

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

The Hollidaysburg Area School Board met for a **Committee of the Whole/Voting Meeting** on **Wednesday, October 16, 2024** in the Senior High Library, 1510 N. Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg. Ms. Bilek called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m. and opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

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

Also present were Mr. Whitesel, Superintendent, Mrs. Boone, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Prosser, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Fiscus, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Mrs. Bell, Director of Accounting Operations, Mr. Caldwell, Director of Human Resource/Transportation, Ms. Faith, Foundation Director/Grant Administrator, Mr. Nihart, Director of Physical Plant, Mr. Arthur, Director of Technology, Attorney Dambeck, Solicitor, Mr. Madden, Mr. McCall and an Altoona Mirror representative.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Student Representative Report

Per Board Policy 004.2-Student Representatives to the Board, Senior Representatives Jefferson McCoy and Madison McLaurin and Junior Representative Alice Haslam presented their monthly report to the board.

Announcements

The board met Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:30p.m. for personnel.

**Meetings for November, 2024:**

Athletic Committee

November 13, 2024 - 5:00PM

Senior High Library

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Committee of the Whole/Voting

November 13, 2024 - 7:00PM

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Business Office Report / Mrs. Fiscus

On motion of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Dr. Wells, Per Board Policy 006 Meetings, the board approved the minutes of the following meetings:

June 19, 2024 Athletic Committee

June 19, 2024 Committee of the Whole/Voting

July 17, 2024 Policy Committee

July 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole/Voting

July 31, 2024 Special Voting

August 14, 2024 Committee of the Whole/Voting

September 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole/Voting

The motion carried on a voice vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes.

Ms. Sullivan initiated a motion, seconded by Ms. Luther, to approve financial reports for September, 2024, items 1 through 5. The reports included Treasurer's Report, List of Payments, FY Projection, Investment Portfolio, and YTD Expenditures/Revenues. The motion carried on a voice vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 1**

Dr. Sommer initiated a motion, seconded by Dr. Wells, to approve, per Board Policy 006 Meetings & 818 Contracted Services, contracts/agreements 1 through 15:

1. Quote from Fireplace, Inc. for Smore for Schools: 15 User Department Software for digital newsletters effective December 12, 2024 through December 11, 2025. Cost: \$1,890 \*This is a quote that will be signed electronically **Exhibit 2**
2. Vaccine Administration Program Agreement with Rite Aid retroactive to September 6, 2024 through February 28, 2025 to provide immunizations with flu vaccine to eligible employees at an on-site clinic located at the Junior High. Cost: \$100/hr staffing fee per pharmacist per location that does not provide twenty (20) immunizations per hour during clinic hours **Exhibit 3**
3. Contract with Rise Against Hunger effective January 26, 2025 to purchase 10,152 meals to be packed /donated to children/families in need No Cost (Approximately \$4,200 for meals to be raised through fundraising) **Exhibit 4**
4. Contract with Vector Solutions for Scenario Learning effective October 1, 2024 through October 1, 2025 to provide vector training platforms for Blair County Christian staff Cost: No Cost (Paid out of Title II Federal Funds) **Exhibit 5**

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5. Rental Agreement with The Casino for the 2025 Senior Prom, Friday, May 23, 2025. Total rental fee \$9,000 (includes \$1,000 security deposit); additional food costs dependent on attendance, 20% gratuity on subtotal. **Exhibit 6**
6. Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Sponsorship of Wrestling with Bishop Guilfoyle High School for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Revenue: \$200/student **Exhibit 7**
7. Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Sponsorship of Wrestling with Bishop Guilfoyle Junior High School for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Revenue: \$200/student **Exhibit 8**
8. Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Sponsorship of Cross Country with Bishop Guilfoyle High School for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Revenue: \$200/student **Exhibit 9**
9. Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Sponsorship of Cross Country with Bishop Guilfoyle Junior High School for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Revenue: \$200/student **Exhibit 10**
10. Agreement with Soar for Life effective October 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for behavioral health individual student consultation, evaluation of students in the classroom, teacher consultation for classroom assistance and education of staff regarding specific behavioral health issues and interventions. No Cost for the first 5 hours/month. After 5 hours, costs covered under PCCD Grant Funds **Exhibit 11**
11. Letter of Agreement with Simply Speech Therapy, LLC. effective October 21, 2024 through May 30, 2025 (or until HASD hires a speech therapist) for speech therapy services for JH/SH students Cost: Direct service: 12hrs/wk at \$90/hr - Indirect Service: 4hrs/wk at \$90/hr (22.50/15 min) **Exhibit 12**
12. Service Agreement with Honeycomb ABA Therapy effective 10/10/2024 through 10/10/2025 for Applied Behavior Analysis services and supports to students with special needs No Cost **Exhibit 13**
13. Contract with Nexus Therapy effective November 5, 2024 through May 30, 2025 for speech therapy services Cost: \$88/hr up to 6.5hrs/day; up to 32.5hrs/week **Exhibit 14**
14. Engagement Letter with Education Framework, Inc. effective October 21, 2024 through October 20, 2025 for EdPrivacy software Cost: \$8,773 **Exhibit 15**
15. Parent Agreement to Assume Transportation Responsibility and Liability effective October 17, 2024 through June 30, 2025 Cost: Current IRS Mileage rate reimbursement **Exhibit 16**

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The motion carried on a voice vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes.

Mr. Brenneman initiated a motion, seconded by Dr. Wells, to approve items 2 through 8:

Federal Program Budget Adjustment:

2024-2025 Budget Increase: 2021-2022 ARP Homeless Grant: \$18,347 **Exhibit 17**

Per Board Policy 702, Gifts, Grants and Donations, the following grant/donation:

Tugboat Grable Grant -Educators in the Field: \$20,000 **Exhibit 18**

Per Board Policy 706.1 Disposal of Surplus Property/Textbooks/Supplies, disposal of various obsolete equipment and books. **Exhibit 19**

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

E-Sports Team: Account No. 51

Hoagie Sale (Fall) Estimated Profit: \$1,800

Teacher Dress Down (Fall) Estimated Profit: \$300

Candy Sale (Winter/Holiday) Estimated Profit: \$1,250

Pizza Sale (Winter/Spring) Estimated Profit: \$800

Food Product (Spring) Estimated Profit: \$1,000

Art Club-Foot of Ten: Account No. 68

Art Camps (Spring) Estimated Profit: \$750

Ornament Sale (Holiday) Estimated Profit: \$125

Magnet Sale (Holiday) Estimated Profit: \$90

Family Paint Night (Spring) Estimated Profit: \$900

Per Board Policy 618, Student Activity Fund Control:

New Student Activity:

814 Bible Study- No. 87

Purpose: To provide Hollidaysburg Area High School students with the opportunity to meet together and encourage one another through prayer, devotions, and worship. **Exhibit 20**

New Student Activity: C.A.R.E. (Cancer.Awareness.Research.Education) - No. 98

Purpose: To educate the student body on what cancer is, how cancer is affecting the community and awareness of how cancer can be prevented and treated.

Per Board Policy 618-Student Activity Fund Control, the closure of the following Student Activity account due to inactivity: JH French/Latin Club - No. 82

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Per Board Policy 618-Student Activity Fund Control, the transfer of the following Closed Student Activity balance

From: JH French/Latin Club - No. 82: \$705.48

To: SH French Club - No. 91 : \$705.48

The motion carried on a voice vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes.

Superintendent's Report / Mr. Whitesel

Dr. Sommer initiated a motion, seconded by Dr. Li, to approve Items 1 through 3:

The Annual Plan **Exhibit 20**

Anti-Bullying Pledge **Exhibit 21**

Bus routes for 2024-2025 **Exhibit 22**

The motion carried on a voice vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes.

Ms. Sullivan initiated a motion, seconded by Dr. Sommer, to approve personnel items 1 through 73 dated 10/16/2024 REV 10/15/2024 at 3:06p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 23**

President's Report / Ms. Bilek

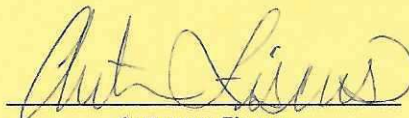
Dr. Wells initiated a motion, seconded by Mr. Brenneman, per Board Policy 000 Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations, the board approved the first reading of Policy 325-AR Dress and Grooming. The motion carried on a voice vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes.

PSBA Travel Accident Insurance is provided to board members free of charge by PSBA. Details were available on BoardDocs.

New Business

Ms. Luther stated that Mr. Nihart is waiting on flooring estimates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at Charles W. Longer. The flooring will be installed once estimates are discussed and finalized.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Ms. Bilek declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23p.m.



Autumn Fiscus  
Board Secretary