

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, June 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to hold a hybrid special legislative board meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Henry. Attendance was as follows:

CHELtenham SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Present: Ms. Mia Blitstein, Mr. Charles Burdell-Williams, Mr. Zachary Epps, Ms. Pamela Henry, Mr. Daniel Schultz, Dr. Ross Whiting. Absent: Ms. Jennifer Lowman, Ms. Leah Mulhearn, Ms. Robyn Murphy

CHELtenham SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Chris Barone, Director of Information Technology; Ms. Charlene Collins, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Humanities; Mr. Kevin Kaufman, Director of Communications and Development; Dr. Stephen Catrambone, Director of Special Education; Dr. Mary Kay Feeley, Interim Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Timothy Holman, Director of Facilities; Ms. Jessica Keene, Director of Student Services; Mr. Brian Reilly, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for STEM Education; Mr. Joshua Sweigard, Director of Business Services; Ms. Adrienne Tolbert-Jackson, Director of Human Services; Mr. Jonathan White, Safety and Security Manager; 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, Mr. Schultz.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Diasio announced the board met in one (1) executive session since the last legislative meeting on June 25, 2024 regarding presentation of the Annual Safety and Security report given by Mr. White.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no public comments on agenda items.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Upon motion by Mr. Burdell Williams, seconded by Dr. Whiting, the following consent agenda items were unanimously approved.

Approval of Consent
Agenda Items

Approval of Volunteer

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the following volunteer pursuant to Policy 916:

- **Raquel Santaliz**

Approval of Conferences

RESOLVED: The administration recommends ratification of the attendance and payment of expenses for **Dr. Angelina Schalk**, *Teacher - Wyncote Elementary School*, to attend the Wilson Foundations Virtual Level 2 Launch Workshop held on June 18, 2024 with an estimated total cost of \$305.00 to be paid from the general fund account.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends ratification of the attendance and payment of expenses for **Lauren Ricks**, *Teacher - Glenside Elementary School*, to attend the Wilson Foundations Virtual Level 2 Launch Workshop held on June 20, 2024 with an estimated total cost of \$305.00 (*each*) to be paid from the general fund account.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends ratification of the attendance and payment of expenses for **Lisa Fry**, *Teacher - Myers Elementary School*, to attend the Wilson Foundations Virtual Level 1 Launch Workshop held on June 21, 2024 with an estimated total cost of \$305.00 to be paid from the general fund account.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval of the attendance and payment of expenses for **Elizabeth Bonnell**, *Autistic Support Teacher - Wyncote Elementary School*, to attend the Wilson Foundations Virtual Level K Launch Workshop to be held on August 13, 2024 with an estimated total cost of \$305.00 to be paid from the general fund account.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval of the attendance and payment of expenses for **Catherine Bergmueller**, *Teacher - Glenside Elementary School*, to attend the Wilson Foundations Virtual Level K Launch Workshop to be held on September 25, 2024 with an estimated total cost of \$305.00 to be paid from the general fund account.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval of the attendance and payment of expenses for **Jennifer Bonnell**, *Autistic Support Teacher - Wyncote Elementary School*, to attend the Wilson Foundations Virtual Level 1 Launch Workshop to be held on August 14, 2024 with an estimated total cost of \$305.00 (*each*) to be paid from the general fund account.

Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval for school safety consultant services for Steven A. Beck and to authorize the compensation and scope of services, per the contract agreement submitted to the School Board.

Authorization to Enter into Independent Contractor Engagement

RESOLVED: The administration recommends that the Superintendent be authorized to engage with Dr. Marykay Feeley, as needed, as a consultant to the Office of Education through the Montgomery County Intermediate Program (Explorations) from July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 for the purpose of assisting with the implementation of the EPIC Program. Such engagement shall not exceed a total of 110 hours or \$18,000, whichever is less.

Approval for Agreement for an Approved Private School Placement

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the Board approve Extended School Year (ESY) Approved Private School Agreement. This agreement governs the contractual terms and conditions for placement of students when a non-traditional placement is required in order to provide the student with an appropriate program:

Student #412996

Approval of Purchases

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the purchase of instructional materials to be implemented for the 24/25 school year in the amount of \$27,439.50. During the 23/24 school year, multiple special education teachers piloted programs - results were shared during the 5/21 Educational Affairs Board meeting.

Approval of Contracts

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval of the contract for **Joseph J. Peters Institute** based on the need for psychiatric services/evaluations for students based on individual circumstances outlined in the contract.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval of the contract with **HopSkipDrive, Inc.** to provide supplemental transportation support for our students who are either experiencing homelessness or residing outside of the district in a foster placement.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval of the **Athletic Training Services Agreement with Rothman** for Cedarbrook Middle School and Cheltenham High School for the 2024-2025 school year, not to exceed \$95,000, pending solicitor review.

Approval of Agreements

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the continuation of a service agreement between the School District of Cheltenham and **Nyman Associates** for supplemental therapists and behavioral services.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval of the attached quote with **InquirED** in the amount of \$44,800.00 to renew the Inquiry Journeys and Inquiry Perspectives subscriptions, for the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Approval of Continuation of Private Licensed School Contract for 2024-2025 School Year

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the Board approve the continuation of a contract with **Foundations Behavioral Health (The LifeWorks School)**. This contract governs the contractual terms and conditions for placement of students when a non-traditional placement is required in order to provide the student with an appropriate program, by the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team.

Adoption of Amended Academic Calendar 2024–2025

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the amended academic calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

Appointment of Administrator

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the appointment of **Ashley Pullum**, Supervisor of Special Education, at the Administration Building, CASSA classification, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, at an annual salary of \$130,000, effective August 28, 2024.

Appointment of Professional Staff

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the appointment of **Salvatore Scaramuzzino**, Social Studies Teacher at Cedarbrook Middle School, at a salary of \$71,953 (Step 10/Masters) 2023-2024 CEA salary schedule, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 20, 2024.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the appointment of **Terrance Davis**, Special Education Teacher at Cedarbrook Middle School, at a salary of \$85,406 (Step 12/Masters) 2023-2024 CEA salary schedule, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 20, 2024.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the appointment of **Danecia Berrian**, Fourth Grade Teacher at Glenside Elementary School, at a salary of \$93,488 (Step 11/Masters +36) 2023-2024 CEA salary schedule, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 20, 2024.

Appointment of Temporary Professional Staff

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the appointment of **Kacie Russell**, First Grade Teacher at Glenside Elementary School, at a salary of \$55,834 (Step 6/Bachelors) 2023-2024 CEA salary schedule, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 20, 2024.

Appointment of Support Staff

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **Naimah Griffin** as Paraeducator, Tier III, at Cheltenham High School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$20.58 to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 20, 2024. A 90-day probation period is required.

Approval to Engage Consultant

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval for the engagement of consultant **Wendy Thayres** and to authorize the compensation and scope of services, per the contract agreement submitted to the Board.

Appointment of ESY (Extended School Year) Personnel

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the personnel for ESY professional staff, per attachment entitled "2024 ESY Professional Staff List (June)," at an approved rate of \$50.00 per hour.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of ESY paraeducators, per attachment entitled "2024 ESY Paraeducator Staff List (June 25)". The rate of pay is the same as the individual's hourly rate during the 2024-2025 academic school year.

Appointment of Summer Administrator

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of **Mark Hoff** as the Interim Assistant Principal of Cheltenham High School for summer 2024 effective June 12, 2024 through August 16, 2024 at a per diem rate of \$500 to provide administrative support to the Cheltenham High School.

Approval of Summer Intern

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the personnel listed to serve as Summer Intern for the Technology Department for the Summer of 2024 at \$15.00 per hour, effective July 1, 2024 through August 16, 2024.

- **Giovanni Oppong-Agyare**

Appointment of Summer Custodial Help Staff

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the personnel listed to serve as summer help workers for the Summer of 2024 at \$18.00 per hour, effective as follows.

- **Christina Newman** effective June 10, 2024 through August 16, 2024. (revised start date)
- **Naimah Griffin** to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective June 25, 2024 through August 16, 2024.

Appointment of Personnel for CHS Summer Program

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the personnel for CHS Summer Program for the summer of the 2023-2024 School year, teaching staff, per attachment entitled "CHS Summer Program Staffing List 2024", at an approved rate of \$36.90 per hour.

Termination of Classified Employees

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the termination of employment of classified **employee #11353** pursuant to Section 5-514 of the Pennsylvania School Code and information provided to the Board of School Directors, effective June 4, 2024.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the termination of employment of classified **employee #11355** pursuant to Section 5-514 of the Pennsylvania School Code and information provided to the Board of School Directors, effective June 3, 2024.

THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WERE NOT SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

Resignations

Kyshir Giddings, Paraeducator at Elkins Park School, effective June 14, 2024, end of workday.

Laura Cameron, Special Education Teacher at Myers Elementary School, effective June 10, 2024, end of workday.

Shamirrah Smith, Paraeducator at Myers Elementary School, effective June 10, 2024 end of workday.

Roy Bowser, Custodian at Cheltenham Elementary School, effective July 4, 2024, end of workday.

Adoption of the 2024-2025 Final Budget

The vote on this agenda item was postponed to June 28, 2024 due to minor corrections needed on the item text. A special legislative meeting will be advertised in accordance with the applicable laws and guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

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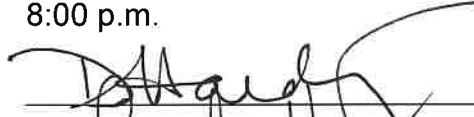
RESPONSE TO PRIOR QUESTIONS


There were no unanswered prior questions.

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MEETING
ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Mr. Epps, seconded by Ms. Blitstein, the meeting adjourned at
8:00 p.m.


_____, Board Secretary


_____, Board President