

## PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 15, 2022

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 15, 2022 with Mrs. Lisa Hackman, President, presiding.

Roll Call - Those present were: Mrs. Christine Albanese, Mr. Darrin Evans, Mr. Ethan Habrial, Mrs. Lisa Hackman, Mr. Jason Keenhold and Mrs. Megan Pultz. Absent were: Mr. John Dally, Jr., Mrs. Heather Hahn and Mr. Jeff Moyer. Also present were: Student Representative Graham Rose, Student Representative Hannah Bonanducci, Mr. Walter Schlegel, Jr., Mrs. Jamie Achenbach and Mr. Alan McFall.

Student Representatives, Graham Rose and Hannah Bonanducci, updated the Board on activities at the High School including that the girls' basketball team had their first winning season since 2014 and made it to the first round of Districts. Dominic Baio and Emberlynn Allen, CIT seniors, competed in the DECA competition and both placed first within their categories. Liam Doney, senior, became a finalist for the National Student Merit Scholarship, a scholarship based on high SAT scores. Janine Haros, senior, was accepted to the University of Pennsylvania, she is the first Pen Argyl student in many years to be accepted to an Ivy League school. In the PA Media & Design competition, Mark McLeod, freshman, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 3D Printing, Avery Edmonds, senior, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Logo & Media Design, and Zoe Edmonds, junior, along with Molly Wilson, sophomore, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Digital Movie. Also, Daniel Hayes, senior, made states for swimming.

The Student Representatives also shared that the prom is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> at Camelback Resort, the Dinner Dance is May 16<sup>th</sup> and approximately 40 students attended the senior class trip. They are currently planning the senior class gift and Baccalaureate. Charter Ed was recognized by WFMZ and the program also received an \$80,000 donation by Waste Management.

Mrs. Hackman stated an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

2022/23 Lunch Prices - Mrs. Jamie Achenbach shared with the Board that Brian Flynn from Chartwells was at the last meeting to discuss lunch prices. She reminded the Board that we are currently in the SSO program and, as of now, that will end on June 30, 2022, or the last day meals are served, whichever comes first. She recommended no price increase for next year, but advised that an increase may be necessary for the 2023/24 school year.

2022/23 Budget – Mrs. Jamie Achenbach updated the Board that the budget would be presented on April 12, 2022.

2020/21 PAASD Audit Report – Mrs. Jamie Achenbach reviewed the 2020/21 Audit Report with the Board.

Class of 2022 Graduation – Mr. Schlegel updated the Board on the official plans for graduation on May 25, 2022. The rain dates are May 26 and May 27, 2022. If it rains on May 27, 2022, graduation will be held in the Wind Gap Middle School Auditorium.

Resignation of Board Member – Mr. Schlegel updated the Board on Heather Hahn's resignation. The opening will be advertised on March 16 and March 17, 2022. Interested candidates have until 3:00 p.m. on March 21 to reply and must be at the Board Meeting on March 22, 2022 for an interview and the appointment.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Keenhold shared with the Board items discussed at the March 9, 2022 meeting including an update to the High School HVAC project which is down to punch list items. The track project has had colors picked out and the Cupola Bid that was received. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2022.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Evans shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2022.

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Pultz shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2022.

Technology Committee – Mrs. Pultz shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2022.

Public Comment – Mr. Christopher Coyle, resident, shared his interest in the open Board position.

Mr. Garth Knorr, resident, shared his interest in the open Board position.

Resolution to Adopt the Budget of the Northampton Community College – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pen Argyl Area School Board approve the budget of the Northampton Community College for 2022/23 in the amount of \$65,462,054:

The estimated cost to our district to fund this budget is \$272,148.

Renew Food Management Contract – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve to award the contract to Compass Group USA, Inc., by and through its Chartwells Division to manage our Food Service Program during the 2022/23 school year.

Food Service Program – Lunch Prices - The following proposals have been submitted by Compass Group USA, Inc., by and through its Chartwells Division for the operation of the Food Service Program for 2022/23:

Option #1 – No increase in lunch prices for 2022/2023, with an expected surplus of \$1,448.15.

Breakfast	\$1.40
Plainfield	\$2.30
Wind Gap	\$2.40
High School	\$2.45

Option #2 – A \$.05 increase in the lunch prices, with a surplus of \$5,749.15.

Breakfast	\$1.45
Plainfield	\$2.35
Wind Gap	\$2.45
High School	\$2.50

Option #3 – A \$.10 increase in the lunch prices, with a surplus of \$10,050.15.

Breakfast	\$1.50
Plainfield	\$2.40
Wind Gap	\$2.50
High School	\$2.55

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve Option #1 – No increase in lunch prices for 2022/2023.

Resignation/Retirement – Mrs. Albanese moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve the following resignation/retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
David Ifkovits	Director of Technology	June 30, 2022

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

Madison Williams  
 Claire Lodge

New Supplemental Positions – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mrs. Pultz and unanimously carried to approve the following new supplemental positions for the 2022/23 school year:

Head Girls Volleyball Coach	15.0 Points
Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach	9.0 Points

Change in Position – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mrs. Pultz and unanimously carried to approve the following change in position for the 2021/22 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Position</u>	<u>New Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Thomas Rissmiller, Jr.	JV Baseball	Co-JV Baseball	\$1,892.00 (4.0 Pts., Yr. 3, St. 3)

Appointment – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mrs. Pultz 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>
Jay Young	Co-JV Baseball	Thomas Rissmiller, Jr.	\$1,684.00 (4.0 Pts., Yr. 1, St. 1)

Approval of Volunteer Assistant – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mrs. Pultz and unanimously carried to approve the following unpaid volunteer assistant for the 2021/22 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Supervisors</u>
Jenna Kistler	Volunteer Track & Field	G. Bray & C. Straub

Volunteers – “Parents Matter” – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mrs. Pultz and unanimously carried to approve the addition of the following names to the “Parents Matter” volunteer list:

Jennifer Carroll  
Cyndi Dolan  
Deann Kincaid  
Tamara Lenig  
Stacey Morykin

Approval to Reject the Sole Bid for the PAHS Cupola Restoration Project - The following bid was received for the PAHS Cupola Restoration Project:

D.A. Nolt, Inc. - \$426,524

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mrs. Pultz and unanimously carried to approve to reject the sole bid for the PAHS Cupola Restoration Project.

Resignation of Board Director – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve, with regret, the resignation of Heather Hahn, Board Director representing the Borough of Pen Argyl, effective immediately.

Approval of Bus Driver – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the following bus driver for the 2021/22 school year:

Alicia Alvalle

Approval of Staff/Coaching Van Drivers – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the following staff/coaching van drivers for the 2021/22 school year:

Nicole Iticovici  
Paul Reiche  
Peter Demyan

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

Title I  
Title II  
Title IV  
ARP ESSER

Student Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion– #030222 - The Board has received a Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion for Student #030222.

Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve to adopt the Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion for Student #030222, which has been signed by both the student and parent.

The Secretary of the Board is directed to mail a true and correct copy of the Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion to the student's parent, with whom the student resides.

Student Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion– #030322 - The Board has received a Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion for Student #030322.

Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve to adopt the Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion for Student #030322, which has been signed by both the student and parent.

The Secretary of the Board is directed to mail a true and correct copy of the Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion to the student's parent, with whom the student resides.

Administrative/Board Comments – Mr. Habrial provided an IU20 update.

Adjournment - Mrs. Hackman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.