

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, Board Vice President, at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mr. Randall E. Bacon
Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell
Mr. Dale C. Daman
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Thomas W. Majors

Absent

Mrs. Marion R. Acon
Mr. Patrick J. Cunningham
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Michael Damon
Ms. Rachael Cipolla

Mr. Nick Long
Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Louis Campisi

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Dr. Bovalino reported that a letter of thanks has been received from the Freedom Wrestling Association thanking the Board for use of the facility and commending our staff (Buddy Ferguson and Byrdell Thomas) on helping out and accommodating the wrestlers and their parents.

On Friday, I received Mrs. Gross' letter of resignation. I know what a difficult decision this must have been. Mrs. Gross has been a part of our school district for her entire adult life. We have valued her work throughout the years. We wish Mrs. Gross the best.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 4, 2022 Voting Meeting were submitted for the Board's perusal to be voted on at the November 21, 2022 Voting Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Our kindergarten students continued the Rochester tradition of parading through the buildings going trick-or-treating on Tuesday, October 31, 2022.

On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, our staff and students district-wide participated in the WQED Cardigan Day, which was established in memory of Mr. Rogers to Promote Kindness. You can see representation from our elementary school, middle school and high school in these pictures.

Our Varsity Ram Football Team defeated Greensburg Central Catholic in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs on Friday night. They will travel to South Fayette this Friday to take on Fort Cherry.

November and December are always fun-filled, fast paced months! There is so much going on in our school district and our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, November 11, is Veterans Day. We do not have school. Our band will be participating in the Veterans Day parade in Beaver on Friday afternoon.

To celebrate our Thanksgiving holiday, we will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, November 23. Students will be off Thursday, Friday and Monday.

Our annual Light Up Night and Community carol sing, in which we partner with the Beaver Valley Choral Society, will be held on Sunday, December 4. Please come out and join us for a day of fun activities and festive music. Events begin at 2:30 p.m., Santa arrives at 3:00 p.m., there will be a retelling of the Night Before Christmas in the Auditorium, a traditional carol sing in the Natatorium, and the kindergarten children conclude the event with their holiday program at 5:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. There will also be crafts, Candy Land, and Christmas treats. We'd love for you all to join us in this outreach to our community

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Bacon read aloud items 1-2 as listed below for discussion:

1. Recommend approving Resolution No. 112122-3 to implement Act 57 of 2022 Property Tax Penalty and its Waiver Provisions Form. This is to be used when a property owner purchases a new property and did not get the property tax for that year. It allows them only for that year to pay the property tax at the face value even if it is in the penalty phase.
2. Recommend approving the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) Health & Welfare Fund Vision Insurance Agreement Effective January 1, 2023 through December 30, 2024 at an annual rate of \$44.76 per employee.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mrs. Kronk read aloud items 1-3 as listed below for discussion:

1. Recommend approving Genevieve Zajac to serve as the School Social Worker beginning November 28, 2022 at a salary of \$57,780 (prorated), MA+OO, Step 1.
2. Recommend approving the following field trips:
 - a. November 17, 2022 – Grades 3 & 4 GATE students to attend Riverside Elementary School to participate in the Scrabble Tournament.
 - b. February 24, 2023 – Grades 9-12 Holocaust students to attend the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC to learn about the Holocaust.
 - c. May 12, 2023 – Grade 2 students to attend the Children’s Museum in Pittsburgh, PA to explore various exhibits through hands-on exploration in art and science.
 - d. June 6, 2023 Grades 7-12 Marching Band students to attend Hershey Park.
3. Recommend approving the following individual to be added to the approved K-12 volunteer list:

Anne Niemann (Elementary)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lisa Booker addressed the Board regarding an incident that happened at the high school and requested access to view camera footage.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening, Mr. Majors motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:16 p.m. Mr. Bacon seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross,
Board Secretary