

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES

The Hollidaysburg Area School Board met for a **Committee of the Whole and Voting Meeting** on **Wednesday, October 20, 2021** in the Senior High Auditorium, 1510 N. Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg. Dr. Sommer called the meeting to order at 7:28p.m. and opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken by Mrs. Fiscus with eight members present. Attending were Dr. Sommer, President, Mr. Brenneman, Vice-President, Dr. Mitchell, Ms. Frye, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Snyder, Ms. Hartman, and Mr. Nichols. Mr. Stephens was absent.

Also attending were Dr. Gildea, Superintendent, Mrs. Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Koehle, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Fiscus, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Mrs. Thomas, Director of Accounting Operations, Mr. Caldwell, Director of Human Resource/Transportation, Mrs. Summerville, Data Management Administrator, Mr. Arthur, Director of Technology, Attorney Beard, Sr., Solicitor, Mr. McCall, Mr. Hartline, Mr. DeLattre, Mr. Keagy, Dr. Letcher, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Madden, and Mrs. Albarano.

Public Comment

Louis Lusk, 1800 Reservoir Road, Hollidaysburg, addressed the board concerning a complaint against a teacher at the Junior High. Erica Dellinger, 1401 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg spoke to the board regarding anti-body testing and virtual learning. Rick Imler, 1403 Robin Lane, Duncansville spoke to the board about Covid-19 vaccination and masking. Melissa Sullivan, 125 Deer Track Lane, Duncansville was present as an advocate for Carmen Bilek and Jennifer Constanza, Hollidaysburg Area School Board candidates.

Student Representative Report

Per Board Policy 004.2-Student Representatives to the Board, Student Representative Mark McCoy, Senior Representative. and Reagan Farringer and Riley Hensley, Junior Representatives presented the October report of district events.

Presentation

Mr. David Herncane presented a summary of the results from the Life Track Senior Exit Survey.

Dr. Robert Gildea presented the Annual Plan to the board. The Annual Plan is comprised of goals and anticipated outcomes established by our district leaders for the 2021-2022 school year.

Business Office Report / Mrs. Fiscus

The board met in executive session Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for personnel.



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All board and committee meetings will be held in-person and virtually for the public through the end of the 2021 calendar year.

Members of the public are welcome to register and join remotely.

Registration links will appear on the district homepage at [www.tigerwires.com](http://www.tigerwires.com) by 4pm the day of each meeting.

\*Public comment will be open to in-person participants only.

Meetings for November, 2021:

Athletic Committee

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Senior High Library

1510 N. Montgomery Street

Hollidaysburg PA 16648

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole/Voting

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Senior High Library

1510 N. Montgomery Street

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Time: 7:00 p.m.

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On motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Hartman, the board, per Board Policy 006 Meetings, approved the minutes of the following meetings:

August 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole/Voting

August 18, 2021 Special Voting

September 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole/Voting

The motion carried on a roll call vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes.

On motion of Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the board approved financial reports for September, 2021. The reports included Treasurer's Report, List of Payments, Investment Portfolio, YTD Expenditures/Revenues and Budget Transfers for October, 2021. The motion carried on a roll call vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 1**

On motion of Ms. Frye, seconded by Ms. Hartman, the board approved the following:



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Per Board Policy 006 Meetings & 818 Contracted Services, the following contracts/agreements:

1. Agreement with Southwood Psychiatric Hospital effective August 24, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for academic tutoring services Cost: \$90/day **Exhibit 2**
2. Learning Ability Evaluation Payment Agreement with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes effective September 24, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for a Learning Ability Evaluation Cost: \$395 **Exhibit 3**
3. Individual Student Instruction Contract with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes effective October 25, 2021 through April 29, 2022 Cost: \$30,024 **Exhibit 4**
4. Consulting Agreement with David Batemen effective August 27, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for special education services Cost: \$125/hr. **Exhibit 5**
5. Rental Contract with Kenmark, Inc. effective November 8, 2021 through November 15, 2021 for backdrop rental for the fall musical, "The Music Man." Cost: \$1,768 **Exhibit 6**
6. Certificate of Agreement with Scholastic Book Fairs (SBF) effective April 4, 2022 through April 8, 2022 for a Junior High Book Fair No Cost **Exhibit 7**
7. Letter of Amendment with Evolution Counseling Services, LLC., effective October 20, 2021 through June 30, 2022 with yearly automatic renewal, to receive and review phone calls and email alerts occurring outside school hours as outlined in the agreement. Cost: \$5,382 increase; New total cost \$25,982 from \$21,600 **Exhibit 8**
8. Automation Maintenance Contract Extension with Siemens Industry, Inc. effective October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for a 3-month extension of the current service agreement Cost: \$18,611 **Exhibit 9**
9. Practicum Articulation Agreement with Liberty University effective October 20, 2021 through October 19, 2023 No Cost **Exhibit 10**
10. Service Agreement for Mental Health Worker Services with Evolution Counseling Services, LLC. effective October 20, 2021 through June 30, 2023 to provide services relating to the need/provision of school mental health work services for the elementary buildings Cost: \$117,304.38 **Exhibit 11**

Per Board Policy 706.1 Disposal of Surplus Property/Textbooks/Supplies, disposal of various obsolete equipment and books. **Exhibit 12**

Per Board Policy 618, Student Activity Fund Control:

New Student Activity: HBA (Hollidaysburg Bass Anglers) - No. 87



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Purpose: To get kids to learn the outdoors. It is aimed to get kids "off the couch" and back outside. The program/club will teach kids the fun of fishing and the awareness of the surroundings. **Exhibit 13**

Per Board Policy 702, Gifts, Grants and Donations, the following donations:

TCC Element, Altoona

Donation: assorted student/teacher supplies: approximate cost of \$75

Hollidaysburg Area Junior High Parent Advocacy Committee (PAC)

Three (3) water filling stations: Approximately \$500 per station

A cost-effective alternative way to provide students with water to keep them hydrated. PAC Previously provided a steady supply of bottled water to JH students during the pandemic. Purchased through John Lytle at APR Supply, Altoona and installed by HASD Physical Plant Department.

**Exhibit 14**

The motion carried on a roll call vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes.

Superintendent's Report / Dr. Gildea

Dr. Mitchell, on behalf of Erin Yeager, HASD Junior High Learning Support teacher, requested board approval for Ms. Yeager to conduct a Capstone Research Project as part of her doctoral program. The purpose of her study is to provide recommendations to the leadership team at the Junior High with possible solutions to improve low attendance by student with disabilities.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Hartman, the board approved the following:

Capstone Research Project by Erin Yeager, HASD Junior High Learning Support Teacher, Per Board Policy 312 Evaluation of Superintendent, the Superintendent's Objective Performance Standards and the Annual Plan. The motion carried on a roll call vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibits 15, 16 and 17**

On motion of Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Dr. Mitchell, the board approved the following:

The 2022 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative measure of student achievement across the country. Fifty 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been selected to participate. Participation provides NAEP with an accurate and representative picture of student performance. **Exhibit 18**

Approval from the Department of Transportation to participate in the Driver Education End-of-Course Skill Test for the 2021-2022 school year. This approval will continue to allow our PA certified driver's education teacher William Calvert, to administer driver's testing to obtain a PA Driver's License. **Exhibit 19**



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Per Board Policy 810 Transportation, the 2021-2022 bus routes  
2021-2022 Maxwell Transportation Routes  
2021-2022 Fullington Bus Company Routes **Exhibit 20**

The motion carried on a roll call vote with eight yes votes and zero on votes.

On motion of Ms. Frye, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the board approved personnel items 1 through 178, dated 10/10/21 REV 10/19/21 at 3:55p.m. The motion carried on a roll call vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes for all actions except Item #4 which carried on a roll call vote with 5 yes votes and 3 no votes. Ms. Hartman, Mr. Nichols and Dr. Mitchell cast the dissenting votes. **Exhibit 21**

President's Report / Dr. Sommer

For Information Purposes, Dr. Sommer presented information on the following tax appeal payments:

Order of Settlement and Discontinuance for Tax Assessment Appeal of Value Drug Company, Docket No 2020 GN 3524 in the amount of \$9,800,000.

Order of Settlement and Discontinuance for Tax Assessment Appeal of Andrew Swope/Allegheny 1, LLC, Docket No 2020 GN 3239 in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Order of Settlement and Discontinuance for Tax Assessment Appeal of Energy Intermodal Associates, LLC. (Former NAC building), Docket No 2020 GN 3663 in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Order of Settlement and Discontinuance for Tax Assessment Appeal of Vidoro Properties, Docket Nos. 2020 GN 3520 through 2020 GN 3522:

- GN 3520 in the amount of \$890,000
- GN 3521 in the amount of \$2,825,700
- GN 3522 in the amount of \$1,660,000

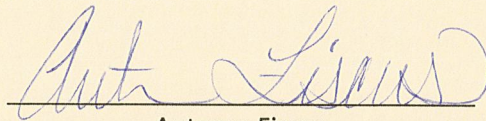
New Business

Dr. Sommer and Dr. Gildea, on behalf of the board, administration and district, announced that Assistant Superintendent, Jennifer Mitchell is moving on to a new position as Superintendent of Huntingdon Area School District.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Dr. Sommer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31p.m.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Autumn Fiscus", written over a horizontal line.

Autumn Fiscus  
Board Secretary