary

Next Meetings: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 – Study Session – TBD - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – Board Meeting – TBD – 7:30 p.m.