

## PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 25, 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 25, 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. Jeff Moyer and Mr. Robert Rutt. Absent was: Mr. Jason Keenhold. Also present were: Mr. Walter Schlegel, Jr., Mrs. Jamie Achenbach and Mr. Alan McFall.

Mr. Rutt stated an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Pen Argyl Area High School Recognition of Achievement - Mr. Domchek and Mr. Oakley recognized the High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian on their achievements:

**Valedictorian – Erica Weaver**, daughter of Joseph and Danielle Weaver of Wind Gap, PA, has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 2021. Erica is ranked number 1 in a class of 118 with a Grade Point Average of 106.027%. Her achievements and activities are as follows:

**Academic Awards/Honors Received:** Rensselaer Medal, National Honor Society Secretary, Highest Achievement in Math (2 years), Science (3 years), Social Studies (1 year), English (2 years), Top Female Junior, Field Hockey Varsity Letter, Valedictorian 12

**Activities, Clubs/Organizations:** Scholastic Scrimmage, Reading Olympics, Aavidum Officer, Peer Mediation, Student Government

**Athletic:** Field Hockey 9,10,11,12

**Community Involvement:** Girls on the Run Junior Coach, Girl Scouts

**College Plans:** Erica plans to attend Lafayette College to study Biology on a Pre-Med Track.

**Salutatorian – Cassandra Blasi**, daughter of William Blasi and Dong-Shiang Luo of Pen Argyl, PA, has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2021. Cassandra is ranked number 2 in a class of 118 with a Grade Point Average of 104.915%. Her achievements and activities are as follows:

**Academic Awards/Honors Received:** 9<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Award in Math, 10<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Award in Business Education, 11<sup>th</sup> grade ASVAB Academic Award.

**Activities, Clubs/Organizations:** Treasurer of the Class of 2021, Reading Olympics Captain, Captain of the Scholastic Scrimmage Team, Library Volunteer, Student Government, mini-THON, TV Studio, National Honor Society, Aavidum, Manager of the PAHS Annual Chinese New Year Festival.

**Athletics:** Varsity Field Hockey Team Manager

**Community Involvement:** Volunteer for PAHS Library and NHS

**College Plans:** Cassandra plans to attend a four-year College to major in Actuarial Science.

2021/22 Budget – Mrs. Achenbach shared that the proposed final budget was presented and adopted last week. It is available for review on the district website and set for final adoption on June 22, 2021.

IU20 Election Ballots – Mrs. Achenbach shared that the ballots were to be completed and returned to her.

Budget Transfers – Mrs. Achenbach briefed the board on action item 6-3 and the yearly need to adjust the budget for unanticipated local and federal revenues, such as: Title I, Title IV, ESSER, etc.

Emergency Instructional Time Application – Mr. Greg Freeman and Mrs. Mary Dillon briefed the Board on the Emergency Instructional Time Application and the need to approve the application.

Giant Acknowledgement – Mrs. Achenbach shared that Giant presented the district with a check in the amount of \$9,913.28 to support our food program. This was made possible through their Feeding School Kids initiative. From January 4 through February 28, 2021, customers were invited to round up their purchase total to the nearest dollar and then Giant matched the first \$1.5 million donated by customers. The total raised by both Giant and their customers was \$3.3 million. Thank you to Giant and their customers!

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle and unanimously carried to approve the Board Minutes of April 6, 2021 and April 13, 2021.

Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Hann moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer and unanimously carried to accept the Treasurer's Report of May 19, 2021.

Budget Report – The report of the General Fund showing revenues received, expenditures, encumbrances and balances as of May 20, 2021 was presented to the Board.

Cafeteria Report - The Cafeteria Report for the month of March 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 May 19, 2021 was presented to the Board.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mrs. Hann and unanimously carried to approve the payment of bills for May 2021.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Dally shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021 at Plainfield Elementary.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Evans noted that the next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021 at Plainfield Elementary.

Curriculum Committee – Mr. Moyer noted that the next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021.

Technology Committee – Mr. Rutt shared with the Board items discussed at the last meeting including that the pilot program for white boards has been successful, new Chromebooks for K-4<sup>th</sup> graders and Google licensing. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021.

Public Comment – Mr. Jason Grim, former coach, shared public comment regarding his resignation as wrestling coach.

Awarding Bids – Athletic Supplies - Notice for sealed proposals for supplies was duly advertised and bids were opened in the District Office at the Wind Gap Middle School at 10:00 am, April 15, 2021.

Fall Athletic Sports and Equipment Bid proposals were received from the following: BSN, M-F Athletics, Pyramid Products, Scholastic Sports, and Triple Crown Sports.

Some items being purchased are cross country numbers, tennis game and practice balls, mouth guards, field hockey balls, leg guards and socks, soccer game and indoor balls, goal keeper pants, scrimmage vests, ball bags, football practice pants, and pads, football game balls, practice jerseys, replacement cleats, score books.

Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve to award contracts as follows:

<u>BSN Sports</u>	8038.88
<u>M-F Athletics</u>	120.00
<u>Pyramid Products</u>	756.26
<u>Scholastic Sports</u>	62.40
<u>Triple Crown Sports</u>	<u>1218.60</u>
TOTAL:	\$10,196.14

Workers Compensation Insurance – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve to purchase Workers Compensation Insurance for the 2021/22 school year written by C M Regent at an estimated annual premium of \$59,006.

Budget Transfers and Unanticipated Revenues from Federal and Local Sources – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve to adjust the accounts of the attached 2020-21 Title II and Title IV Budgets, Unanticipated Revenues from Federal Sources for 2019/20 and 2020/21 and Unanticipated Revenues from Local Sources from 2020/21.

Approval of 2021/2022 Athletic Ticket Prices and Ticket Plans – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve the following Athletic Ticket Prices and Ticket Plans for the 2021/2022 school year:

<u>GENERAL ADMISSION:</u>	<u>VARSITY</u>	<u>JV &amp; MS</u>
ADULT:	\$5.00	\$3.00
STUDENT:	\$3.00	\$2.00

**Student / Adult Winter Season Pass:** \$25.00 / \$50.00  
 General admission for one student / adult to all home basketball games and wrestling matches.

**Student / Adult All-Sports Pass:** \$35.00 / \$65.00

**Family All-Sports Pass:** \$125.00 for family of 2 Adults & 2 Students  
 Admission to all home sporting events for the school year. Reserved section seating for all home football games.

**Gold Pass:** No Charge.  
 Entitles retirees (age 62), who are residents of the school district, admission to **all school events**. This is a lifetime card. Does not need to be renewed yearly.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
MaryKay Williams	Teacher	End of 20/21 School Year

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Amanda Koenig	Teacher	End of 20/21 School Year

Salary Classification Change – Mrs. Hackman moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer and unanimously carried to approve the following change in salary classification:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From Class</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>To Class</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Felicia Buchanan	1	2	2	\$47,600 (prorated)	05/06/21

Appointments – Mrs. Hackman moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer and unanimously carried to approve the appointments of the following professional staff to teach the Plainfield Elementary summer school reading and math program from June 21 through June 30 and July 12 through July 23, 2021 at the contracted rate as per the PAASD Professional Personnel Contract:

Amanda Roberts, Nicole Francis, Michele McLean, Teriane Streitl, Dailynn McKeague, Richael Ash, Antonia Albright, Kaitlyn McConnell

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Michelle Kidd, Kristy Harrison, Collette Flory, William Rogan, Travis Stoudt, Christina Guthrie, Ilka O’Donovan, Jenna Kistler

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Jessica Englert, Chad Hausmann, Adam Ferullo, Johanna Roche, Jessica Goyette, Lucille Cucco, Natasha Chromey, Kristin Kresge, Laura Cipriano-Kohser, Sarah Herbert-Hannick, Scott Poppele, Brian Zale, Laura Dario, Kaitlin Sofronie, Shira Yacker

Change of Classification – Mrs. Hackman moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer 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>
Matthew Itterly	FT Custodian/Van Driver (PES) to FT Custodian/Van Driver (PAHS)	Brian Strouse	\$25.64/hr	06/07/21

Appointments – Mrs. Hackman moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer 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>
Elizabeth Valetta	Head Cheerleading	Open	\$7,395.00 (15.0 Pts., Yr. 7 St. 4)
Todd Oessenick	Head Basketball	Open	\$9,860.00 (20.0 Pts., Yr. 7 St. 4)

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jason Grim	Head Wrestling	05/11/21

Election of Treasurer - WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Public School Code reads in part as follows:

“In each school district of the second, third, and fourth class, the school directors shall---annually during the month of May, elect a treasurer to serve for one year, beginning the first day of July following such election.”

Mrs. Hahn moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle and carried to approve to elect Lisa Hackman, Treasurer, for the fiscal year of 2021/22 to begin her duties the first day of July 2021, at a salary of \$250.00 per year.

The motion carried with one abstaining vote (Hackman)

Appointment of Tax Collector – Mrs. Hahn moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of the following Tax Collector for the Pen Argyl Area School District during the 2021/22 school year:

H. A. Berkheimer, Inc. – Real Estate and Interims

Appointment of Delinquent Tax Collectors – Mrs. Hahn moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of the following Delinquent Tax Collectors for the Pen Argyl Area School District during the 2021/22 school year:

H. A. Berkheimer, Inc. – Per Capita, Occupational Assessment, and EIT (Boroughs of Pen Argyl and Wind Gap)

Keystone – EIT (Plainfield Township)

Appointment of Deputy Tax Collectors – Mrs. Hahn moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of the following Deputy Tax Collectors:

Richard Lieberman - Plainfield Township

Ann M. Weaver - Wind Gap Borough

Approval of Emergency Instructional Time Application – Mrs. Hahn moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle and unanimously carried to approve the Emergency Instructional Time Application for the 21/22 School Year (School Code 520.1).

Approval of Bus Drivers – Mrs. Hahn moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle and unanimously carried to approve the following bus drivers for the 2020/21 school year:

Courtney Crowley

Nicole Quinter

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

Mr. Schlegel shared the results of a survey update regarding students remaining virtual in the 2021/22 school year. Mr. Schlegel thanked the principals for everything they have done for the students to make the end of year as normal as possible. He also thanked Mr. Egan, Mr. Ifkovits, Mr. Peck and Mrs. Achenbach.

Mr. Rutt informed the public, that starting in June, Board meetings will revert back to in-person.

Adjournment – Mr. Rutt declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.