

## PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 12, 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 April 12, 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, Mr. Jeff Moyer and Mrs. Megan Pultz. Absent was Mr. John Dally, Jr. Also present were: Student Representative Hannah Bonanducci, Student Representative Zoe Edmonds, Mr. Walter Schlegel, Jr., Mrs. Jamie Achenbach and Mr. Alan McFall via phone.

Mr. John Dally, Jr. arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Student Representatives Hannah Bonanducci and Zoe Edmonds updated the Board on activities at the High School including the end of year schedule for seniors which includes: May 16 – Senior Dinner Dance, May 22 – Baccalaureate, May 20 – Last Senior Day, May 24 and 25 – Graduation Practice, May 15 – NHS Banquet and May 24 – Senior Awards. They are finalizing the class gift(s). In addition to the end of year senior events there is also the May 7 - Spring Concert, AP Exams and May 23 - Underclassmen Awards. Congratulations to Rose Falletta and Graham Rose on representing Pen Argyl High School at the soccer athletes. Also, Avedium Club's theme is currently "Take A Positive", promoting positive energy after COVID.

2022/2023 Pen Argyl Area School District Proposed Budget Presentation – Mr. Schlegel and Mrs. Achenbach presented the 2022/23 Pen Argyl Area School District Proposed Budget.

Items high-lighted included:

Total Millage Rate = 57.06

Millage Rate Increase = 1.00

% Millage Rate Increase = 1.78%

Total Budget = 36,034,230

Approval of Minutes – Mrs. Pultz moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve the Board Minutes of March 15, 2022 and March 22, 2022.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Dally and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's Report of April 6, 2022.

Budget Report – The report of the General Fund showing revenues received, expenditures, encumbrances and balances as of April 6, 2022 was presented to the Board.

Student Activity Fund Report – The report of the Student Activity Fund showing balances, revenues and expenditures for the period of July 1, 2021 to February 1, 2022 was presented to the Board.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Mrs. Pultz moved, seconded by Mr. Evans and unanimously carried to approve the payment of bills for March 2022.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Dally shared with the Board items that the next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Evans shared with the Board items discussed at the April 6, 2022 meeting including track and ticket prices. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Technology Committee – Mr. Habrial shared with the Board about connectivity at the Press Box and that the next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022.

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Albanese shared with the Board items discussed at the April 7, 2022 meeting including updates from teachers and Mrs. Dillon and Mr. Freeman shared about College Readiness. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Public Comment – Mr. Bob Rutt, resident, recognized the Board for the intensive work that was put into the track project.

Adoption of the Proposed Final Budget for the 2022/23 School Year – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Dally and carried to adopt the following:

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Pen Argyl Area School Board adopt the following:

1. Approval of the preliminary proposed budget in the amount of \$36,034,230 for the 2022/23 school fiscal year.
2. Approval of the proposed school tax program for the 2022/23 school fiscal year: Real Estate 57.06 Mills; .85% Earned Income Tax, and .5% Realty Transfer Tax.
3. Fund balance designated with 2022/23 budget:

• Designated for Capital Reserve Transfer	\$2,000,000
• Designated for Equipment Purchases	268,496
• Designated to Balance the 2022/23 Budget	140,000
• Designated as part of Fund 29	<u>10,800</u>
Total	\$2,419,296

The motion carried with one nay vote (Habrial)

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

Courtney Taylor	Paula Ramaley	Melissa Moore
Gina Campbell	Kevin Ramaley	Chrissa Metzgar

Request for Family Medical Leave – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the following request for Family Medical Leave:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Melissa Faust	Teacher – WGMS	09/08/22-12/01/22

Resignation – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the following resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Patrick Alfieri	Teacher - PAHS	End of the 21/22 School Year

Appointments – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the following appointments for the 2021/22 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kristin Cornish	Co-Asst. Track	Open	\$1,684.00 (4.0 Pts., Yr. 1, St. 1)
Ryan Hinton	Co-Asst. Track	Open	\$1,684.00 (4.0 Pts., Yr. 1, St. 1)

Reappointment of Head Coaches – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer and unanimously carried to approve the reappointment of the following head coaches for the 2022/23 school year:

Mike Morris	Head (Boys) Basketball	\$10,120.00 (20.0 Pts., Yr. 7, St. 4)
Todd Oessenick	Head (Girls) Basketball	\$10,120.00 (20.0 Pts., Yr. 8, St. 4)
Thomas Mertz	Head Wrestling	\$10,120.00 (20.0 Pts., Yr. 8, St. 4)
Elizabeth Valletta	Head Cheerleading	\$7,590.00 (15.0 Pts., Yr. 8, St. 4)

Appointment – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer and unanimously carried to approve the following appointment for the 2022/23 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lee Bakewell	Head (Girls) Soccer	Open	\$7,290.00 (15.0 Pts., Yr. 5, St. 3)

Intent to Award Approval for the Pen Argyl High School New Running Track Project – The following proposal was received for the construction of a new running track and associated improvements at the Pen Argyl High School.

	<u>Base Proposal</u>	<u>Alternate #1</u>
Keystone Sports Construction	\$1,990,278	\$55,682

Base Proposal - Construction of a new running track with Red Rekortan M system and associated improvements

Alternate #1 - Sod within the limits of the playing fields only, with all other areas outside the limits of sod to be seeded

Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and carried to approve intent to award the Base Proposal and Alternate #1 of the construction of a new running track and associated improvements at Pen Argyl High School to Keystone Sports Construction in the amount of \$2,045,960 through COSTARS contract #014-195.

The motion carried with one nay vote (Habrial).

Approval of Staff/Coaching Van Driver – Mrs. Pultz moved, seconded by Mr. Evans and unanimously carried to approve the following staff/coaching van driver for the 2021/22 school year:

Chelsea Rivenbark

Board Vacancy – Mrs. Hackman presented the following options:

- 1) Interest in voting at future meeting on the same candidates
- 2) Turn over to County
- 3) Seek new applicants

Mrs. Hackman opened the floor for discussion.

Attorney Alan McFall, via phone, explained that the Board may decide tonight by a majority vote to place on the agenda the reconsideration of the appointment of the two current board candidates at future meetings. However since the item is not on tonight's agenda the Board would not be able to take action tonight on appointing a board member based on the current sunshine law (Act 65).

Mrs. Albanese questioned why her request to place the appointment of a board member was not placed on this evening's agenda.

Mrs. Hackman explained that numerous votes had been taken and the Board remained deadlocked. In addition, it was clear to her that no one was interested in changing the votes.

After some discussion by the Board on the merits of re-voting, Mr. Schlegel suggested the Board vote this evening to determine if there was an interest by the majority of the Board to vote again on the appointment of one of the two board candidates at a future board meeting.

Mrs. Albanese made a motion to vote again. The motion was seconded by Mr. Habrial and a roll call vote was taken.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mrs. Christine Albanese	Mr. John Dally, Jr.	Mr. Darrin Evans
Mr. Ethan Habrial		Mrs. Lisa Hackman
Mr. Jason Keenhold		Mr. Jeff Moyer
Mrs. Megan Pultz		

Mr. Keenhold made a motion to reopen the Board Vacancy to new candidates. Mrs. Albanese asked if prior candidates could reapply. Attorney McFall, via phone, responded that candidates except for Mr. Knorr and Mr. Sabatine could reapply. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and a roll call vote was taken.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mrs. Christine Albanese	Mr. John Dally, Jr.
Mr. Darrin Evans	Mrs. Megan Pultz
Mr. Ethan Habrial	
Mrs. Lisa Hackman	
Mr. Jason Keenhold	
Mr. Jeff Moyer	

Board Vacancy (continued) -

The advertisement for new candidates will be done on April 20 and April 27, 2022 and Letters of Interest are due on May 4, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. The candidates will be invited to the May 17, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Dally requested more information on why the original candidates could not reapply.

Mr. Habrial agreed with Mr. Dally, but also questioned what happens if one of the original candidates backs out.

Administrative/Board Comments – There were no comments.

Adjournment - Mrs. Hackman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.