

PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 9, 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, March 9, 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, Mrs. Heather Hahn, Mr. Jason Keenhold, Mr. Jeff Moyer and Mr. Robert Rutt. Also present were: Student Representative Morgan Haros via phone, Student Representative Hannah Bonaducci 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, Morgan Haros, updated the Board on activities at the high school including students returning 5 days a week, swim team, senior sports, prom, awards and graduation.

Student Representative, Hannah Bonaducci, expanded on activities at the high school.

2021/22 Budget – Mrs. Achenbach updated the Board that the budget would be presented on April 13, 2021.

Revisions to the PAASD 2020/21 Health and Safety Plan – Mr. Schlegel shared with the Board the continued plan of expanding in person instruction to 5 days a week for all Kindergarten through 8th grade students beginning on March 15, 2021. He reviewed the changes to the Health and Safety Plan.

Mr. Domchek provided a report on a survey sent to High School parents. 86 students requested to return 5 days per week. These 86 students are able to return and parents will be contacted via phone.

Mr. Schlegel then shared an update on the availability of COVID-19 vaccines to school personnel. The district received 74 doses for the first wave. Vaccinations will begin on March 11, 2021 for priority Pre-K and elementary personnel. Secondary school personnel will be prioritized in a second wave of vaccinations.

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.

Curriculum Committee – Mr. Moyer shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2021.

Technology Committee – Mr. Rutt shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2021.

Public Comment – Christine Albanese, parent, thanked the Board for having students return to brick and mortar school 5 days a week. She also requested that extracurricular activities and sports be expanded.

Megan Pultz, parent, thanked the Board for having students return to school. She also requested additional activities for seniors and questioned the amount of credits seniors are required to take.

Shaun Powell, parent, thanked the Board, Superintendent and Administration for their work in bringing the children back to school 5 days a week.

Resolution to Adopt the Budget of the Career Institute of Technology – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pen Argyl Area School Board approve the budget of the Career Institute of Technology for 2021/22 in the amount of \$9,551,599:

The estimated cost to our district to fund this budget is \$746,724.09.

Appointment of Emergency Substitute Teacher – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mr. Evans and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher certified for one year by the PA Department of Education through the Pen Argyl Area School District Emergency Substitute Training Program:

Gulay Yurekli

Appointment – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mr. Evans and unanimously carried to approve the following appointment for the 2021/22 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Conor Gum	Asst. Football	Grim/Comstock	\$6,315.00 (15.0 Pts., Yr. 1 St. 1)	Immediately

Revisions to the PAASD 2020/21 Health and Safety Plan – Mrs. Hackman moved, seconded by Mrs. Hahn and unanimously carried to approve the following revisions to the PAASD 2020/21 Health and Safety Plan:

A phased school reopening in a Blended Learning Model where some K-8 students enrolled are engaged in in-person learning 5-days per week, effective March 15th, 2021.

Full virtual model will remain in place for K-8 students not engaged in 5 Days per week live instruction.

High School students will remain in the hybrid model, with some students 5 days per week and a full virtual option available.

Application Approval for State/Federal Programs – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried that the application approval be given for the following State/Federal Programs:

Title I
Title II
Title IV

Request for Homebound Instruction – 04-0321 - Homebound instruction has been requested for a student whose condition requires that the student remain hospitalized for an indefinite period.

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve this request to provide a total of up to five (5) hours of instruction weekly through KidsPeace at the tutorial rate of \$40/hour.

Administrative/Board Comments – There were no comments.

Adjournment – Mr. Rutt declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.