

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES

The Hollidaysburg Area School Board met for a **Committee of the Whole/Voting Meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021** in the Senior High Library, 1510 N. Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg. Ms. Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:25p.m. and opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

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

Also attending were Dr. Gildea, Superintendent, Mrs. Palazzi, Substitute Director of Curriculum, Mrs. Koehle, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Fiscus, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Mrs. Thomas, Director of Accounting Operations, Mr. Caldwell, Director of Human Resources/Transportation, Mrs. Summerville, Data Management Administrator, Mr. Nihart, Director of Physical Plant, Mr. Arthur, Director of Technology, Attorney Dambeck, Solicitor, Mr. Harrington, Mr. McCall, Mr. Hartline, Mr. DeLattre, Mr. Keagy, Dr. Letcher, Mr. Madden, Mr. Krott, Mrs. Albarano and an Altoona Mirror representative.

Public Comment

Michael Eardley, 103 Gulf Drive, Duncansville PA requested the board to eliminate masking, contact tracing and quarantine.

Student Representative Report

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

Committee Report / Ms. Hartman

Ms. Hartman presented a report of the November 17, 2021 Athletic Committee meeting.

Business Office Report / Mrs. Fiscus

The board met in executive session Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for personnel.

Meetings for January, 2022:

Committee of the Whole/Voting

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Senior High Library

1510 N. Montgomery Street

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Policy Committee

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Senior High Library

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On motion of Dr. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Nichols, the board approved the financial reports for November, 2021. The reports included Treasurer's Report, List of Payments, Investment Portfolio, YTD Expenditures/Revenues, Budget Transfers and Budget Transfers for June 30, 2021. The motion carried on a roll call vote with nine yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 1**

On motion of Ms. Frye, seconded by Mr. Brenneman, the board approved an Act 1 Resolution for the 2022-2023 school year.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of School Directors of Hollidaysburg Area School District, makes the following unconditional certifications:

1. The school district's various tax levies and other revenue sources will be sufficient to balance the school district final budget for the next fiscal year 2022-2023 based on maintaining current tax rates or increasing tax rates by an amount less than or equal to the Act 1 index applicable to the school district as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This conclusion is based on the school district preliminary budget or other information available to the School Board.
2. The applicable index for the next fiscal year is 4.2%, and the School Board will not for the next fiscal year increase the rate of its real estate tax, or any other tax for the support of public education, by an amount that exceeds the applicable index.
3. The School Board has to date and, in the future will comply with the rules set forth in School Code § 687 for adoption of the school district proposed and final budgets for the next fiscal year.
4. The School Board understands that the school district will not be eligible to use Act 1 referendum exceptions for the next fiscal year. **Exhibit 2**

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

On motion of Mr. Nichols, seconded by Dr. Sommer, the board approved the following items:

Per Board Policy 006 Meetings, the following contracts/agreements:

1. Memorandum of Understanding with Family Services Incorporated effective December 8, 2021 through December 31, 2022 to provide counseling and supportive services to enhance safety for students and to provide appropriate support to victims of sexual assault, domestic



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violence, and other crimes. No Cost **Exhibit 3**

2. Agreement with Central PA Behavioral Health Collaborative, Inc. (CPBHC) effective December 8, 2021 through December 7, 2022 for the Health Choices Program, designed to improve the health status of members through a comprehensive, coordinated system of services and supports. No Cost **Exhibit 4**
3. Contract with Dramatic Publishing effective April 1, 2022 through April 3, 2022 for Sense and Sensibility Performance royalty and rental fees and playbooks Cost: \$507.75 **Exhibit 5**
4. Rental Agreement with The Casino for the 2022 Senior Prom, Friday, May 27, 2022. Total rental fee \$7,752 (includes \$1,000 security deposit); additional food costs dependent on attendance, 20% gratuity on subtotal. **Exhibit 6**
5. Contract with FINALSITE effective December 8, 2021 through June 30, 2025 for website design and software (This is a digital contract) Cost: \$14,700 (\$4,900 yearly) **Exhibit 7**

Federal Program Budget Adjustment:

2021-2022 Budget:

2020-2021 ESSER II Increase: \$1,459,705 **Exhibit 8**

Blair County Tax Claim Repository Bid: Accept bid from Duquan S. Alleyne for Map# 02.00-11...-104.00-118 in the amount of \$105. **Exhibit 9**

Per Board Policy 706.1 Disposal of Surplus Property/Textbooks/Supplies disposal of various obsolete equipment and books. **Exhibit 10**

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

Superintendent's Report / Dr. Gildea

The Teacher Induction Plan is part of the Future Ready Comprehensive School Plan which is approved every three years. The plan must be made available for public inspection and comment for a minimum of 28 days prior to approval of the plan by the school entity's governing board and submission of the plan to the Department.

On motion of Ms. Bilek, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board approved the first reading of the Teacher Induction Plan. The motion carried on a roll call vote with nine yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 11**

The plan will be available at the District Administration Office, 405 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg PA 16648 for public inspection during regular office hours.

On motion of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Frye, the board approved personnel items 1 through 57, dated



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12/8/2021 REV 12/8/2021 at 3:05p.m. with one correction to No. 43 Jared Kratzer should be Jared Krater. The motion carried on a roll call vote with nine yes votes and zero on votes. **Exhibit 12**

President's Report / Ms. Hartman

Per Board Policy, 000 Local Board Procedures, Board Committee Appointments for 2022 were presented.

The board was presented with Information on PSBA Travel Accident insurance.

New Business

Ms. Costanza initiated discussion regarding masking and contact tracing and requested modification to the current Health and Safety Plan.

Ms. Costanza initiated a motion, seconded by Mr. Nichols to make masks optional for students.

After discussion with counsel, Ms. Costanza rescinded her motion.

Ms. Costanza initiated a motion, seconded by Mr. Nichols to amend the agenda to add an agenda item to make masking optional. The motion carried on roll call vote with five yes votes and four no votes. Ms. Frye, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Brenneman and Dr. Sommer cast the dissenting votes.

Ms. Costanza initiated a motion, seconded by Mr. Nicholas to make masking optional.

Public Comment: Missy Sullivan, Duncansville commented that masking at the meeting was similar to students masking in school.

The motion carried on a roll call vote with five yes votes and four no votes. Ms. Frye, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Brenneman, and Dr. Sommer cast the dissenting votes.

Ms. Bilek initiated a motion, seconded by Mr. Nichols, to amend the agenda to add an agenda item to remove contact tracing and quarantining. The motion carried on a roll call vote with five yes votes and four no votes. Ms. Frye, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Brenneman and Dr. Sommer cast the dissenting votes.

There was no public comment on the motion.

Ms. Bilek initiated a motion, seconded by Mr. Nichols, to remove contact tracing and quarantining from the safety plan.

The solicitor recommended that the district continue to contract trace and quarantine for the reasons that were discussed in executive session relative to liability and as recommended and guided by the



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Department of Health and the Department of Education. Any questions relative to this topic could be addressed again in executive session. Dr. Gildea, Mr. Brenneman, Ms. Frye, Dr. Sommer and Mr. Stephens voice their support of following the legal advice of the solicitor.

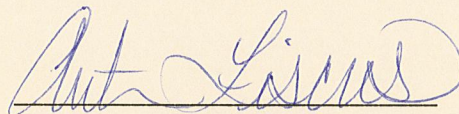
Mr. Stephens initiated a motion, seconded by Dr. Sommer, to adjourn to executive session to discuss contact tracing and quarantining. The motion carried on a roll call vote with nine yes votes and zero no votes.

The board adjourned to executive session at 8:04p.m. for litigation/confidential student matters.

The board returned from executive session and reconvened the meeting at 9:01p.m.

Ms. Bilek initiated a motion, to table her motion to remove contact tracing and quarantining to the next board meeting. The board instructed the administration to develop new parameters, to include the Health and Safety Plan as a line item on the agenda each month for discussion, and for the administration to seek a second legal opinion. At that time the board will meet in executive session.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Ms. Hartman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03p.m.

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

Autumn Fiscus  
Board Secretary