

## PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 21, 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, September 21, 2021 with Mr. Robert Rutt, President, presiding.

Roll Call – Those present were: Mrs. Debbie Castle, Mr. John Dally, Jr., Mr. Ethan Habrial, Mr. Jason Keenhold, Mr. Jeff Moyer and Mr. Robert Rutt. Absent was: Mr. Darrin Evans, Mrs. Lisa Hackman and Mrs. Heather Hahn. 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 student matters.

Approval of Minutes – Mrs. Castle moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve the Board Minutes of August 17, 2021.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to accept the Treasurer's Report of September 16, 2021.

Budget Report – The report of the General Fund showing revenues received, expenditures, encumbrances and balances as of September 16, 2021 was presented to the Board.

Cafeteria Report - The Cafeteria Report for the months of June 2021 and July 2021 were 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, 2021 to September 16, 2021 was presented to the Board.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve the payment of bills for September 2021.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Dally shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center

Curriculum Committee – Mr. Moyer shared with the Board items discussed/approved at the September 16, 2021 meeting including art curriculum and technology.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Keenhold shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2021 at the Plainfield Elementary conference room.

Technology Committee – Mr. Rutt shared with the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021 at the Wind Gap Middle School at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment – Christine Albanese, parent spoke about her daughter who was quarantined even though she had a negative test result. Stand up for Students... Put Children First.

Linda Miller-Smith, grandparent, spoke regarding a transportation issue. The CIT bus takes 1 hour and 15 minutes to return students to the High School. Then they need to walk 2 blocks up to the parking lot. Why can't students drive to CIT?

Steven Oakes, parent, spoke regarding the mask mandate causing anxiety increases and behavioral problems. He also cited studies on vaccinated versus unvaccinated and optional masking versus mandated masking.

Michelle Garcias, parent, spoke about the intermural volleyball team and how a lot of girls are attending. She asked the Board to please consider making it a JV sport next school year.

Megan Pultz, parent, spoke about the mask mandates. She said she is a scientist and has been researching it. She stated make masks a choice, not a mandate. All about choice. Change would need to be for all districts, not just Pen Argyl. Make positive change. Fear and control cannot be a factor that decides our future.

Tonia Oakes, parent, spoke regarding a transportation issue regarding the CIT bus arriving late. The first 2 weeks of school athletes were late for practice. She understands there is a bus driver shortage. If Kids can drive to school, why can't they drive to CIT? Why can't the students be dropped off at the school rather than walk up 2 blocks?

Mr. Schlegel immediately followed up regarding:

- Negative Test Results – Mr. Schlegel stated that CDC protocols are being followed by the District.
- CIT Bus – Mr. Schlegel stated that all students who live in Pen Argyl Borough walk to the High School, so this is not unheard of. The Grandmother that spoke was given an option and we did try to work with her. He stated he did not want anyone to think we don't work with people.
- Mask Mandate – Mr. Schlegel stated we respect all input and concerns brought up tonight. Unfortunately, the Department of Health issued an order for universal face coverings. He asked for cooperation and help to navigate through this and encouraged those present to continue to share their concerns with us.

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, 2021.

Bid proposals were received from the following: BSN Sports, Kampus Klothes, M-F Athletics, Pyramid Products, Riddell/All American, Scholastic Sports, Sportsman’s, Triple Crown and Winning Teams. Bids were for baseballs, basketballs, mat tape, scorebooks, softballs, disinfectant cleaners, javelin, tennis balls, etc.

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

<u>BSN</u>	938.69
<u>Kampus Klothes</u>	91.80
<u>M-F Athletics</u>	6524.00
<u>Pyramid Products</u>	82.60
<u>Scholastic Sports</u>	7421.84
<u>Sportsman’s</u>	567.70
<u>Triple Crown</u>	2408.80
<u>Winning Teams</u>	<u>2135.64</u>
Total:	\$20,171.07

Appointments – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer and unanimously carried to approve DuWayne Rutt as the Buildings and Grounds Director, replacing Michael Farace, at a prorated salary of \$82,000, effective October 4, 2021.

Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mr. Moyer and unanimously carried to approve Gordon N. Palmer as the Assistant Buildings and Grounds Director, replacing DuWayne Rutt at a prorated salary of \$70,000, contingent upon receipt of all required paperwork and satisfactory completion of a 45 work-day probationary period.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Emily Paramonte	LTS – PES	Immediately
Gloria Hann	FT Aide - WGMS	10/04/21

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Suzanne Dennis	Teacher – PES	11/25/21
Suzanne Dennis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade/Science Coordinator	11/25/21

Salary Classification Changes – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial 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>
Molly Jones	5	5	6	\$58,625 (prorated)	09/08/21
Kristy Harrison	1	4	2	\$48,200 (prorated)	09/02/21
Antonia Albright	1	4	2	\$48,200 (prorated)	08/30/21
Hanna Dorsey	1	3	2	\$47,800 (prorated)	08/27/21
Ryan Hinton	4	12	5	\$71,925	08/24/21

Substitutes – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve the addition of the following names to the approved substitute list:

Teachers  
Erika Edler  
Andrew Woerner

Appointments – Mr. Keenhold 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>
Kierstin Saeger	LTS Teacher - PES	Emily Paramonte	\$46,000 (St. 1, Cl. 1)	08/24/21
Samantha Warren	LTS Teacher - PES	Temporary	\$46,000 (St. 1, Cl. 1)	08/24/21
Dailynn McKeague	Induction Program Support Teacher – Cassidy Tabor	New	\$1,820.00 (4.0 Pts.)	08/24/21
Teriane Streitl	Induction Program Support Teacher – Samantha Warren	New	\$1,820.00 (4.0 Pts.)	08/24/21
Kristin Kresge	Induction Program Support Teacher – Meghan Kutzler	Shira Yacker	\$1,820.00 (4.0 Pts.)	08/24/21
Vanessa Stackhouse	Temporary K/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Coordinator	Kelly Thomas	\$3,412.50 (Pts. 7.5, Yr. 1, St. 1)	08/24/21
*Christian Scheuermann	LTS Teacher - PAHS	Nicole Bachman	\$46,000 (Prorated, St. 1, Cl. 1)	09/22/21
Laura Cipriano	Induction Program Support Teacher – Christian Scheuermann	New	\$1,820.00 (Prorated, 4.0 Pts.)	09/22/21

\*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.

Appointments – Mr. Keenhold 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>
Christine Yaworski	Temporary PT Aide - HS	Chad Hausmann	\$21.03/hr	08/24/21
Chrysa Policelli	FT Aide – WGMS	Doreen Anthony	\$21.03/hr (90% payable First 45 work days)	09/22/21

Reappointment of Intermediate Unit Substitutes – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve the reappointment of the following substitute teachers re-certified for one year by the PA Department of Education through the Intermediate Unit:

Lisa Hamm  
JoAnn Kutz

Appointment of Emergency Substitute Teachers – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial 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  
Gulay Yurelki  
Michael Martino  
Jeff Pfeiffer  
\*Richard Hannick

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Sabbatical Leave – Mr. Keenhold moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve the following sabbatical leave for Restoration of Health:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Nicole Bachman	Teacher - PAHS	09/22/21-01/19/22

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ellen Spohn	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cheerleading	Immediately

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Dana	Asst.	\$4,210.00
Evans	Field Hockey	(10.0 Pts., Yr. 1, St. 1)
*Hannah Bennett	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cheerleading	\$3,368.00 (8.0 Pts., Yr. 1, St. 1)
*Bruce Smith	Co-7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football	\$3,096.00 (6.0 Pts., Yr. 13, St. 5)
*Dakota Coenen	Asst. Cheerleading	\$3,368.00 (8.0 Pts., Yr. 1, St. 1)

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Change Order Numbers 6 and 7 – Mr. Dally moved, seconded by Mrs. Castle and carried to approve the following Change Order Number 6 and 7 for the Pen Argyl High School Air Conditioning Modification Project:

Order #6	Furnish & Install Armaflex insulation with aluminum jacket on the refrigerant lines serving the chiller.	Add	\$8,636.64
Order #7	Add branch lines to serve added unit vents to rooms A150, A157 and A229 as requested in CSKM-03 clouded area.	Add	\$9,229.08

The motion carried with one nay vote (Habrial)

Approval of Staff/Coaching Van Drivers – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve the following staff/coaching van drivers for the 2021/22 school year:

Carol Hauspurg  
Robert Hauspurg

Approval of Substitute Van Driver – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve the following substitute van driver for the 2021/22 school year:

Randy Trumbauer

Approval of Bus Driver – Mr. Habrial moved, seconded by Mr. Keenhold and unanimously carried to approve the following bus driver for the 2021/22 school year:

Michelle Ubel

District Standardized Testing – Mrs. Castle moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve the attached Standardized Testing Schedule for the 2021/22 school year and provide representational consent in accordance with Policy 127.

Student Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion – #091521 - The Board has received a Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion for Student #091521.

Mrs. Castle moved, seconded by Mr. Habrial and unanimously carried to approve to adopt the Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion for Student #091521, which has been signed by both the student and parent.

The Secretary of the Board is directed to mail a true and correct copy of the Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion to the student's parent, with whom the student resides.

Administrative/Board Comments – There were no comments.

Adjournment – Mr. Rutt declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.