

PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 20, 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 September 20, 2022 with Mrs. Lisa Hackman, President, presiding.

Roll Call - Those present were: Mrs. Christine Albanese, Mr. John Dally, Jr., Mr. Darrin Evans, Mr. Ethan Habrial, Mrs. Lisa Hackman, Mr. Jason Keenhold, Mr. Thomas Knorr, Sr., Mr. Jeff Moyer and Mrs. Megan Pultz. Also present were: Student Representative Kira Thompson, Student Representative Alyssa Williams, Mr. Walter Schlegel, Jr., Mrs. Jamie Achenbach and Mr. Alan McFall.

Student Representative Kira Thompson updated the Board on activities at the high school including: the homecoming pep rally, athletics and the bonfire.

Mrs. Hackman stated an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Act 57 of 2022 – Mrs. Achenbach shared with the Board that Governor Wolf signed Act 57 of 2022 amending the Local Tax Collection Law. It requires school districts to adopt a resolution to require its real estate tax collector(s) to waive additional charges for real estate taxes when new homeowners do not receive a bill within the first year of owning a property, subject to taxpayer compliance with certain requirements. The approval is listed on your agenda as action item 9-4.

Free Breakfast for all Enrolled Students Effective 10/1/22 – Mrs. Achenbach shared with the Board that Governor Wolf has announced free breakfast for all enrolled students starting October 1, 2022 through the end of the 22/23 school year. This change only applies to breakfast, lunch will continue to be accounted for based on the family's meal status.

Northampton Community College – Election of Trustee – Mr. Schlegel shared with the Board the need to elect a trustee to fill a vacant position at Northampton Community College. The approval is listed on your agenda as action item 9-3.

New Maintenance Building at Wind Gap Middle School – Mr. Schlegel shared with Board that bids for the new maintenance building were opened on September 9, 2022. The awarding of the bids are listed on your agenda as action items 8-1 through 8-3.

Approval of Minutes – Mrs. Pultz moved, seconded by Mr. Dally and unanimously carried to approve the Board Minutes of August 16, 2022.

Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Albanese moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer and unanimously carried to approve the Treasure's Report of September 14, 2022.

Budget Report – The report of the General Fund showing revenues received, expenditures, encumbrances and balances as of September 14, 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, 2022 to September 1, 2022 was presented to the Board.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and carried to approve the payment of bills for September 2022.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Dally shared with the Board items discussed at the September 14, 2022 meeting including ongoing and future projects: the high school cupola, track paving, scoreboard and the new maintenance building. Mr. Dally stated the committee had questions for the architect regarding radiant heat. The committee received the answers and he recommends moving forward with the project because it is a need, not a want. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Evans shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Technology Committee – Mr. Habrial shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2022.

Curriculum Committee – Mr. Moyer shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2022.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

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 a.m. on August 24, 2022.

Bid proposals were received from the following: AAE, BSN Sports, M-F Athletics, Pyramid Products, Riddell and Triple Crown Sports. Bids were for scorebooks, baseballs, basketballs, tennis balls, ball lockers, practice jerseys, disinfectant cleaners, baseball helmets, softballs, equipment bags, track supplies, etc.

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve to award the contracts as follows:

<u>Aluminum Athletic</u>	1785.00
<u>BSN</u>	949.28
<u>M-F Athletics</u>	5004.00
<u>Pyramid Products</u>	4156.82
<u>Triple Crown Sports</u>	<u>1617.60</u>
Total:	\$13,512.70

Resignations – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Chad Hausmann	PT Aide – PAHS	Immediately
Cassidy Tabor	ESSER Teacher – PES	Immediately
Kimberly Borden	STEM Advisor – PES	Immediately
Lucille Cucco	Teacher – PAHS	Upon finding a suitable replacement within 60 days
Ryan Muller	Teacher – WGMS	Upon finding a suitable replacement within 60 days
Ryan Muller	STEM Asst. Advisor – WGMS 4, 5	Immediately
Ryan Muller	STEM Asst. Advisor – WGMS 6,7,8	Immediately
Sean McGovern	Teacher – PAHS	Upon finding a suitable replacement within 60 days
Tiffany Weldon	LTS – PAHS	11/05/22

Appointment – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the following appointment which is temporary for the 22/23 school year and funded by Federal ESSER’s funds until the funds are exhausted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Nicolette Kessler	ESSER Teacher – PES	Cassidy Tabor	\$50,000 (St. 1, Cl. 1)	08/23/22

Changes of Assignments – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the following changes of assignments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jennifer Morykin	FT Aide – HS to FT Aide – HS	Chrysa Policelli	\$21.70/hr.	08/23/22
Heather Goiran	PT Aide - PES to FT Aide - PES	Kristy Zaleski	\$22.16/hr.	08/23/22
Jacob Itterly	PT Custodian to FT Custodian	Joseph Opperman	\$27.31/hr.	09/19/22
Joseph Opperman	FT Custodian to PT Custodian	Jacob Itterly	\$27.31/hr.	09/19/22

Salary Classification Changes – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the following changes in salary classification:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From Class</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>To Class</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kimberly Knerr	3	5	4	\$54,825	08/23/22
Jennifer Eppley	3	4	4	\$54,125 (prorated)	08/31/22

Substitutes – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the addition of the following name to the approved substitute list:

Teachers
Alexis Kessler

Appointment of Emergency Substitute Teachers – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of the following substitute teachers certified for one year by the PA Department of Education through the Pen Argyl Area School District Emergency Substitute Training Program:

Makbule Kara
Mary Durkin
Kyle Hinton

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

Kathleen Balch	Cheryl Casella
Jamie Rider	Carissa Cammareri
Erin Amato	Samantha Hess
Trista Corwin	

Appointment – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the following appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
*Thomas Rotzell	Asst. Varsity Softball	Open	\$3,024.00 (Pts. 7, Yr. 1, St. 1)	Upon receipt of all documents

*Pending receipt of all required paperwork. It is understood that employment is provisional until all required paperwork is received, based on the requirements of the Public Employee Relations Act and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Request for Family Medical Leave – Mr. Dally 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>
Lee Pavan	Guidance Counselor - PAHS	9/9/22-10/10/22

Appointments – Mr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve the following appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cassidy Tabor	Teacher - PES	Suzanne Manieri	\$50,200, (St. 2, Cl. 1)	08/23/22
Tiffany Weldon	Teacher - PAHS	Sean McGovern	\$51,425, (St. 1, Cl. 4)	11/05/22
Stephanie Ragusa	FT Aide - PAHS	Jennifer Morykin	\$21.70/hr (90% payable first 45 work days)	08/23/22
Jennifer Carroll	PT Aide - PES	Heather Goiran	\$21.70/hr (90% payable first 45 work days)	09/21/22

Awarding the Bid for the New Maintenance Building at Wind Gap Middle School for the General Contract - The following bids were received for the general contract of the new maintenance building at the Wind Gap Middle School.

	<u>Base Bid</u>
Dutchman Contracting, LLC	\$573,479
Uhrig Construction	\$723,000

Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried to approve to award the Base Bid of the new maintenance building at the Wind Gap Middle School for the General Contract to Dutchman Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$573,479.

The motion carried with one nay vote (Habrial).

Awarding the Bid for the New Maintenance Building at Wind Gap Middle School for the Plumbing and Mechanical Contract – The following bids were received for the plumbing and mechanical contract of the new maintenance building at the Wind Gap Middle School.

	<u>Base Bid</u>
JBM Mechanical, Inc.	\$155,000
KC Mechanical	\$177,000

Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried to approve to award the Base Bid of the new maintenance building at the Wind Gap Middle School for the Plumbing and Mechanical Contract to JBM Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$155,000.

The motion carried with one nay vote (Habrial).

Awarding the Bid for the New Maintenance Building at Wind Gap Middle School for the Electrical Contract – The following bids were received for the electrical contract of the new maintenance building at the Wind Gap Middle School.

	<u>Base Bid</u>
Wind Gap Electric, Inc.	\$162,000

Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried to approve to award the Base Bid of the new maintenance building at the Wind Gap Middle School for the Electrical Contract to Wind Gap Electric in the amount of \$162,000.

The motion carried with one abstaining vote (Albanese) and one nay vote (Habrial).

Approval of Staff/Coaching Van Drivers – Mrs. Pultz moved, seconded by Mr. Dally and unanimously carried to approve the following staff/coaching van drivers for the 2022/23 school year:

Ryan Hinton
Mark Schiavone

Approval of Van Driver – Mrs. Pultz moved, seconded by Mr. Dally and unanimously carried to approve the following van driver for the 2022/23 school year:

Steven Gullotta

Election of Trustee, Northampton Community College - There is one vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Northampton Community College, due to the unexpired term of Mr. John Squarcia (Easton Area School District). The term for Mr. Squarcia would have expired in June 2026. The vacancy must be filled by a nominee from the district in which the vacancy occurs. The nominee is Tyree A. Blair, Sr., Esq. (Easton Area School District).

Mrs. Pultz moved, seconded by Mr. Dally and unanimously carried to approve to cast its ballot to elect the nominee (Tyree A. Blair, Sr., Esq.) to the Northampton Community College Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Mr. John Squarcia to June 30, 2026.

Approval of Act 57 of 2022 – Mrs. Pultz moved, seconded by Mr. Dally and unanimously carried to approve the attached Resolution of the Pen Argyl Area School District Board of Education Involving Act 57 of 2022.

Approval of PAASD/Northampton County and Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. Coordination of Care Letter of Agreement – Mrs. Pultz moved, seconded by Mr. Dally and unanimously carried to approve the attached Coordination of Care Letter of Agreement between the Pen Argyl Area School District and Northampton County and Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.

District Standardized Testing Program – Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mrs. Albanese and unanimously carried to approve the attached Standardized Testing Schedule for the 2022/23 school year and provide representational consent in accordance with Policy 127.

Administrative/Board Comments – Mr. Habrial provided an IU 20 update.

Mr. Freeman provided an update on Dual Enrollment.

Adjournment - Mrs. Hackman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.