

PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 6, 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, April 6, 2021 with Mr. Robert Rutt, President, presiding.

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

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

Student Representative, Maurice Whan, updated the Board on activities at the high school.

Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and Pennsylvania Department of Education revised guidance to schools – Mr. Schlegel shared with the Board revisions made by PA DOH and PDE which aligns their COVID-19 guidance with that of the CDC. These revisions include changes to instructional models based on various levels of community spread and reducing the number of closure days when responding to cases. As Northampton County remains in the substantial category with surging case numbers, it is unlikely to be able to make any change until mid to late April. Mr. Schlegel noted that both the CDC and DOH are continuing to strongly recommend a layered approach to mitigation strategies.

2019/20 PAASD Audit Report – Mrs. Achenbach reviewed the annual audit report.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Dally shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Keenhold shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Acceptance of Audit Report - Palmer & Company has completed the examination of our records for the 2019/20 school year.

Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle and unanimously carried to approve to accept the report.

Resolution to Adopt the Budget of the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mrs. Hahn and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pen Argyl Area School Board approve the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Budget for 2021/22 as follows:

Educational Support Services	\$2,155,590
Curriculum & Instructional Services	644,010
Human Resources & Research Services	559,330
Instructional Material Services	391,620

Our contribution to support this budget is estimated to be \$11,805.57.

Substitutes – Mrs. Castle moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer and unanimously carried to approve the addition of the following names to the approved substitute lists:

Nurses

Alexia Sparrow

Aides

Heather Snyder

Administrative/Board Comments – Mr. Rutt provided updates on both the IU and CIT.

In closing, Mr. Schlegel provided a public reminder that Pen Argyl Area School District is moving forward with administering standardized tests in the wake of PDE’s notification that the tests will not be waived for the 20/21 school year. Mr. Schlegel also stated that, in an effort to maintain appropriate safety precautions, one or more District school buildings may have to keep in-person students at home and provide asynchronous instruction for short periods during the testing window in order to administer the tests to full virtual students in the buildings. Surveys will be sent to assess the number of full virtual students who are willing to attend school in-person to take the exams, after which each building will make a determination as to whether or not in-person and virtual students can be tested simultaneously.

Adjournment – Mr. Rutt declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.