

**DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:03 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  
Mr. Randall E. Bacon  
Mr. Patrick J. Cunningham  
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk  
Mr. Brian C. May  
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

**Absent**

Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell  
Mr. Dale C. Daman  
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Dr. Jane Boyalino  
Mr. Michael Damon  
Miss Amanda Cwynar

Mr. Ryan Herstine

**CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:**

There were no correspondences to be reported this evening.

**CITIZEN INPUT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

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

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the December 6, 2021 Reorganization and Voting Meetings were submitted for the Board's perusal to be voted on at the January 24, 2022 Voting Meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Boyalino reported the following:

Congratulations to our kindergarten and first grade students and staff for all their hard work to make our annual Christmas Program a success!

Students from Mrs. Lyons' middle school and high school classes made gingerbread houses. Students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to cast votes for their favorite.

Rochester High School Alumnae, William Powell, joined Mr. Proctor and our junior class to review the results of the ASVAB, which was administered in September. Our juniors did quite well on the ASVAB.

Mrs. Morgan hosted an informational session prior to the holiday break to share information on the proposed Paris trip. The trip has been postponed until June 16-23, 2024.

Representatives Marshall and Matzic joined students from our elementary school and middle school. The representatives explained their jobs to the students and answered a variety of questions.

Congratulations to the following teachers who received grants from the Beaver County Educational Trust:

- Jessica Smith and Tara Spiker received \$2,000 toward the STEAM Walk
- Heather Denes received \$1,000 toward the Story Walk

We would like to remind everyone that there is no school for students on Thursday, Friday and Monday, January 13-17.

We are working with other Beaver County school districts to have a school director training at the IU. Newly elected school directors are required to receive five (5) hours of training and re-elected school directors are required to have three (3) hours of training. Please mark your calendars for March 1, 2022, as we have tentatively scheduled the event.

Board Members received a Statement of Financial Interest at their stations this evening. Statements of Financial Interest are based on 2021 information and are due by May 2, 2022.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney Garen Fedoles was present and reported there had been an executive session immediately prior to this meeting regarding a litigation matter. There was nothing in addition to be reported.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Mrs. Kronk read items 1 thru 10 as follows:

1. Recommend approving the request of Nick Long to attend the 2022 Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Conference entitled *Making a Difference: Educational Practices that Work!* in Hershey, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, March 2, 2022 through Friday, March 4, 2022, at a cost of \$225 registration fee, plus transportation and lodging.
2. Recommend approving the following field trips:
  - a. Thursday, January 27, 2022 – Selected Grade 12 Band students to attend New Castle Jr./Sr. High School to perform at a concert.
  - b. Friday, February 4, 2022 – Middle School Life Skills students to attend Sims Lanes as part of their community based instruction.
  - c. Thursday, February 17, 2022 – Grades 5-10 G.A.T.E. students to attend Geneva College to participate in the Academic Games Practice Tournament, *Presidents*.
  - d. Thursday, February 24, 2022 – Grades 9-12 SWPBIS students to attend Cinemark Theater in Monaca, or Tull Theater as part of their Positive School Behavior Award.

- c. **Thursday, March 17, 2022** - Grade 11 students to attend the David L. Lawrence Convention Center for the National College Fair.
  - f. **Thursday, April 28, 2022** – Grades 9-12 Business Classes to attend Geneva College to participate in a business competition.
3. Recommend approving the request of Marissa Sterling, Middle School Teacher, for a Child Rearing Leave as per contract, Article VI, Leaves of Absence, Section C, for one (1) month. Mrs. Sterling intends to return February 1, 2022.
  4. Recommend approving the following substitute Inductee and Mentor:

<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Alyssa Miles	Debbie Carr (Elementary School)

5. Recommend approving the following individuals to serve as teachers for the SPIRE/Sound Sensible Before and After School Program:

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6. Recommend approving the following student intern from Edinboro University and cooperating individual for the Spring Semester, one (1) day a week for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Student Intern</u>	<u>Cooperating Individual</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Caitlin Robbins	Lori Bollen (Positive Steps)	Master's of Social Work

7. Recommend approving the Family Medical Leave request of Employee #4275 beginning January 11, 2022 for approximately 6-8 weeks. The employee will be using 19 sick days and 9 vacation days.
8. Recommend accepting the retirement of Mary Beth Dishler from the position of part-time Lead General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department effective January 31, 2022. Mrs. Dishler has been with the District since February 1997 (22.35 years).
9. Recommend accepting the resignation of Debbie Bonomo from the position of part-time General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department effective December 22, 2021.
10. Recommend approving the following substitute to be added to the TREND list for the 2021-2022 school year (clearances on file):

Charles Bennett – Custodian

**CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY:**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

Mrs. Kronk read item 1 as listed below:

1. Recommend approving the Course of Studies for the 2022-2023 school year.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Mrs. Kronk read item 1 as listed below:

1. Review the District's Health & Safety Plan.

The Board approved plan states we will, "Continue to review the guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) and revise our Health and Safety Plan according to the recommendations of those entities...updated guidance will be incorporated into our Health and Safety Plan on a regular basis".

At our November 22, 2021 meeting, the Board agreed to follow mask mandates and would require masks if we hit certain thresholds, specifically, if we had 10 positive cases in the elementary, we would require masks for at least the next two weeks or if we would have 10 positive cases in the middle school and high school combined, then we would require masks for at least the next two weeks.

Since we returned to school on January 3, we have had 9 positive cases in the elementary and an additional 9 positive cases in the middle school/high school. We have 6 more presumed positives in the elementary and 3 more presumed positives in the middle school/high school. The presumed positives are experiencing symptoms and are either awaiting testing results or scheduled for a test.

The Board agreed to implement mandatory masking based on our district's data. We will continue to review the data and make recommendations based on our district's numbers.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

Mr. Bacon read item 1 as listed below:

1. Recommend approving the request made by Reach For The Stars Dance Studio to use the building to host a parent/company preview show, to be held on Thursday, February 3, 2022. Charges include the building rental fee of \$500.

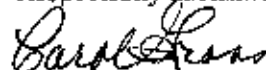
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business for this session Mr. Tame motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. This was seconded by Mr. Bacon and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross,  
Board Secretary