

BERMUDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT
York Springs, Pennsylvania 17372-8807

A work/study session of the Bermudian Springs School Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, in the High School Auditorium and via remote connection. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Travis G. Mathna.

Members Present:	Daniel S. Chubb, Brian A. Davis, Jennifer Goldhahn, Ruth E. Griffie, Mary R. Kemper, Travis G. Mathna, Chad M. Mowery, Matthew P. Nelson, and Neil R. Tate
Members Absent:	None
Administration:	Shane D. Hotchkiss, Joshua P. Korb, Shannon L. Myers, Justin W. Peart, and Brooke A. Shaffer
Others:	Ashley Harder, Parent; Layke Ensor, Khristian Snyder, and Lori Snyder, Parent Concern; Jake Butcher, Danielle Ensor, and Melissa Pero, Public Concern; Marilee Durbin, Stacy Gautsch, Mandy Gerringer, Greta Haley, Stephanie Haley, Sarah Hayes, Kirby Martin, Krista Martin, Robert Morntly, Dana Nelson, Tricia Plank, Jason Talkington, Stacia Talkington, and Jen Zerfing

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Melissa Pero spoke regarding Policy 109. She read excerpts from a book and feels that Policy 109 is a book ban. Melissa asked questions about the policy.

Jen Zerfing yielded her public comment time to Melissa Pero.

Lori Snyder spoke regarding Policy 109. Lori is in favor of the policy and stated the term book ban is intellectually dishonest. She is angry about a board member's article against fellow board members filled with hyperbolic language to mislead readers.

Stacia Talkington yielded her public comment time to Lori Snyder.

Danielle Ensor spoke regarding Policy 109. She is in favor of the policy and described what content makes a movie rated R. Danielle read aloud some excerpts from books available in our district and questioned why anyone would want children reading explicit sex acts. She also would like to have Matthew Nelson investigated for conflict of interest.

Sarah Hayes spoke regarding Policy 911. She feels Policy 911 was skipped during the meeting and wants to know the consequences for a board member breaking this policy.

Jake Butcher spoke regarding Policy 109. He referenced the law within Policy 109. Jake feels the administration fell asleep at the job, and they should be investigated.

Tyler Weidler wrote a letter read aloud by Board Secretary, Jennifer Goldhahn, regarding Policy 109. He stated that the board is doing a fantastic job with Policy 109 and that it's the right thing to do. He feels Policy 109 and the CIRA Committee address important issues of our time.

Khristian Snyder spoke regarding Policy 109. He is in favor of the policy and believes there should be guidelines. He talked about standards and guidelines for various professions. He also spoke about the inappropriate content that our children can access and how sexually explicit content can cause a trigger event.

Jason Talkington yielded his public speaking time to Khristian Snyder.

Melanie Tate wrote a letter read aloud by Board Secretary, Jennifer Goldhahn, regarding the revision of Policy 109. She is in favor of the policy and believes that school is a place to learn, not to be exposed to highly inappropriate and sexually explicit materials. Melanie is concerned about what students can access on district iPads. She thanked the board for revising Policy 109.

Melissa Wagner wrote a letter that was read aloud by Board Secretary, Jennifer Goldhahn, regarding Policy No. 109 and the Gettysburg Connection article. She feels that the board member who posted on the Gettysburg Connection page addressing his frustration with the policy was an inappropriate behavior by a school board member. Melissa feels parents trust the school board is watching over everyone to protect and educate children. She stated we need to trust that looking over a policy and adding guidelines is not banning books.

The Board took no official actions at this meeting.

Secretary