

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES

The Hollidaysburg Area School Board met for a **Committee of the Whole/Voting Meeting** on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024** in the Senior High Library, 1510 N. Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg. Ms. Bilek called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m and opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken by Ms. Fiscus with nine members present. Attending were Ms. Bilek, President, Ms. Costanza, Vice-President, Mr. Brenneman, Mr. Snyder, Dr. Wells, Ms. Luther, Dr. Li, Ms. Sullivan and Dr. Sommer.

Also present were Mr. McLaurin, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Green, Interim Director of Special Education, Dr. Palazzi, Director of Curriculum, Mrs. Fiscus, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Ms. Thomas, Director of Accounting Operations, Mr. Caldwell, Director of Human Resource/Transportation, Ms. Faith, Foundation Director/Grant Administrator, Mr. Nihart, Director of Physical Plant, Mr. Hartline, Mr. Keagy, Mr. Madden, and an Altoona Mirror representative.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recognition

Mr. McLaurin presented new board members, Ying Lin, Michele Luther, Missy Sullivan and John Wells with Certificates of Recognition from PSBA for successful completion of all requirements of an elected appointed official of the school board.

Student Representative Report

Per Board Policy 004.2-Student Representatives to the Board, Senior Representatives Connor Owen and Jacob Ott and Junior Representative Jefferson McCoy presented their monthly report to the board.

Business Office Report / Mrs. Fiscus

The board met in executive session Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 6:00p.m. and Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 5:00p.m. for personnel.

Meetings for March, 2024:

Athletic Committee  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
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On motion of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Dr. Sommer, per Board Policy 006 Meetings, the board approved the minutes of the January 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole/Voting Meeting. The motion carried on a roll call vote with nine yes vote and zero no votes.

On motion of Dr. Sommer, seconded by Dr. Wells, the board approved financial reports for January, 2024, items 1 through 7. The reports include Treasurer's Report, List of Payments, Investment Portfolio, YTD Expenditures/Revenues, Budget Transfers, Food Service for December, 2023 and Senior High Student Store for December, 2023. The motion carried on a roll call vote with nine yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 1**

On motion of Dr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Brenneman, Per Board Policy 006 Meetings, the board approved contracts 1 through 3 as follows:

1. Care Coordination Agreement with CenClear effective February 7, 2024 through February 7, 2025 to develop and maintain a positive working relationship with providers for human service needs No Cost **Exhibit 2**
2. Contract with Scholastic Book Fairs (JH) effective February 7, 2024 through April 19, 2024 (Fair dates April 15, 2024 through April 19, 2024) for staff, students and parents to purchase books and educational products No Cost No Cost: Parent/Student Paid **Exhibit 3**
3. Individual Student Instruction Contract with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes effective February 12, 2024 through June 30, 2024 for instructional services Cost: \$29,520 **Exhibit 4**

The motion carried on a roll call vote with nine yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 5**

On motion of Dr. Sommer, seconded by Dr. Li, the board approved the following:

Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center Financial Statements and Auditor's Report on Basic Financial Statements for Year Ended June 30, 2023 **Exhibit 6**

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Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center Auditor's Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Compliance and Internal Control for Year Ended June 30, 2023 **Exhibit 7**

Dr. Sommer commented that the audits had no findings. The district may receive a refund of approximately \$66,000 this year.

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

On motion of Dr. Yi, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the board approved items 4, 5 and 6 as follows:

Blair County Tax Claim Bureau Repository Bid  
Accept bid from Damien Berardi:  
Map#04.00-07..-082-00-110 in the amount of \$125 **Exhibit 8**

Disposal of Obsolete Equipment and Books / Per Board Policy 706.1 Disposal of Surplus Property/Textbooks/Supplies, disposal of various obsolete equipment and books **Exhibit 9**

Per Board policy, 229 - District Fund Raising , the following student activity fundraisers:

Games Club, SH - No. 76  
Candy, Pizza, Sub and Food Product Sales  
Expected Profit: \$2,612  
Date: Spring, 2024

Club Econ, SH - No. 95  
Candy, Hoagie and Apparel Sales  
Expected Profit: \$950  
Date: Spring, 2024

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

Mrs. Fiscus and Mrs. Thomas gave a 2024-2025 Budget Presentation No. 2 on Retirement.

Superintendent's Report / Mr. McLaurin

On motion of Dr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Brenneman, the board approved the following:

Curriculum Update - Dr. Palazzi submitted the following working draft curriculum maps for Board approval. These maps will then be open for this school year in order for teachers to make minor tweaks to the curriculum, such as pacing, and will come back to the Board next year for final approval.

CB English 10  
Honors English 10  
Honors English 12 **Exhibit 10**

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Per Board Policy 803 School Calendar, the 2024-2025 school calendar. **Exhibit 11**

New Novel: Peak **Exhibit 12**

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

Per Board Policy 614 Payroll Authorizations, Dr. Li initiated a motion, seconded by Ms. Luther, to approve personnel actions 1 through 53 dated 2/7/2024 REV 27/2024 at 10:25AM. The motion carried on a roll call vote with nine yes votes and zero no votes for all actions except for Item 5 which carried on a roll call vote with eight yes and one no vote. Ms. Sullivan cast the dissenting vote. -- and Item No. 7 which carried on a roll call vote with eight yes votes and one abstention. Mr. Brenneman cast the abstention. **Exhibit 13 and 14**

New Business

Mr. McLaurin thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as acting Superintendent.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Ms. Bilek declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36p.m.



Autumn Fiscus  
Board Secretary