

PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 23, 2021

A meeting of the Pen Argyl Area School Board was held in the Wind Gap Middle School, Russell H. Roper Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 with Mr. Robert Rutt, President, presiding.

Roll Call – Those present were: Mrs. Debbie Castle, Mr. John Dally, Jr., Mr. Darrin Evans, Mr. Ethan Habrial, Mrs. Lisa Hackman, and Mrs. Heather Hahn via phone, Mr. Jason Keenhold, Mr. Jeff Moyer and Mr. Robert Rutt. Also present were: Student Representative Hannah Bonanducci via phone, Mr. Walter Schlegel, Jr., Mrs. Jamie Achenbach and Mr. Alan McFall.

Mr. Rutt stated an executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss student issues.

Student Representative, Hannah Bonanducci updated the Board on activities at the high school including prom.

Career Institute of Technology Budget Presentation – Mrs. Adrienne Jones and Mr. Steve Curran presented the 2021-22 CIT budget.

21/22 Budget – Mrs. Achenbach advised the Board that the 21/22 budget will be presented April 13, 2021.

Approval of Minutes – Mrs. Hackman moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried to approve the Board Minutes of January 19, 2021 and January 26, 2021.

Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Hackman moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried to accept the Treasurer's Report of February 17, 2021.

Budget Report – The report of the General Fund showing revenues received, expenditures, encumbrances and balances as of February 17, 2021 was presented to the Board.

Cafeteria Report - The Cafeteria Report for the month of December 2020 was presented to the Board.

Student Activity Fund Report - The report of the Student Activity Fund showing balances, revenues and expenditures for the period July 1, 2020 to February 16, 2021 was presented to the Board.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mrs. Hackman, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried to approve the payment of bills for February 2021.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Dally shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wind Gap Middle School auditorium.

Technology Committee – Mr. Rutt shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2021 at the Wind Gap Middle School auditorium.

Administrative Comment – Mr. Schlegel thanked everyone for their input at the meeting. He addressed the students returning to school and key points to remember when comparing Pen Argyl to surrounding districts. He also reiterated the importance of continuing to keep 6 feet of separation and universal masking.

Public Comment – Christine Albanese, parent, provided public comment in support of having students return to school 5 days a week and requested surveys be sent to parents for suggestions.

Jacqueline Foley, parent, provided public comment regarding virtual snow days and also to show support for having students return to school 5 days a week.

Shaun Powell, parent, provided public comment regarding frustration with the availability of Board minutes and agendas. He also asked the Board members to state their position on opening school 5 days a week.

Brent Bonatz, parent, provided public comment in support of having students return to school 5 days a week.

Final Adoption of Board Policy – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried to approve to adopt the following Board Policy:

829 – Electronic Records/Signatures

Approval of Bus Driver – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried to approve the following bus driver for the 2020/21 school year:

Michael Dolan

Administrative/Board Comments – There were no comments.

Adjournment – Mr. Dally declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.