

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES

The Hollidaysburg Area School Board met for a **Committee of the Whole** and **Voting Meeting** on **Wednesday, August 10, 2022** in the Senior High Library, 1510 N. Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg. Dr. Sommer called the meeting to order at 7:19p.m and opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken by Dr. Sommer with eight members present. Attending in person were Dr. Sommer, Mr. Stephens, Ms. Costanza, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Brenneman, and Ms. Bilek. Attending virtually were Ms. Hartman, President, and Ms. Frye. Mr. Nichols was absent.

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

Committee Reports

Mrs. Fiscus presented a report of the July 13, 2022 Policy Committee and the May 24, 2022 Alternative Funding Committee meetings. Ms. Bilek presented a report of the June 8, 2022 Athletic Committee meeting.

Motion to Amend Agenda

Ms. Costanza initiated a motion, seconded by Mr. Brenneman, to amend the agenda to add the approval of the following contract. (Listed under Contracts D1, No. 16.) This contract was recently proposed and could not be added to the agenda within the 24-hour posting requirement.

Agreement with Child Advocates of Blair County for Agreement with Child Advocates of Blair County "Head Start" effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for rental of (2) classrooms at Frankstown Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year. Revenue: \$260 per month per classroom for 10 months.

There was no public comment on the motion.

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentation

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Elizabeth Happeny of The Blair County Chapter of PASR (Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees) presented Lisa Surkovich with the Educator of the Year award and Jill Furry with the Support Professional of the Year award. This award is given to recognize unselfish dedication and exemplary service on behalf of students and public education. PASR President, William Neugebauer, presented information on the Blair County Chapter and events happening throughout the community.

Business Office Report / Mrs. Fiscus

Announcements:

The board met in executive session at 6:30p.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2022 for personnel, negotiations and student matters.

Upcoming Meetings for August and September, 2022:

Special Voting Meeting (If Needed)

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Senior High Library

1510 N. Montgomery Street

Hollidaysburg PA 16648

Time: 7:00p.m.

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Senior High Library

1510 N. Montgomery Street

Hollidaysburg PA 16648

Time: 5:00p.m.

Physical Plant Committee

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Senior High Library

1510 N. Montgomery Street

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Time: 5:00p.m.

Committee of the Whole/Voting

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Time: 7:00 p.m.

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Per Board Policy 006-Meetings, Mr. Snyder initiated a motion, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2022 Policy Committee meeting. The motion carried on a roll call vote with eight votes and zero no votes.

On motion of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Benneman, the board approved Financial Reports for July, 2022, Items 1 through 4. The reports included the Treasurer's Report, List of Payments, Investment Portfolio, and Senior High Student Store for June, 2022. The motion carried on a roll call vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 1**

On motion of Ms. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board approved, Per Board Policy 006 Meetings, the following contracts/agreements:

1. Sponsor to Sponsor Agreements to Purchase Meals effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023: Child Advocates of Blair County/Blair County Head Start Revenue: \$27,472 *This is a digital contract **Exhibit 2**
2. Educational Services Agreement and Addendum for 1-1 Support with Pyramid Healthcare, Inc. t/d/b/a Soaring Heights School effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023 for special education and related services to students placed at Pyramid's private academic school
Cost: \$220/day/student enrolled for Emotional Support Services
\$293/day/student enrolled for Autism Support Services
\$130/day/student for 1:1 Paraprofessional Support **Exhibit 3**
3. Parent Agreement with Maureen Smith to assume student transportation responsibility and liability effective the 2022-2023 school year Cost: Current IRS mileage rate reimbursement **Exhibit 4**
4. Parent Agreement with Lindsay Keller to assume student transportation responsibility and liability effective the 2022-2023 school year Cost: Current IRS mileage rate reimbursement **Exhibit 5**
5. Professional Services Agreement with Step by Step Learning, LLC. effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for Title I reading services to non-public schools. Cost: \$7,952 **Exhibit 6**
6. Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement effective August 11, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for Title I Services with Step by Step Learning, LLC. Cost: Decrease in cost by \$108 **Exhibit 7**

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7. Contract with Appalachia IU8 for Odysseyware Software effective September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023. The agreement is for software to meet the needs of a group of special needs students in the virtual setting. Cost: \$1,870 **Exhibit 8**
8. Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Sponsorship of Wrestling with Bishop Guilfoyle High School for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. Revenue: \$200/student **Exhibit 9**
9. Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Sponsorship of Wrestling with Bishop Guilfoyle Junior High School for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. Revenue: \$200/student **Exhibit 10**
10. Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Sponsorship of Cross Country with Bishop Guilfoyle High School for the 2022-2023 and 2022-2023 school years. Revenue: \$200/student **Exhibit 11**
11. Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Sponsorship of Cross Country with Bishop Guilfoyle Junior High School for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. Revenue: \$200/student **Exhibit 12**
12. Client Services Agreement with Soliant effective August 23, 2022 through June 1, 2023 to provide hearing support services Cost: \$95/hr. **Exhibit 13**
13. Customer Pilot Agreement with Curriculum Associates, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023 for i-Ready Assessment and Personalized Instruction for Math and/or Reading Cost: \$9,930 /ARP ESSER 20% Learning Loss **Exhibit 14**
14. Science in Motion Service Contract with Juniata College, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to provide certain educational services to the school through the College's Science in Motion Program. Cost: \$15,250 **Exhibit 15**
15. System Protection Plan with Spitz, Inc. effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023 to provide a System Protection Plan for the Spitz Model SciDome IQ2400 Laser Planetarium System with Touch Controller and Programmable LED Lighting Cost: \$5,795 Service Agreement; \$975 (per on-site service visit, if necessary) **Exhibit 16**
16. Agreement with Child Advocates of Blair County for Agreement with Child Advocates of Blair County "Head Start" effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for rental of (2) classrooms at Frankstown Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year. Revenue: \$260 per month per classroom for 10 months **Exhibit 17**

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Ms. Costanza requested that rate increases for Pyramid a/k/a Soaring Heights be provided to the board if they increase from year to year. Laura confirmed that 2022-2023 rates increased from 2021-2022 and will provide that information to the board.

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

For Information Only, Mrs. Fiscus noted that the administration secured a 14-month electricity contract effective 11/30/2022 through 1/30/2024 through PPEEC which is an energy consortium. The end date was corrected from 2023 to 2024 at the meeting. The contract went out to bid to 20 different companies with PPEEC coming in the lowest. It is a short-term contract with hope that utility prices will come down. The administration will provide the board with an approximate amount in savings by entering into this contract.

PPEEC (Penelec)	Fixed
Constellation	\$0.10162

On motion of Ms. Bilek, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the board approve the following:

An increase to Adult Meals from \$3.50 to \$4.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Meal Price Proposal for Reduced Priced Meals: The "paid portion" of reduced-price meals be waived for the school year 2022/2023. Families who qualify for reduced priced meals pay \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. It is proposed that the district use a combination of grant funds received from Giant Food Stores and Food Service Department funds to cover the reduced-price meal payments for students. Students who are approved in the reduced-price category would continue to receive meals without payment for the 2022-2023 school year.

Per Policy 808 - Food Services, the following pricing for 2022-2023 cafeteria a la carte items:

Ala Carte Items		
<u>Item</u>	<u>21/22 Price</u>	<u>22/23 Recommendations</u>
Apple Slices	0.65	0.65
Bag Snacks	0.55	0.65
Breakfast Bar	1.00	1.10
Bread Stick	0.50	0.50
Cinnamon Roll	1.00	1.10
Cocoa Brownie	0.85	0.85
Cookie, Mini	0.65	0.65
Donut	1.00	1.10
Mini Donuts	1.35	1.35

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Fruit Roll Ups	0.55	0.60
Fruit Snacks	0.75	0.75
Gatorade (12 oz)	1.25	1.50
Goldfish Crackers	0.50	0.50
Granola Bar	0.65	0.65
Ice Cream	1.00	1.10
Iced Tea Bottle	1.00	1.10
Juice (4oz)	0.50	0.55
Juice Box	0.65	0.65
Krispie Treat	1.00	1.20
Lemonade	1.00	1.10
Milk	0.55	0.60
Muffin (2oz)	0.75	1.00
Muffin (4 oz)	1.10	1.20
Propel	1.55	1.70
Sherbet Dixie	0.65	0.65
Switch Juice Beverage	1.10	1.25
Uncrustable Small	1.25	1.35
Uncrustable Large	2.00	2.20
Water Large	1.00	1.00
Water Small	0.50	0.50
Yogurt 4 oz	0.65	0.70

Exhibit 18

Approval of authorized school district employees to make bank deposits and pick up deposit bags as needed. **Exhibit 19**

Ms. Hartman lost virtual connection at approximately 8:00p.m.

Mr. Stephens commended Mrs. Snyder and the food service department for keeping prices low.

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

Superintendent's Report / Dr. Gildea

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

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Working draft curriculum maps. These maps will be open for this school year in order for teachers to make minor tweaks to the curriculum, such as pacing, and will be brought back to the Board next year for final approval.

Elementary Music Grade 6
High School Art 2
Elementary Art Grade K
HS Library
HS Foundations of Art
Cold War: Causes and Consequences Elective **Exhibit 20**

Final curriculum draft of the JH Sculpture map. The motion carried on a roll call vote with seven yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 21**

On motion of Ms. Bilek, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board approved the 2022-2023 Chromebook Handbook and the 2022-2023 Cyber Academy Handbook with no significant changes. The motion carried on a roll call vote with seven yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibits 22 and 23**

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Brenneman, Per Board Policies 230.1 Student Expenses for Conferences/Competitions and 121 Field Trips, Field Trips in excess of 150 miles, out of state, or overnight, the board approved the Master Field Trip List for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion carried on roll call vote with seven yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 24**

On motion of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Bilek, the board approved personnel items 1 through 68 dated August 10, 2022 REV August 10, 2022 at 10:41a.m.. The motion carried on a roll call vote with seven yes votes and zero no votes for all actions except for No. 32 which carried on a roll call vote with six yes votes and one abstention. Mr. Brenneman cast the abstention. **Exhibit 24 and 25**

President's Report / Dr. Sommer

Dr. Gildea pointed out a change to Page 5 of Policy 218-AR. Per board discussion at the August 3, 2022 board meeting regarding the secondary handbook, Page 5 under disciplinary measures, Level 1 first offense, was listed as detention and is now listed as detention and notification of parent .

On motion of Ms. Bilek, seconded by Mr. Snyder, Per Board Policy 000 Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations, the board approved the second reading of the following policies:

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Policy No.	Policy Name	Policy Status
Policy 101	Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Shared Beliefs	REVISED
Policy 146.1	Trauma-Informed Approach	NEW
Policy 216	Student Records	REVISED
Policy 216-AR	Student Records	REVISED
Policy 218	Student Discipline	REVISED
Policy 218-AR	Student Discipline	REVISED
Policy 220	Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials	REVISED
Policy 220-Attach.	Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials	REVISED
Policy 237	Electronic Devices	REVISED
Policy 246	School Wellness	REVISED
Policy 808	Food Services	REVISED
Policy 808-AR	Food Service- Negative Student Meal Account Procedures	REVIEWED
Policy 916	Volunteers	REVISED
Policy 916-AR	School Visitors and Volunteers	REVISED
Policy 916 - Attach. 1	Volunteer Disclosure Sheet	REVIEWED
Policy 916 - Attach. 2	Volunteer Application	REVISED
Policy 918	Title I Parent and Family Engagement	REVIEWED
Policy 918 - Attach.#1	Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy for C.W. Longer Elementary	REVISED
Policy 918 - Attach #2	Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Foot of Ten Elementary	REVISED
Policy 918 - Attach #3	Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Frankstown Elementary	REVISED

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

New Business

Mrs. Thomas provided information regarding utility costs requested by Mrs. Costanza earlier in the meeting. For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, total electric costs averaged \$36,500/month. For the period of December through June, it was \$281,000. The district is looking at a \$250,000 increase for that same period of time. Mrs. Costanza asked if this increase was budgeted for. Mrs. Thomas noted that

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expected increases were budgeted for all utilities. Mr. Nihart stated that they didn't budget for electric rates to double.

Dr. Gildea stated that additional information on utility costs would be provided to board members by email.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Dr. Sommer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13p.m.


Autumn Fiscus
Board Secretary