



BOARD MEETING

09/16/2024 [07:00 PM-09:00 PM]

SEPTEMBER BOARD

1. Call to Order

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Minutes

Melanie Gurgiolo (President), Meredith Bowen, Neil Connelly (Vice President), Josceylon Buchs, Randall Gale, Karen Mallah, Geoffrey McInroy, Greg Lamay, Dan Serfass (Superintendent), Kerry Martin (Secretary), Gareth Pahowka (Solicitor).

Mrs. Howard was not present.

Community/Staff Attendees are available on the attached list.

4. Information Only

4.a. PSBA Directors Honor Roll

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo recognized Mr. Neil Connelly and Mr. Geoffrey McInroy for their five years of service to the Camp Hill School District Board and expressed gratitude for their service to the community and the District. She presented Mr. Connelly and Mr. McInroy with certificates in recognition of their service.

4.b. Buildings and Grounds Committee Summer 2024 Project Update

Minutes

Mr. Lamay reviewed the list of accomplishments of the Buildings & Grounds Department over the summer of 2024. All items completed are attached to the agenda. All projects requiring outside contractors went through policy-required bid processes through three different contractors. Mr. Lamay also shared a list of projects completed in-house, including those now able to be completed internally by a new employee with extensive HVAC experience. The Department also coordinated required inspections. Mr. Lamay also

shared that the Eagle Scout project completed over the summer done by volunteers coordinated by an Eagle Scout candidate.

Mrs. Gurgiolo expressed her gratitude to Mr. Lamay for his work in overseeing some of the projects on the list.

5. Agenda Approvals

5.a. Approval of Agenda

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo combined items 5.a. Approval of Agenda through 5.d. Treasurer's report into a combined vote. Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connelly, to approve Item 5.a. Approval of Agenda, Item 5.b. Minutes from Previous Meeting, Item 5.c. Bills List, and Item 5.d. Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

5.b. Minutes from Previous Meeting

5.c. Bills List

5.d. Treasurer's Report

6. Report of Officers and Others

6.a. President (Mrs. Gurgiolo)

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that there was an Executive Session following the September 9th meeting regarding a personnel issue and that an Executive Session would be held following this evening's meeting to discuss a safety and security issue. She reassured the public that the administration, Officer Capers, and Camp Hill Police have responded quickly to the three safety issues that arose over the previous two weeks. The District follows protocols that may prevent the administration from informing the community immediately. Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that there are rules and regulations that prevent the Board and administration from sharing information about deliberations regarding specific students and staff. She reassured the public that the safety of students and teachers are the highest priority of the District, and all threats are investigated with any credible threats being responded to decisively with safety in mind, including school closure if warranted.

6.b. Secretary (Mrs. Martin)

Minutes

Mrs. Martin had no report.

6.c. Solicitor (Mr. Pahowka)

Minutes

Mr. Pahowka shared that there has been a busy start to the school year for them as well, including ongoing Title IX issues, annual required notices, new policies relating to Artificial Intelligence, and a new law relating to student residency.

6.d. Superintendent (Mr. Serfass)

Minutes

Mr. Serfass shared some comments on safety and security of students and staff and confirmed that the District prioritizes these issues above all else and has dedicated resources to maintaining safety and security in Camp Hill School District. These measures include physical improvements, education of students, mental health counseling, professional development of staff, engagement of a Safety and Security Consultant, and maintenance of a positive climate and culture in the buildings. He shared that the District works with Camp Hill and County law enforcement and the internal Threat Assessment teams and internal and external collaboration teams.

Mr. Serfass confirmed that he sent out 5 Blackboard messages between September 4th and September 16th regarding several safety and security issues. All items were taken seriously with immediate involvement of police and administration responded quickly with rapid and thoughtful decisions made regarding the appropriate response. Investigations continue simultaneously with student interviews, parent notifications, searches, and appropriate communications internally and externally.

He shared that according to FERPA law and policies, he cannot share information publicly that could identify a child or cloud an investigation, meaning specifics are not included in District communications. Such communications are meant to inform the public and share information about the District's responses.

He explained that the District is reviewing curriculum and instruction regarding technology and social media use and have asked local law enforcement agencies to share information with students about these items. Mr. Serfass indicated that he will be sending information to parents about discussing social media with their students to help support the District's initiatives. He shared information about an upcoming Town Hall for parents regarding these issues.

Mr. Serfass shared that, in all incidents listed, students have been the ones to bring the issues to administration's attention and shared that these reports and the District's response have allowed the District to remain open, safe, and secure.

7. Report of Board Representatives

7.a. Community Recreation (Ms. Bowen)

Minutes

Ms. Bowen shared information about October upcoming events including:

- October 7 - Grand Opening ceremony for the new trail, stream bank restoration, and kayak launch. The community will be able to walk the path and read the signs following the ceremony. Children will be able to complete a scavenger hunt along the trail.
- October 28 - Halloween Parade and costume contest with rain date on October 29.

Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that the trail is beautiful and accessible for all community members and congratulated those responsible for the successful completion of the project. Ms. Bowen shared that many trees were planted along the trail as a part of the project.

7.b. Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technical Center (Mr. Lamay)

Minutes

Mr. Lamay shared that the Work Session minutes were attached. He shared that they hired a new Executive Director of the CTC, Tom Wolfe, who is coming from Lancaster and will start in late October.

He indicated that the Joint Operating Committee and Superintendents will be planning a retreat with the new Executive Director and work together to set a new direction and goals for the organization.

He also shared an update regarding the new project that was sent out for a redesign with a new anticipated opening date for full capacity to the 2027/28 school year.

Mr. Lamay also indicated his appreciation for the Board trusting him in the role on the Joint Operating Committee and asked for feedback from Camp Hill Board members regarding our own priorities moving forward.

7.c. District/Borough (Mrs. Gurgiolo)

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that there is a meeting scheduled for next Wednesday, September 18. Additionally, there will be an additional meeting on Thursday, September 19 for members of the borough administration and law enforcement, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Serfass, and Officer Capers to discuss the past two weeks and how the District can improve its responses. The items being discussed will require that the meeting be closed due to the safety and security measures to be discussed. She shared that both the District and the Borough are both passionate about safety and security.

7.d. Harrisburg Area Community College (Mr. Gale)

Minutes

Mr. Gale had no report.

7.e. Performing Arts Center Advisory Council (Dr. Mallah)

Minutes

Dr. Mallah shared that the meeting was held on Monday, September 9th and shared that the five shows for this year have been chosen and are listed in the attached meeting minutes. She also shared that three of four Summer Stage camps were full with the final one close to being full. Dr. Mallah shared that there were many students participating in crew for the summer shows, and that they are continuing to work through equipment and storage needs at the PAC.

Mr. Serfass shared that the PAC will now have student interns on the technical and artistic side for the first time this year.

7.f. Capital Area Intermediate Unit (Mrs. Gurgiolo)

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that the minutes from August are attached and have been discussed and shared that there is a meeting scheduled for next Thursday. She also shared that the attached All-In document has interesting information that may be of interest, including activities and classes.

8. Comments from Citizens

Minutes

Mrs. Gurgiolo read the public comment statement.

1. Christina Garber: shared concerns about the threats made in the District and impacts of social media on these threats and middle school students' health and well-being.
2. Rhett Barker: requested that the Board clarify consideration of anonymous threats.
3. Jolee Bovender: expressed concerns over school safety and requested additional safety resources and School Resource Officers in each building.
4. Carrie Backer: thanked the District for their communication and increased police and administrators' presence in the buildings and expressed concern over physical safety and security in the buildings.

Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that the Board listens to all public comment but does not respond within the Board meeting. She expressed gratitude for the attendance and comments from the public.

9. Giant Company Donation Recommendation

Minutes

Mr. Lamay moved, seconded by Mrs. Buchs, to approve the Giant Company Donation Recommendation.

Mr. Lamay recognized Mr. Serfass for his work developing relationships to try and make the previous plans work. Mrs. Gurgiolo shared that the District moved on from the initial plan only when the new mobile food pantry option was available.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. Disposal of Items - Middle School

Minutes

Mr. Gale moved, seconded by Mr. Lamay, to approve the Disposal of Items at the Middle School. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Policies

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve Policy 903 Public Comment in Board Meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Shippensburg University Superintendent Study Council (SUSSC)

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the Shippensburg University Superintendent Study Council membership for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

13. PA Student Teacher Support Program

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the PA Student Teacher Support Program agreement.

Mrs. Gurgiolo asked if the District has anyone confirmed to be a participant, and Mr. Serfass explained that we will find out only after we approve and submit the Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

14. Conrad Seigel Agreement for ACA Reporting

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale to approve the Conrad Seigel Agreement for ACA Reporting. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Support Staff Handbook

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the 2024-2025 Support Staff Handbook.

Mrs. Gurgiolo expressed appreciation to Mrs. Russell for the work put into the document.

The motion passed unanimously.

16. Personnel Report

Minutes

Mr. Lamay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the Personnel Report.

Mrs. Gurgiolo recognized Mrs. Bitting, who is retiring in December 2024, following over twenty years of service and expressed the Board's good wishes for her retirement. Mr. Serfass shared that Mrs. Bitting submitted her retirement with mixed emotions.

The motion passed unanimously.

17. Adjournment

Minutes

Mr. Lamay motioned for adjournment, Mr. Gale seconded. Mrs. Gurgiolo adjourned meeting at 7:52 PM.

In-person attendees:

Dr. Borrelli

Ms. Reely

Mrs. Ivey

Mrs. Rhinehart

Mrs. Russell

Mr. Carpenter

Barbara Fickel

Carrie Backer

Kate Mills

Jolee Bovender

Sherry Bowman

Destiny Simpson

Leah Day

Lisa Trogner

Anita Burton

Christina Garber

Caroline Machiraju

Brigid Lowe

Cristin VanDyke

Mary Prendergast

Online Attendees:

Micki Kautz

R. Barker

Diana Comp

Sam Stout

Valerie Heckman

Tanae Crandall

Ashley Poorman

Kenley & Jim Potts

Dana Little

Robin Fulton Langhans

Ashley Vahey

Erin Guisbert

Sharon Hanson

Rebecca Keefer

Mike McCall

Debbie Lawrence

Michael Vogel

James Willshier, Jr.

Deconstructing Mamas

Caitlin

Sarah

Todd

Jennifer

Jill

Sam

Jill

Jackie

Tristan

Alyssa

Scott

Chad