

PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 13, 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 13, 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 Hannah Bonanducci via phone, Mr. Walter Schlegel, Jr., Mrs. Jamie Achenbach and Mr. Alan McFall.

Student Representative, Hannah Bonanducci updated the Board on activities at the high school including that 124 prom tickets were sold and that the prom is scheduled for a Friday which will be an asynchronous learning day for those attending the prom. She shared that students are currently selecting their courses for next year and she provided an update on the Character Ed virtual Memorial Day presentation.

Northampton Community College Budget Presentation – Dr. Mark Erickson and Mr. James Dunleavy shared the Northampton Community College General Operating Budget with the Pen Argyl Area School District Board of Directors.

ESSER I and II, Learning Loss and Virtual Learning Plan for 21/22 – Mr. Schlegel began the presentation with the two planned instructional models for the 2021/22 school year of either 5-day per week in person learning or full virtual. He stated that much of the operations of the full virtual program will depend on the level of interest from families and a survey will be sent out to gauge that with a follow-up survey in the summer.

Mr. Schlegel then explained that ESSERS is the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and districts across the nation have been provided with these relief funds to address the continuing impact of COVID-19. The district expects to receive almost one million dollars to be used in the 2020/21 and 2021/22 school years with the majority of the funds being used for temporary staff to bridge the achievement gap caused by COVID-19.

Mr. Freeman and Mrs. Dillon shared the Tentative Plan for 2021/22 including information on virtual students, ESSER II and ESSER III and learning loss. They shared that there are model developments in progress for each of the three buildings. Mr. Freeman and Mrs. Dillon reviewed the tentative allocation for the ESSER funds including: temporary staffing, remedial/supplementary programs, instructional technology, supplies and professional development.

Mr. Domchek shared the plan for the high school to address learning loss which includes: additional temporary staff, math enrichment and remediation, executive skills, writing for college, Edmentum benchmarking, 2020/21 summer school provided by district staff and tutoring/remedial programs across all subjects for 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Mrs. McNamara shared the plan for the middle school to address learning loss which includes: additional temporary staff, math of 90 minutes instead of 45 minutes for grades 6 through 8, after school programs for 2021/22 and 2022/23, STAR 360, augmenting digital curricula in key areas, a sensory room and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

ESSER I and II, Learning Loss and Virtual Learning Plan for 21/22 (Cont'd.)

Mr. Hancock shared the plan for the elementary school to address learning loss which includes: additional temporary staff, 2021/22 and 2022/23 summer school, after school tutoring 2 days per week, social and emotional support and STAR 360.

Mr. Freeman closed by stating the next steps of posting the long term substitute positions and surveying parents regarding the virtual model. The Board will be updated in May concerning specific, virtual model details.

Paper and Janitorial Supplies Bids – Mrs. Achenbach reviewed the paper and janitorial supplies bids done annually as joint purchasing bids through IU20 for the upcoming year. The current bid is \$1,150.36 less than last year.

General, Art and Computer Supplies Bids – Mrs. Achenbach reviewed the general, art and computer supplies bids done annually as joint purchasing bids through KPN for the upcoming school year. The current bid is \$257.92 less than last year.

Correction to Minutes of March 23, 2021 – Mr. Habrial requested that the Board amend the minutes of March 23, 2021 to include “from 70% to 60%”. The minutes as printed state “to establish 60”.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle and unanimously carried to approve the Board Minutes of March 9, 2021 and March 23, 2021 as amended.

Treasurer’s Report – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mrs. Hackman and unanimously carried to accept the Treasurer’s Report of April 7, 2021.

Budget Report – The report of the General Fund showing revenues received, expenditures, encumbrances and balances as of April 8, 2021 was presented to the Board.

Cafeteria Report - The Cafeteria Report for the month of February 2021 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 April 7, 2021 was presented to the Board.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Mrs. Hackman moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer and unanimously carried to approve the payment of bills for April 2021.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Dally shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021 at the middle school auditorium.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Evans noted that the next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the middle school auditorium.

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

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Awarding Bids in Accordance with the Northampton-Monroe-Pike County Joint Purchasing Board - Bids for Paper and Janitorial Supplies were duly advertised and awarded by the Northampton-Monroe-Pike County Joint Purchasing Board.

Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve the following bids for items required by our District. Examples of bid items: xerographic paper (white and colors), paper towels, toilet tissue, etc.

<u>Office Basics</u>	\$ 3,997.50
<u>W. B. Mason</u>	<u>20,039.21</u>
Total Bid Award	\$24,036.71

Awarding Bids in Accordance with the Keystone Purchasing Network - Bids for General Supplies and Art Supplies and Computer Supplies were duly advertised and awarded by the Keystone Purchasing Network.

Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve the following bids for items required by our District. Examples of bid items: batteries, binders, crayons, erasers, index cards, labels, staples, staplers, scissors, rulers, file folders, envelopes, pens, pencils, highlighters, markers, dry eraser markers, tape, construction paper, paints, glazes, glue, clay, etc.

<u>Blick</u>	\$ 3,178.12
<u>Cascade</u>	523.37
<u>Kurtz Bros.</u>	3,584.30
<u>National Art + School</u>	7,702.42
<u>Pyramid School Product</u>	6,185.94
<u>School Specialty</u>	<u>364.54</u>
Total Bid Award:	\$ 21,538.69

Resolution to Adopt the Budget of the Northampton Community College – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Hackman, a roll call vote was taken and carried to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pen Argyl Area School Board approve the general operating and capital cost budget of the Northampton Community College for 2021/22 in the amount of \$65,166,452.

The estimated cost to our district to fund this budget is \$265,088.

The motion passed with two nay votes (Habrial and Rutt).

Appointment – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mr. Evans and unanimously carried to approve the following appointment for the 2020/21 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Nikolas Franekic	JV (Boys) Tennis	Open	\$3,672.00 (prorated) (9.0 Pts., Yr. 1, St. 1)

Resignations – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mr. Evans and unanimously carried to approve the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kelly Bortz	Head Cheerleading	Immediately
Devin Olenick	Head (Girls) Basketball	Immediately

Resignations/Retirements – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mr. Evans and unanimously carried to approve the following resignations/retirements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Brian Strouse	FT Custodian (PAHS)	08/17/21
Mary Cramer	Teacher	End of 20/21 School Year

Tentative Plan for 2021/22: Virtual Students, ESSER II / III, Learning Loss – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Hackman and unanimously carried to approve the Tentative Plan for the 2021/22 Virtual Students, ESSER II / III and Learning Loss.

Administrative/Board Comments – Mr. Rutt provided updates on CIT and the IU 20.

Adjournment – Mr. Rutt declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.