

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT – ONE (1) YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

Ms. Shank nominated Mrs. Key for President.

Mr. Kaczor made a motion to declare nominations closed, seconded by Mrs. Beveridge.

Roll Call: All in Favor. Motion carried.

Election of Mrs. Key as Board President for a one (1) year term of office.

Roll Call: All in Favor Motion carried.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT – ONE (1) YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

Mr. Wojcik nominated Mr. Kaczor for Vice President.

Ms. Shank made a motion to declare nominations closed, seconded by Mr. Wojcik.

Roll Call: All in Favor Motion carried.

Election of Mr. Kaczor as Board Vice President for a one (1) year term of office.

Roll Call: All in Favor Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF LEEANN S. GUIDO AS TREASURER FOR REMAINDER OF TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

Mr. Price, Solicitor, stated that because Mrs. Key was appointed president, a new treasurer must be appointed for remainder of term.

Ms. Shank nominated Mrs. Guido for Treasurer for remainder of term through June 30, 2021.

Ms. Shank made a motion to declare nominations closed, seconded by Mr. Kaczor.

Roll Call: All in Favor. Motion carried.

Appointment of Mrs. Guido as Treasurer for remainder of term through June 30, 2021.

Roll Call: All in Favor Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ON CHECK SIGNATURES (Attachment 12-1R)

Motion by: Ms. Shank

Seconded by: Mr. Deiseroth

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR – ONE (1) YEAR APPOINTMENT

Mr. Deiseroth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shank, to appoint Andrews & Price LLC as Solicitor for one year.

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PSBA LIAISON – ONE (1) YEAR APPOINTMENT

Mr. Wojcik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaczor, to appoint Mr. Deiseroth as PSBA Liaison for one year.

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

SETTING TIME AND PLACE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS 2020

- Agenda Meetings: 2nd Tuesday each month, 7:00 PM - High School Board Room*
- Regular Meetings: 3rd Tuesday each month, 7:30 PM - High School Board Room*

*Meetings being held virtually will be noted on website.

Exceptions:

- July 2021 – Meetings cancelled
- December 2021 - Reorganization and Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 7:00 PM High School Board Room

Motion by: Ms. Shank

Seconded by: Mr. Kaczor

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kaczor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wojcik, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM.

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

Jennifer S. Callahan
Board Secretary

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**BURRELL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The Burrell School District Board of Directors Meeting was held virtually/streamed live on YouTube and called to order at 7:22 PM by President Key.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Key asked all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following responded to Roll Call: Dr. Rachel Linderman, Mrs. Gretchen V. Beveridge, Ms. Tricia Shank, Mrs. LeeAnn S. Guido, Mr. Rick Kaczor, Mr. Christopher S. Wojcik, Mr. Tom Deiseroth and Mrs. Pam Key. The following member was absent: Mrs. Genia Koziarski. Also in attendance were: Dr. Shannon L. Wagner, Superintendent, Dr. Gregory Egnor, Director of Student Services, Mrs. Jennifer S. Callahan, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary and Mr. Lee Price, Solicitor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-
DECEMBER 1, 2020 – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING – PERSONNEL
NEGOTIATIONS**

Mrs. Key announced the Board’s Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Meeting – November 10, 2020
Regular Meeting – November 17, 2020

Motion by: Mr. Kaczor

Seconded by: Mr. Deiseroth

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC–AGENDA ONLY

There were no comments from the public.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SUPERINTENDENT – DR. WAGNER:

2020-2021 COVID-19 UPDATE – INFORMATION

Dr. Wagner reported the following:

- New restrictions include 5% capacity; we are adjusting accordingly, district will still permit 2 spectators per athlete for sports, except none for swimming; for play will permit 2 tickets per participant, but will need to spread it out to not exceed capacity and to allow parents to at least see one show
- New state guidelines were announced, including updated mask order, which we already follow
- Additional guidance for schools based on size – recommended to look at county data regarding substantial, moderate, low
- Required to sign Attestation Statement if all virtual or partial in person; Dr. Wagner and Board President Shank completed the form to show partial in person since that is the option Board members chose; includes a statement that District will comply with guidance and follow recommendations for cases that occur in school
- Westmoreland county was substantial at end of last week; expect it to be the same next week; will continue to evaluate information

Mr. Kaczor asked if the mask requirement includes students wearing masks while participating in sports and in gym class.

Dr. Wagner replied yes, athletes are wearing masks during practice at this time. Swimmers are not.

Mr. Kaczor commented he has a problem with masks during physical activities.

Dr. Wagner stated we are working through it as best possible with students and being sensitive to athletes' issues.

Dr. Linderman stated she feels it is a safety issue, not only breathing, but also vision. She added these are sports at a high level, seems to be a safety issue for wrestling and basketball. She stated she is not in support of making the kids wear masks for these activities.

Mr. Kaczor stated he agrees that masks on the sidelines are fine, but in competition/event it is not suitable.

Dr. Wagner added that it is also possible that if we require masks, our students may be competing against other schools who are not wearing masks because they are not required.

Mr. Price, Solicitor, explained PIAA discussions and that they are trying to get everyone in the conference to agree. It is being looked at as a safety issue as well as a health hazard for breathing heavy.

Dr. Wagner stated she is hoping for more information later and that the Athletic Director is evaluating how mask wearing is going in practice.

Mr. Kaczor commented that practice is not as intense as a game/competition.

Dr. Linderman commented she can barely see her hands with a mask on, so it seems like it would cause a safety issue.

Mrs. Key stated that she agrees wearing a mask is an issue with looking down; but she has concern with the fluid transmission without a mask.

Dr. Wagner stated we are trying to balance the idea of letting kids play. She added that she believes it is a process and it is fluid and may change at any time.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES – DR. EGNOR:

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN’S INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED STUDENT PLACEMENT SERVICES FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (Attachment 12-1)

Dr. Egnor explained that The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh is now requiring an agreement for services.

Mrs. Beveridge asked how many district students attend The Children’s Institute.

Mr. Egnor replied two.

Mr. Price stated the agreement is based on actual use of service.

Dr. Egnor added that this agreement will likely cover ESY summer agreement. He stated that The Children’s Institute is a premier program.

Motion by: Mr. Kaczor

Seconded by: Ms. Shank

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL – MS. SHANK (NONE)

None.

**NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER REPORT
– MR. WOJCIK/DR. LINDERMAN**

Mr. Wojcik reported there is a meeting next Thursday and will report in January.

WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – MRS. BEVERIDGE

Members received a summary of the November 24, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Beveridge reported the following:

- PDE Attestation Statement
- Early Intervention bill passed for governors expected signature which provides 3.5% funding increase for Early Intervention for 2020-2021 school year; most items level funding. Early Intervention is still underfunded, but this is a step in the right direction; reflects advocacy of IU's

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – MR. DEISEROTH

No report.

BUSINESS – MRS. CALLAHAN:

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION LIMITING TAX INCREASE TO ADJUSTED
INDEX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 (Attachment 12-2)**

Mrs. Callahan explained last month the District's Act 1 adjusted index for 2021-2022 is set at 3.9%. This equates to approximately 3.9 mills of taxes. This resolution indicates that the Board is committed to not raise taxes for 2021-2022 greater than 3.9%.

Motion by: Mr. Kaczor

Seconded by: Dr. Linderman

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF BUILDINGS

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS (Attachment 12-3)

Motion by: Mr. Deiseroth

Seconded by: Mr. Kaczor

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

OTHER REMARKS

Ms. Shank asked Dr. Wagner to review NISL professional development and achievements.

Dr. Wagner explained the following:

- The Board permitted her to attend NISL academy for Superintendents Academy
- Created Action Learning Project about PLC's
- Completed program in 2019
- Recently asked with others in her group to present to new cohort of superintendents
- Annually training superintendents about what high performing quality school systems are across the world; then bring those building blocks to our schools
- Worked with Amy Morton, with NCEE (National Commission on Education and the Economy)
- Great experience to be part of the process
- Asked to be part of the Superintendents Alliance: Superintendents in country; Meet once/month to have conversations about education; Setting short-term/long-term goals, including balancing during Covid with continuing to lead organization
- Thanked Board members for opportunity to participate in Superintendents Academy because it has provided broad networking to bring larger perspective to us here
- Dr. Wagner announced a presentation by Tony Wagner with Ted Dintersmith talking about how COVID-19 is transforming schools and what schools could be as a result of what we are experiencing right now.

Mr. Kaczor asked if the track/field construction project is completed.

Dr. Wagner replied the project is finished with the exception of painting the track, which cannot be done until spring. The contractor will need 3-4 warmer/good weather days.

Mr. Kaczor asked if this could cause us not to have track here in the spring.

Dr. Wagner replied she is hopeful the weather cooperates and the painting can be completed, but is possible we may need to have the first few meets away.

Mr. Kaczor stated he was at a cross country meet in Armstrong and they have parking spots for students. He commented the students get to paint their spots. He's not sure if they charge them but he thought it might be something to do as a fundraiser. He indicated there was some pretty cool art.

Mrs. Beveridge stated that her high school did this as a fundraiser and now students can even put a QR code on it.

Mrs. Callahan added that our parking passes are currently provided to students for a fee which is budgeted as district revenue in general fund.

Ms. Shank stated this could be in addition to the fee. She asked if we make students pay this year.

Dr. Wagner replied no because we want to encourage as many students as possible to drive to encourage social distancing.

Mrs. Key stated that her family was discussing education; her daughter commented that students get a good education at Burrell and she feels some of her friends at other districts are not getting the same opportunities. Her son added that he feels everyone here is trying to help him out and that probably does not always happen at other places. Mrs. Key stated she feels kids are getting what they need here and commends the teachers and administration.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kaczor made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shank, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

Jennifer S. Callahan
Board Secretary

JSC/lew