

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Acon.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Mrs. Marian R. Acon, President
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, Vice President
Mr. Randall E. Bacon
Mr. Dale C. Daman
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Floyd B. Tame, Treasurer

Absent

Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell
Mr. Patrick J. Cunningham
Mr. Brian C. May

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Michael Damon
Miss Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Nick Long

Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Louis Campisi
Mr. Ryan Herstine

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Dr. Bovalino reported a thank you had been received from Coach Matsook.

CITIZEN INPUT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board on agenda items.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 24, 2022 Voting Meeting and the January 10, 2022 Committee Meeting were submitted for the Board's perusal to be voted on at the February 28, 2022 Voting Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bovalino reported the following:

1. PMEA DISTRICT 5 BAND:

Dr. Bovalino extended congratulations to Jordan Pittman who was selected to represent Rochester at Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 5 Band, which was held in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

2. PMEA DISTRICT 5 CHORUS:

Dr. Bovalino bestowed congratulations to Melanie Tame who was selected to represent Rochester at Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 5 Chorus, which was held in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

3. **100th DAY OF SCHOOL:**

The elementary children celebrated the 100th day of school on Monday, January 31, 2022 with a variety of fun and educational activities.

4. **MIDDLE SCHOOL PEN PALS:**

Miss Busse has partnered with the School of Light in Jakarta, Indonesia to share pen pal letters between eighth and ninth graders to promote cultural awareness and lifelong friendships!

5. **NATIONAL ACADEMIC GAMES:**

Congratulations were extended to 5th grader, Ehren Ketterer. Ehren qualified for Academic Games and will travel to Knoxville, TN April 21-26 to compete in Nationals.

6. **SUMMER CHORAL & INSTRUMENTAL ACADEMY:**

We are partnering with the Beaver Valley Choral Society to offer the Summer Choral and Instrumental Academy again this year. The Academy, which is open to all high school students in the region, is scheduled for June 13-18th. Students may select from either an instrumental track or a choral track. The event concludes with a community concert on Saturday evening.

7. **SENIOR NIGHT:**

Congratulations to our Senior men's and women's basketball players. They were honored this week at their final home game of the season. Seniors include: JB Azulay, Noah Haskins, Corynne Hauser, Sal Laure, Kimberlyn Ramirez Reyes, Mekenzie Robison, Auriana Ruth, Iciss Witt and Kiera Witt.

REMINDERS:

Dr. Bovalino reminded the members of the Board that the required school board training is on March 1, at the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. Please complete the RSVP that is at your station and return it to me.

The members of the Board were also reminded that their annual Statement of Financial Interest forms are due May 1.

Dr. Bovalino then also wished all a Happy Valentine's Day.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present this evening and stated there was nothing to be reported at this time.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Tame read aloud items #1-4 as listed below for discussion:

1. Recommend approving the Act 1- Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution No. 022822-01. The Act 1 index for the 2022-2023 fiscal budget year is set at 3.4% and Rochester's adjusted index is set at 4.9%. Therefore by approving this resolution, real estate taxes may not be set above 77.89 mills without a voter referendum.
2. Recommend approving the exoneration of Donna S. Robson from collection of the unpaid 2021 RASD Real Estate Taxes for the Borough of Rochester in the amount of \$206,068.74 and penalty of \$20,885.62. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's delinquent real estate tax collector.

3. Recommend approving the exoneration of Deborah L. Ahern from collection of the unpaid 2021 RASD Real Estate Taxes for the Borough of East Rochester in the amount of \$28,102.61 and penalty of \$2,810.26. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's delinquent real estate tax collector.
4. Recommend approving the exoneration of Gary L. Johnson from collection of the unpaid 2021 RASD Real Estate Taxes for Rochester Township in the amount of \$146,359.76 and penalty of \$14,635.99. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's delinquent real estate tax collector.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ms. Hubbard read aloud #1-9 as listed below for discussion:

1. Recommend approval of _____ as Elementary Principal Effective _____ at an annual salary of \$_____.
2. Recommend the voluntary transfer of Marcie Sisco from the position of part-time General Assistant (6 hours) to the position of part-time Lead General Assistant (6.5 hours), effective Tuesday, February 1, 2022, left vacant as per the retirement of Mary Beth Dishler.
3. Recommend the change in hours for the following General Assistants in the Nutrition Services Department, as per contract, effective February 1, 2002:
 - a. Mary Lou Fulton from 5.5 hours to 6 hours
 - b. Felipe Santiago from 5.5 hours to 6 hours
4. Recommend approving the following DARE2XL Teachers, in partnership with TAME, Inc., for the DARE2XL Summer Program for students in grades 1-5. The program will be held Mondays through Fridays, June 13 through July 1, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Teachers will be paid at the contractual rate of \$25 per hour, plus an additional bonus for time served with the program. This program is supported through ARP ESSER Act 24 Learning Loss grant funding:

Denver Altieri
Sarah Brasko
Gennifer Gaskins
Rebecca Hansen
Allison Seezox

5. Recommend approving the following DARE2XL Paraeducators, in partnership with TAME, Inc., for the DARE2XL Summer Program for students in grades 1-5. The program will be held Mondays through Fridays, June 13 through July 1, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Teachers will be paid at their contractual hourly rate, plus an additional bonus for time served with the program. This program is supported through ARP ESSER Act 24 Learning Loss grant funding

Michael Cuning
James Onuska
Casey Woodley

6. Recommend approving the enrollment of Mr. Isaac Dixon's two non-resident children, grades kindergarten and two, for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Dixon teaches in our elementary school.

7. Recommend approving the enrollment of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gorman's three non-resident children, grades five, eight and eleven, for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. and Mrs. Gorman teach in the elementary school.
8. Recommend approving the following field trips:
 - a. High School Youth Ambassador Program students to attend Beaver Falls High School on Wednesday, February 9, 2020, to participate in the Do No Harm Program with county high school students.
 - b. Third grade to travel to the Carnegie Science Center on Thursday, May 19, 2022. The cost of admission is being provided through a grant obtained by third grade teacher, Ms. Kara Best. The cost of transportation is being provided by the Rochester PTA.
 - c. Seventh and eighth grade students to Cedar Point on Friday, May 27, 2022. (The seventh and eighth grade students were previously approved to go to Washington, D.C. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the coordinators are unable to secure hotels and restaurants at this time; therefore the trip must be postponed. Students have been fundraising for the DC event and will use proceeds for this trip. The trip will include the first 50 students who sign up.)
 - d. Fifth grade to YMCA Camp Kon-O-Kwee on Thursday, June 2, 2022 to explore the outdoors and learn about ecology in the field of study. The Rochester PTA will cover the cost of transportation.
9. Recommend approving the following conference:
 - a. Mrs. Rose Majors, Federal Program Coordinator, and Ms. Amanda Cwynar, Assistant to the Superintendent, to attend the Pennsylvania Federal Programs Coordinator Annual Conference at Seven Springs, Sunday, April 3, through Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at a cost of \$420.00 per individual for registration, plus transportation and lodging.

CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mrs. Kronk read aloud items #1-2 as listed for discussion:

1. Recommend approval of the implementation of the Future Educators of America Club for middle school and high school students at a supplemental salary of \$400.
2. Recommend approval of the proposal made by Ms. Valerie Perelman to implement a Foundations of Education College in High School course, in collaboration with the Community College of Beaver County.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Mrs. Kronk read aloud item #1 as listed for discussion:

1. Recommend approval of the revisions to Policy 827, Operations, Conflict of Interest.

BEAVER VALLEY INTERMEDIATE UNIT:

Dr. Bovalino read aloud item #1 as listed for discussion:

1. Minutes from the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors January 26, 2022 meeting are attached.

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Tame read aloud item #1 as listed for discussion:

1. Minutes from the Beaver County Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee Meeting on January 27, 2022 are attached.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no citizens present wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for this evening Ms. Hubbard motioned to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Mr. Bacon seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross
Board Secretary

Att: 2

School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Stewart, Mrs. Romasco, Mr. Miller, Mr. Jones, Mr. Ross, Mr. Inman, Mrs. Ceratti, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Woodling and Mr. McGeehan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Bovalino, Mr. Santia and Mr. D'Itri

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Harmotto, Dr. McCabe, Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. Hartle, Mrs. Falk, Ms. Oliver, Mrs. Wallace, Ms. Harris and Mrs. Lisa George

ACTION TAKEN:

1. The Board seated Mrs. Kelly Romasco representing the Ambridge Area School District. Mrs. Romasco fills the unexpired term of Mr. Scott Angus, which expires June 30, 2022.
2. The Board accepted resignations from the following ESL Teachers:
 - Ms. Aimee DeLucia, effective January 3, 2022
 - Mrs. Kayla Martin, effective December 22, 2021
3. The Board approved the positions of a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst and two (2) Registered Behavior Technicians.
4. The Board employed the following persons:
 - Dr. Peter Carbone – Program Specialist for Learning Environment, effective 12/13/21
 - Mrs. Ashley Bliss – Behavior Specialist, effective 1/3/22
 - Ms. Shelia Harris – Early Intervention Behavior Specialist, effective 2/1/22
 - Ms. Amanda Moore – ESL Teacher, effective 12/16/21
 - Ms. Kelly DiGiacomo – ESL Teacher, effective date TBD
5. The following persons were employed as Shared Aides:
 - Ms. Hope Barton, effective 1/3/22
 - Ms. Tressa Begley, effective 1/3/22
 - Ms. Sarah DeCubellis, effective 1/3/22
 - Ms. Albany Kyle, effective 1/10/22
6. The Board employed Mr. Ryan Bliss as a custodian at New Horizon School, effective 1/24/22.
7. The Board approved a sabbatical leave for an employee.
8. Two (2) FMLA requests were approved by the Board.
9. Two (2) Uncompensated Leave requests were approved by the Board.
10. New Horizon School is participating in P2G, Pathway to Graduation, a program from PATTAN. The following individuals participate in the meetings and will be paid for their extra time. Payment is grant-funded.
 - Michael Smith
 - Alissa Alattar
 - Zachry Huwar
 - Andrea Watt
11. The following student teacher placement with Geneva College was approved by the Board from March 14 – May 5, 2022:

STUDENT TEACHER	COOPERATING TEACHER
Ms. Marissa Zeiber	Mr. Jerrod Rebich Emotional Support Classroom New Horizon School

12. The following persons were approved as additions to the Teacher Substitute List for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:

Name	Address
Megan Smida	Ellwood City, PA
Susanna Wannamaker	Cranberry Twp., PA
Marcy Saldivar	Beaver Falls, PA
Rozann DiNuzzo	Aliquippa, PA

13. The Board granted authorization to conduct a mail ballot election for the Board members whose terms expire on June 30, 2022.

14. The following fund-raising activities were approved for the 2021-2022 school year:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Online Sarris Candy	New Horizon School Yearbook	2/24/22 - 4/8/22
Aunt Carol's Gourmet Dips	Room 187	3/1/22 - 3/21/22

15. The Board approved a contract with Beaver County Behavioral Health.
16. The Board partnered with Emerald Foundation to lead "Promoting Inclusion and Career Readiness through Scholastic Esports Expansion." The BVIU will serve as an Ambassador to work directly with school districts to activate Emerald Esports clubs in middle school and high schools.
17. The Board ratified an agreement with UPMC to provide vaccination clinics which were held at New Horizon School on December 17, 2021 and January 7, 2022.
18. The Board approved an agreement with Global Wordsmiths Language Services to provide Language Interpretation and Language Translation services, pending Solicitor's final review and approval of the contract.
19. The Board approved a contract with Solutionwhere for the continuation of an on-line data management system for CPE courses, pending Solicitor's final review and approval of the contract.
20. The revisions to the following Board Policies were adopted:
- 103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
 - 203 – Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
 - 204 - Attendance
 - 209 – Health Services/Medical Records (Additional updates have been made)
 - 218.1 - Weapons
 - 218.2 – Terroristic Threats
 - 246 – School Wellness
 - 252 – Dating Violence
 - 314 – Physical Examination
 - 317.1 – Educator Misconduct
 - 318 – Attendance and Tardiness
 - 332 – Working Periods
 - 334 – Sick Leave
 - 705 – Facilities and Workplace Safety (Additional updates have been made)
 - 707 – Use of Intermediate Unit Facilities
 - 816 – Intermediate Unit Social Media
21. Revisions to Board Policy 339 – Uncompensated Leave were reviewed with action to be taken at the February 23, 2022 Board of Directors' meeting.

ADDENDUM ITEMS

22. The Board accepted a letter of resignation from Ms. Shannon Thomas, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School, effective January 31, 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Dr. Rosendale reviewed the 2022-2023 Budget and went over the Budget timeline and answered questions.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Steff stated that an Executive Session is needed after the meeting to discuss a litigation matter. There will be no action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS - Dr. Rosendale asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence after the Pledge of Allegiance in remembrance of the following people that recently passed away:

Aaron Belich, a former student at New Horizon School

Mr. Henry, Jared Henry's father

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, Dana Jacobs' parents

Mrs. Rose Stiffey, Pam Stiffey's Mother-in-Law

Dr. Rosendale expressed his gratitude to all of the Board members for their dedication to all of the students in Beaver County. He read the Resolution of Praise for Mr. Scott Angus for his years of service as a Board member.

Mrs. Lisa George, parent of two students at New Horizon School inquired about extending the graduation age.

Mr. Jones thanked the staff and volunteers for the phenomenal year at the Polar Plunge. He appreciated all of the hard work and dedication of everyone in attendance.

Mrs. Niedbala talked about the six (6) month review for the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's Health and Safety Plan. Upon the team's review, the only change made was to remove the date for the mask mandate that was made in September 2021. No other changes were needed at this time.

Dr. McCabe praised Ambridge student Daniel Harrah for placing first in the Logistics and Material Management in the DECCA competition.

Dr. McCabe stated that in November there were 166 students at New Horizon School. He said that we now have 190 and five (5) more in the pipeline. He commended his staff for the wonderful job that they are doing.

Before adjourning, Mr. Miller thanked the Board for their vote of confidence electing him as the new President.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric G. Rosendale

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director

Joint Operating Committee Notes

The Beaver County Career & Technology Center's Joint Operating Committee (JOC) held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2022 via in-person/Zoom/teleconference at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe; Ambridge, Mrs. Catherine Colalella; Aliquippa, Ms. Karin Pilarski; Beaver, Mr. Ron Miller; Beaver Falls, Mr. Dan Jones; Blackhawk, Mr. Dennis Bloom; Central Valley, Mr. Gerald Inman III, Freedom, Mrs. Bernadette Mattica; New Brighton, Mrs. Christy Hughes; Riverside, Mr. Floyd Tame; Rochester and Mr. John Metzler, Western Beaver.

Members Absent: TBD; Hopewell, Mr. Samuel Sallis; Midland and Mr. Robert Tellish; Southside

The following items were approved/ ratified on the agenda:

1. Approved the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting.
2. Ratified the Treasurers' Report for the various accounts for December 2021 and the listing of bills for the month of December 2021 and approve the Treasurers' Report for the various accounts for January 2022 and the listing of bills for the month of January 2022.
3. Ratified an additional substitute salary for Ms. Elizabeth Mitsch, Health Occupations Instructional Assistant, at the daily substitute rate of \$95.00/day effective January 3, 2022 through the hiring of a Health Occupations Instructor.
4. Approved the letter of Agency with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit and the BCCTC for participation in the BCWAN Consortium.
5. Approved/ratified the following workshops/conferences:
 - a. Mr. Daniel Ostronic, SkillsUSA Sponsor and Ms. Laurie Conti, SkillsUSA Assistant SkillsUSA Sponsor and thirteen (13) students on January 17, 2022 and nine (9) students on January 19, 2022, to attend the SkillsUSA District competition at Parkway West CTC. Events were postponed to February 21, 2022 due to inclement weather.
 - b. Mr. Bryan Lehocky, FFA Sponsor and four (4) students to attend the FFA ACES Leadership Conference February 12-13, 2022 at Harrisburg/Hershey Hotel.
 - c. Mr. Albert Kollinger III, Collision Repair Instructor, to attend on March 18-19, 2022, the North East 2022 Trade Show and Training in Secaucus, NJ.
 - d. Mr. Christopher Graham, DECA Sponsor, and two (2) students, to attend the DECA State conference in Hershey, PA, February 16-18, 2022.
 - e. Mr. Dan Mengel, Automotive Instructor and eighteen (18) students to attend the Career Day at the Pittsburgh Auto Show at the Convention Center on February 18, 2022.

Participating School Districts

Aliquippa School District • Ambridge Area School District • Beaver Area School District • Big Beaver Falls Area School District • Blackhawk School District
Central Valley School District • Freedom Area School District • Hopewell Area School District • Midland Borough School District • New Brighton School District
Riverside Beaver County School District • Rochester Area School District • South Side Area School District • Western Beaver County School District

6. Approved appointment of Arthur J. Gallagher & Company (AJG), Pittsburgh, PA, as Broker of Record. Solicitation of insurance proposals for the 2022-2023 will be conducted by AJG.

Mr. David Wytiaz

Administrative Director