

## PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 18, 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, May 18, 2021 with Mr. Robert Rutt, President, presiding.

Roll Call – Those present were: Mrs. Debbie Castle, Mr. John Dally, Jr., Mr. Darrin Evans via phone, Mr. Ethan Habrial, Mrs. Lisa Hackman, Mrs. Heather Hahn, Mr. Jason Keenhold, Mr. Jeff Moyer and Mr. Robert Rutt. Also present were: Student Representative Maurice Whan via phone, Student Representative Hannah Bonanducci 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 personnel matters.

Student Representative, Maurice Whan, updated the Board on activities at the high school leading up to graduation. This included that Prom was a total success, Baccalaureate will be on Sunday, the senior dance on May 20<sup>th</sup> and Mini-thon is this Saturday.

Student Representative, Hannah Bonanducci, updated the Board also sharing that Prom was a success. She thanked the principals and teachers. She shared that National Honor Society is tomorrow and the underclassman awards on Friday. She stated that they are ending the year with a bang and she is looking forward to next year.

2021/2022 Pen Argyl Area School District Proposed Budget Presentation - Mr. Schlegel and Mrs. Achenbach presented the 2021/22 Pen Argyl Area School District Proposed Budget.

Items high-lighted included:

Total Millage Rate = 56.06

Millage Rate Increase = 0.00

% Millage Rate Increase = 0.00

Total Budget = \$35,023,129

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance – Mr. Tim Egan shared with the Board changes in student accident insurance coverage for athletics for the 2021/22 school year.

Pediatric Therapeutic Services Contract – Mrs. Achenbach advised the Board that services for 2021/22 psychological services will be on the May 25, 2021 agenda as an action item.

Homestead/Farmstead Certification and State Property Tax Relief Allocation – Mrs. Achenbach reviewed both items. The District will receive \$695,812.69 in 2021/22 from the State Property Tax Relief Fund, which will generate a \$225.81 reduction in the approved Homestead/Farmstead tax bills.

Workers Compensation Insurance – Mrs. Achenbach reviewed with the Board that several quotes have been received ranging from \$59,006 to \$70,600. The current year policy is \$65,452. Administration will be recommending CM Regent on the May 25, 2021 agenda as an action item.

Election of Treasurer – Mrs. Achenbach reported that Mrs. Hackman has graciously agreed to be treasurer for the 2021/22 school year. This action item will be on the May 25, 2021 agenda.

Appointment of Tax Collector and Delinquent Tax Collector – Mrs. Achenbach reviewed the appointments for 2021/22 tax collector and delinquent collectors. This action item will be on the May 25, 2021 agenda.

Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector – Mrs. Achenbach discussed the need for deputy collectors and that the district and the municipalities will share deputy collectors. The names of the Deputy Tax Collectors will be on the May 25, 2021 agenda as an action item.

Graduation 2021 – Mr. Schlegel updated the Board on the current plans for graduation including holding graduation outside and that a parent survey regarding ticket requests will be sent home.

2021/22 Buildings and Grounds Budget – Mrs. Achenbach reviewed the budget and shared that it was approved by the Buildings and Grounds Committee on May 12, 2021. It is on your agenda tonight as an action item.

Buildings and Grounds Budget – The 2021/22 Buildings and Grounds budget was presented to the Board.

Mrs. Hackman moved, seconded by Mr. Dally, a roll call vote was taken and carried to approve the 2021/22 Buildings and Grounds Budget.

The motion carried with one nay vote (Habrial)

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Dally shared with the Board items discussed at the last meeting including that the budget was approved. He provided an update on the High School HVAC project and that the Wind Gap chiller project was completed. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Evans shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021 and after interviewing for basketball and cheerleading coaches, a recommendation will be made at the May 25, 2021 Board meeting.

Curriculum Committee – Mr. Moyer shared with the Board curriculums and textbooks approved at the April 22 and May 13, 2021 meetings. The May meeting was the last meeting for this school year.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Resignations/Retirements – Mrs. Hahn moved, seconded by Mr. Dally, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried to approve the following resignations/retirements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Beth Snyder	Teacher	End of 20/21 School Year
Doreen Anthony	Full-Time Aide	End of 20/21 School Year
Linda Marascio	Full-Time Aide	End of 20/21 School Year
Cheryl Hance	Teacher	End of 20/21 School Year
Catherine Novello	Teacher	End of 20/21 School Year

Resignation – Mrs. Hahn moved, seconded by Mr. Dally, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried to approve the following resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Brooke Hartranft	Teacher	End of 20/21 School Year

Change of Classification – Mrs. Hahn moved, seconded by Mr. Dally, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried to approve the following change of classification:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jacob Itterly	PT Custodian to Temporary FT Custodian	Scott Beahm	\$25.64/hr	05/27/21

Approval for Engineering Services – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Hackman, a roll call vote was taken and carried to approve ELA Sport to engineer, survey, process local and state permitting and provide bidding and construction administration services at a cost of \$102,296.50 for the Pen Argyl High School Track and Stadium Renovation project.

The motion carried with one nay vote (Habrial)

Approval to Advertise the Pen Argyl High School Track and Stadium Renovation Project – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Hackman, a roll call vote was taken and carried to approve the advertisement of bids for the Pen Argyl High School Track and Stadium Renovation project.

The motion carried with one nay vote (Habrial)

Approval to Advertise the Pen Argyl High School Cupola Restoration Project – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Hackman, a roll call vote was taken and carried to approve the advertisement of bids for the Pen Argyl High School Cupola Restoration project.

The motion carried with one nay vote (Habrial)

Approval for Pen Argyl High School Tennis Court Refurbishment Project – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Hackman, a roll call vote was taken and carried to approve ATC Corp to refurbish 4 tennis courts at Pen Argyl High School at a cost of \$167,575 through COSTARS contract # 014-217.

The motion carried with one nay vote (Habrial)

Approval of Staff/Coaching Van Driver – Mrs. Hackman moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried to approve the following staff/coaching van driver for the 2020/21 school year:

Glenn Bray

Adoption of the Proposed Final Budget for the 2021/22 School Year – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle, a roll call vote was taken 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 \$35,023,129 for the 2021/22 school fiscal year.
2. Approval of the proposed school tax program for the 2021/22 school fiscal year: Real Estate 56.06 Mills; .85% Earned Income Tax, and .5% Realty Transfer Tax.
3. Fund balance designated with 2021/22 budget:

• Designated for Capital Reserve Transfer	\$1,500,000
• Designated for Equipment Purchases	268,496
• Designated to Balance the 2020/21 Budget	140,000
• Designated as part of Fund 29	<u>11,500</u>
Total	\$1,919,996

The motion carried with one nay vote (Habrial)

Request for Homebound Instruction – 06-0521 - Homebound instruction has been requested for a student whose condition requires that the student remain hospitalized for an indefinite period.

Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried to approve this request to provide a total of five (5) hours of instruction weekly at the contracted rate of \$40.00 per hour by KidsPeace.

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

Mr. Schlegel shared information on a vaccine site at the Colonial Academy. He provided a big thank you to Mr. Domchek, Mr. Oakley and the high school staff for all of the year end activities for the students. He also shared that both Board and Committee meetings will be open to the public in June.

Adjournment – Mr. Rutt declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.