

CALL TO ORDER

In accordance with Sections 402 and 404 of the Pennsylvania School Code, the Board of School Directors of Cheltenham School District met on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:04 p.m. at 2000 Ashbourne Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027 and also via Zoom to hold a hybrid regular legislative board meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Henry. Attendance was as follows:

CHELtenham SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Present: Mr. Charles Burdell-Williams, Mr. David L. Cohen, Mr. Zachary Epps, Mr. Joel Fishbein, Ms. Julie Haywood, Ms. Pamela Henry, Ms. Jennifer Lowman, Ms. Leah Mulhearn, Mr. Daniel Schultz.

CHELtenham SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Chris Barone, Director of Information Technology; Ms. Charlene Collins, Director of Secondary Education; Mr. Kevin Kaufman, Director of Communications; Dr. Beverly Gallagher, Director of Special Education; Ms. Jessica Keene, Director of Student Services; Dr. Tamara Thomas Smith, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Adrienne Tolbert-Jackson, Director of Human Services; and Dr. Brian Scriven, Superintendent.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Edward Diasio, Esq.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Debra Harding

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board member, Ms. Lowman.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Student Representative Faith Lam reporting for the Student Council shared information regarding:

- Native Meadow Project
- Electric Bus Fleet
- Class of 2023 Gift
- Spring Fling Theme (Tropical Luau)
- Easter Seals
- for generous donations
- Prom location
- Townhall Date

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Scriven shared information regarding the following topic:

- School Director Recognition Month

**SOLICITOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Diasio announced there was one (1) executive session held on January 9, 2023 regarding BEC Negotiations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
ON AGENDA ITEMS
ONLY**

There was one (1) public comments on agenda items.
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Lisa Hesbacher, Wyncote, commented on the wonderful tribute to the Board and, on behalf of SEAC, offered appreciation to the Board for their service and support.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Upon motion by Ms. Haywood, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

**FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Mr. Fishbein reporting for the Financial Affairs committee, shared information from the meeting held on January 3, 2023. The meeting video and presentation for any Finance Committee meeting can be found [here](#). The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2023.

**EDUCATIONAL
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Ms. Mulhearn reporting for the Educational Affairs committee, shared information from the last meeting held on December 20, 2022. The meeting video and presentation for any Educational Affairs committee meeting can be found [here](#). The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2023.

**EASTERN CENTER
FOR ARTS AND
TECHNOLOGY
REPORT**

Mr. Burdell-Williams, reporting for the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology, shared information from the meeting held on December 14, 2023. The minutes of any Joint Operating Committee meeting can be accessed via the [Eastern Center for Arts and Technology – Joint Operating Committee website](#). Mr. Burdell-Williams announced the next JOC meeting will be held on January 11, 2023.

**MONTGOMERY
COUNTY
INTERMEDIATE
UNIT (MCIU)
REPORT**

Ms. Lowman, shared that no meeting was held since the last legislative meeting. The minutes of any Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting can be accessed [here](#). The next meeting will be held on January 25, 2023.

**FACILITIES
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Mr. Cohen, reporting for the Facilities Committee, shared information from the meeting held on January 3, 2023. Any meeting video and presentation of the Facilities Committee can be found [here](#). Mr. Cohen announced that the next meeting will be held on February 7, 2023.

LIAISON GROUP

Mr. Cohen, reporting for the Liaison Group, shared that no meeting was held since the last legislative meeting. Mr. Cohen announced the next meeting date is January 23, 2023.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Epps, reporting for the Policy Committee, shared that no meeting was held since the last legislative meeting. The video and summary of any policy committee meeting can be found [here](#). The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2023 at the administration Building, Room 102, and also via Zoom.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Epps, reported that the Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee (MCS DLC) had not met since June due to the House and Senate being in recess, but shared relevant information on key federal and state legislation. Mr. Epps shared that the next meeting date is January 18, 2023.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Upon motion by Mr. Fishbein, seconded by Ms. Lowman, the following consent agenda items were unanimously approved:

Approval of Conferences

Resolved: The administration recommends ratification of the attendance and payment of expenses for Dr. Brian Reilly, Director of STEM, to attend the Using Data to Lead Innovation: Building Capacity for Continuous School Improvement on 1/10 - 1/11/2023, with the total estimated cost of \$625.00 to be paid from the general fund account.

Resolved: The administration recommends approval of the attendance and payment expenses for Paul Bryant III, School Counselor - Cheltenham High School, to (virtually) attend the PowerSchool SIS: School Counselor Certification on 2/1 - 2/3/2023, with the total estimated cost of \$400 to be paid from the general fund account.

Resolved: The administration recommends approval of the attendance and payment expenses for Kyaw (Joe) Myat, Assistant Director of Technology, and Gerald Aungst, Teacher - Cheltenham Elementary School, to attend the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference (PETE&C) on 2/13 - 2/15/2023, with the total estimated cost of \$2,067, for both, to be paid from the general fund account.

Approval of Agreement

Resolved: The administration recommends approval of the educational

service agreements between the District and parents of the students identified below by confidential student number in the form presented to the Board:
410948

Approval of Continuation of Contract for 2022-2023

Resolved: The administration recommends approval of the continuation award of a contract with Lakeside Educational Network to provide four educational placements at a cost of \$152,936.00 (three special education placements at a cost of \$39,537.00 per student and one general education placements at a cost of \$34,325.00 per student) and three in-school counselors at a cost of \$277,800.00. Total cost for the contracted services is \$430,736.00.

Approval of Volunteers

Resolved: The administration recommends the approval of the following volunteers pursuant to Policy 916:

Tamieka Abrams
Naeemah Alston
Seneen Cole
Raymond Dessereau
Ma-Jenneh Jean
LaTece Jones
Maureen Keyser
Sarita McCants
Taysha Morton
Jami Woodward (Bullard)

Appointment of Support Staff

Resolved: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **Raven Burke** as Paraeducator 1:1, Tier III, at Myers Elementary School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$18.34 to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective November 2, 2022. A 90-day probation period is required.

Resolved: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **Niyah Lowman** as Paraeducator - Autistic Support, Tier III, at Wyncote Elementary School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$18.34 to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective December 6, 2022. A 90-day probation period is required.

Resolved: The administration recommends the appointment of **Jessica Endy** as Part-Time Library Assistant, Tier 1, at Wyncote Elementary School, part-time 4.5 hours per day for 182 days, at an hourly rate of

\$14.95, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective December 8, 2022. A 90-day probation period is required.

Resolved: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **Shania Anderson** as Paraeducator - Life Skills Support, Tier III, at Glenside Elementary School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$18.34 to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective December 5, 2022. A 90-day probation period is required.

Resolved: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **April Lyons** as Paraeducator - Autistic Support, Tier III, at Myers Elementary School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$18.34 to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective December 12, 2022. A 90-day probation period is required.

Resolved: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **Rebekah Larose** as a Kindergarten Assistant, Tier 1A, at Glenside Elementary School, full time for 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$15.92, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective December 19, 2022. A 90-day probation period is required.

Resolved: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **Marquis Smith** as Paraeducator - Inclusion, Tier III, at Elkins Park Elementary School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$18.34 to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective December 19, 2022. A 90-day probation period is required.

Resolved: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **Layla Dorsaima-Austin** as Paraeducator - Inclusion, Tier III, at Elkins Park Elementary School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$18.34 to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective December 19, 2022. A 90-day probation period is required.

Appointment of Long-Term Substitute

Resolved: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **Yevgeniy Levitsky**, Long-Term Substitute Math Teacher at Cheltenham High School, at a salary of \$53,664 (Step 5/Bachelors), to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective November 28, 2022, through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Extra Duty/Extra Pay

Resolved: The administration recommends the approval of the following Extra Duty/Extra Pay assignments, per the attachment, at a rate of \$227.50 per unit, as listed.

Approval of Stipends

Resolved: The administration recommends the approval of professional personnel per the attachment for leadership positions for the 2022-2023 school year, at the rates listed.

Approval of Mentors

Resolved: The administration recommends the ratification of the approval of the professional personnel per the attachment for mentor positions for the 2022-2023 school year, at an annual rate of \$300 each.

Approval of Settlement Agreement

Resolved: The administration recommends approval of the settlement agreement between the District and classified employee #1045 in the form presented to the Board.

Approval of Payments

Resolved: The administration recommends approval of bills for payment for the period December 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in the following amounts in accordance with the list submitted to the board.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	163995 - 164280 WT230187	1,798,894.21
Payroll Fund	13302 – 13322 WT 230171-230200	5,056,074.58
Student Activity	52003112-52003116	13,774.02
Food Service Fund	2727-2728	23,333.25

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE NOT SUBJECT TO VOTE:

Retirement

Paul Thomas, Maintenance Mechanic Plumber, effective February 16, 2023 end of workday. Paul Thomas has been a district employee for 8 years.

Resignations

Megan Cheeseman, 6th Grade Teacher at Elkins Park School, effective January 30, 2023 end of workday.

John Petiu, Computer Technician at Wyncote Elementary School and Glenside Elementary School, effective December 19, 2022 end of workday.

Susan Salvino, Long Term Substitute Art Teacher at Elkins Park Elementary School, effective December 1, 2022 end of workday.

Rachel Slutsky, Emotional Support Paraeducator at Cheltenham Elementary School, effective December 22, 2022 end of workday.

Tianna Summers, 1:1 Paraeducator at Myers Elementary School, effective December 21, 2022 end of workday.

Adoption of Two-Year Academic Calendar: 2023-2024 and 2024-2025

Mr. Burdell-Williams, seconded by Mr. Fishbein, moved to approve the two-year academic calendar for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

On roll call, the following vote was taken. Affirmative: Mr. Burdell-Williams, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Epps, Mr. Fishbein, Ms. Henry, Ms. Lowman, Ms. Mulhearn, and Mr. Schultz. Negative: Ms. Haywood. The motion carried 8-1.

Adoption of Two-Year Academic Calendar: 2023–2024 and 2024-2025

Resolved: The Educational Affairs Committee recommends that the administration be authorized to approve the two-year academic calendar for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

Resolved: The Educational Affairs Committee recommends that the administration be authorized to approve that Act 80* days, for the 2023-2024 school year, be scheduled on October 9, 2023, November 7, 2023, November 21, 2023, November 22, 2023, February 16, 2024, and April 23, 2024.

Resolved: The Educational Affairs Committee recommends that the administration be authorized to approve that Act 80* days, for the 2024-2025 school year, be scheduled on October 14, 2024, November 5, 2024, November 26, 2024, November 27, 2024, February 14, 2025, and May 20, 2025.

**Pennsylvania law generally requires that public schools be open each school year for at least 180 days of instruction for students. However, Act 80 of 1969 creates an exception to this requirement, whereby days designated for certain qualifying activities, other than traditional instruction of curriculum, are permitted to count towards the required 180*

days of instruction. Qualifying activities include things like parent/teacher conferences, in-service programs, certain professional development activities, curriculum planning and development, and strategic planning. In order to count towards the required 180 days of instruction, "Act 80 Days" must be designated and approved by the Board in advance, and then submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. These Act 80 days will be used for teacher in-service, professional development, and parent conferences.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
ON NON-AGENDA
ITEMS**

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

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**RESPONSE TO
PRIOR QUESTIONS**

There were no prior unanswered questions or comments.

INFORMATION

The following additions were made to the future meetings.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023


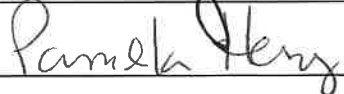
7:00 pm – Hybrid Educational Affairs Committee Meeting – Room 102, Admin Bldg

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

7:00 pm – Hybrid Policy Committee Meeting – Room 102, Admin Bldg

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**

Upon motion by Mr. Burdell-Williams, seconded by Mr. Epps, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


_____, Board Secretary

_____, Board President