

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES

The Hollidaysburg Area School Board met for a **Committee of the Whole/Voting Meeting** on **Wednesday, November 13, 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 Ms. Bilek with eight members present. Attending were Ms. Bilek, President, Ms. Costanza, Vice-President Dr. Li, Ms. Luther, Dr. Wells, and Ms. Sullivan. Dr. Sommer and Mr. Brenneman participated virtually. Mr. Snyder 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, Mr. Nihart, Director of Physical Plant, Ms. Faith, Foundation Director/Grant Administrator, Mr. Arthur, Director of Technology, Dr. Letcher, Mrs. Cerully, Attorney Beard, Sr., Solicitor, and an Altoona Mirror representative.

Fall Sports Recognitions

The board and administration recognized the following teams and individuals:

District 6 Class AAA Girls Team Tennis Champions
District 6 Class AAA Girls Team Golf Champions (1st in School History)
PIAA Class AAA Girls Tennis Team Championship Qualifier (5th)
District 6 Class AAA Girls Soccer Champions
District 6-8-9-10 Class 5-A Sub Regional Football Finalist (TBA)
District 6 AAA Girls Doubles Tennis - Grace Muriceak / Crosby Denis
PIAA Class AAA Girls Doubles Tennis - State Quarterfinalists (Final 8)
District 6 Class Girls Golf Champion - Crosby Denis
PIAA Qualifier in Girls Cross Country - Rylan Carney

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 prepared their monthly report to the board, posted on BoardDocs.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Committee Report

Mr. Nihart presented a report of the October 16, 2024 Physical Plant Committee.

Business Office Report / Mrs. Fiscus

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The board met Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6:40 p.m. for personnel.

December Meetings:

December 4, 2024

Reorganization and COW/Voting

Senior High Library

1510 N. Montgomery Street

Hollidaysburg PA 16648

Time: 7:00p.m.

December 11, 2024

Special Voting * If Needed

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Time: 7:00p.m.

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On motion of Dr. Wells, seconded by Dr. Sommer, Per Board Policy 006 Meetings, the board approved the following minutes for approval:

October 16, 2024 Physical Plant Committee

October 16, 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. Costanza, to approve financial reports for October, 2024. The reports included the Treasurer's Report, List of Payments, Investment Portfolio, FY Projection, YTD Expenditures/Revenues, Budget Transfers for October, 2024, Food Services for September, 2024 and Senior High Student Store for September, 2024. 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, per Board Policy 006 Meetings & 818 Contracted Services, to approve contract/agreements, 1 through 14:

1. Agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. (Williams House) effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for residential education services:
Resident and Non-Resident Placed Students: Residential Education
Regular Ed \$69.60/day per student
Spec Ed \$167.94/day per student **Exhibit 2**

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2. Amendment to the Contract with Nexus Therapy effective November 5, 2024 through May 30, 2025 for speech therapy services: Cost: 2 additional billable hours/week worked (1hr direct time and 1hr indirect time) at \$88/hr. **Exhibit 3**
3. Renewal Agreement with Pennsylvania State Education Association Health & Welfare Fund effective January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2027 for professional employee vision benefits. Cost: Employee Only \$6.38; Family \$16.32 **Exhibit 4**
4. Content License Agreement with COSM/Spitz retroactive to May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025 for planetarium rights to use the show Back from Brink: Saved from Extinction Cost: \$5,000 (SH Planetarium budget - previously approved) **Exhibit 5**
5. Show License Agreement with Longway Planetarium effective December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2029 for Planetarium rights for the show Cosmic Christmas Cost: \$1,200 (\$200 HASD Foundation, \$1,000 SH Planetarium Account) **Exhibit 6**
6. Show License Agreement with Longway Planetarium effective December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2029 for Planetarium rights for the show Ooky Spooky Light Show Cost: \$1,200 (\$200 HASD Foundation, \$1,000 SH Planetarium Account) **Exhibit 7**
7. Show License Agreement with Longway Planetarium effective December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2029 for Planetarium rights for the show The Queen Light Show: From Mercury with Love Cost: \$1,200 (\$200 HASD Foundation, \$1,000 SH Planetarium Account) **Exhibit 8**
8. Tuition Letter of Agreement with Cambria Heights School District effective November 14, 2024 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year for the education of a Cambria Heights School District student. Revenue: HASD Daily Tuition Rate as published by PDE. **Exhibit 9**
9. Author Visit Contract with Troy Cummings Studio effective April 14, 2025 through April 16, 2025 for a Guest Author visits at Charles W. Longer, Frankstown and Foot of Ten Elementary Schools Estimated Cost: \$7,500 (\$2,050/day+travel expenses) - paid from Book Fair/Guest Author Account **Exhibit 10**
10. Memorandum of Understanding with PA Career Link®/Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies effective November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 to establish a partnership with CareerLink to provide career education services for students No Cost **Exhibit 11**
11. Statement of Agreement with Allegany College of Maryland effective September 26, 2024 through June 30, 2025 to establish a relationship of mutual benefit to facilitate and provide students of the college clinical training experience in the Nursing and Allied Health Professions Programs Cost: No Cost **Exhibit 12**

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12. Letter of Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions effective August 22, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for secular, neutral and non-ideological Title I math services at Arrows Christian Academy Cost: \$817 Paid by Federal Funds **Exhibit 13**
13. Letter of Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions effective August 22, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for secular, neutral and non-ideological Title I math services at Great Commission School Cost: \$1635 Paid by Federal Fund **Exhibit 14**
14. Amendment to Destiny® Resource Management Agreement with Follett Software, LLC. effective November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for library management software including support for cloud storage services database backup Cost: \$4,102.85 **Exhibit 15**

Ms. Costanza requested that all renewal contracts indicate if they are budgeted and if there is an increase over current cost.

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

Ms. Luther initiated a motion, seconded by Mr. Brenneman, to approve the following:

Federal Program Budget Adjustments:

2024-2025 Budget:

- 2024-2025 Feminine Hygiene Product Grant: \$5,453 (Increase)
- 2024-2025 ARP ESSER Learning Loss 7%: \$165,938 (Carryover Increase)
- 2024-2025 ARP ESSER Summer Programs 1%: \$36,922 (Carryover Increase)
- 2024-2025 ARP ESSER After School 1%: \$31,372 (Carryover Increase)
- 2023-2024 PCCD School District Meritorious: \$40,000 (Increase)
- 2022-2023 Title I: \$686 (Carryover Increase) **Exhibit 16**

Blair County Tax Claim Bureau Repository Bids:

Accept bid from DIGI Solutions, LLC. for:
Map#13.00-11..-012-00-012 in the amount of \$750

Accept bid from DIGI Solutions, LLC. for:
Map#13.00-11..-012.00-024 in the amount of \$1,200 **Exhibit 17**

Collection Fees Charged to Municipalities for 2025

2025 fees charged to the municipalities for the collection of the following taxes:
Per Capita: \$.55/bill

Collection Fees Charged by Blair County Tax Collection Bureau effective January 1, 2025
2025 fees will be paid to the Blair County Tax Collection Bureau for taxes collected on the District's behalf:

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Current & Delinquent Earned Income / Net Profit: 3%
Flat Rate Occupation Tax effective January 1, 2025: 3%
(Tax Exempt if income is less than \$1,500)

Per Board Policy 706.1 Disposal of Surplus Property/Textbooks/Supplies, disposal of various obsolete equipment and books. **Exhibit 18**

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

Superintendent's Report / Mr. Whitesel

Ms. Sullivan initiated a motion, seconded by Ms. Luther, to approve the following:

New Course Proposals:

JH - Introduction to Tiger TV (TV Production)

SH - Corporate Communications: Writing and Speaking Skills for Business **Exhibit 19**

Additions, deletions, and updates to the web-based resources that require student accounts.

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

Student Activity Fundraisers:

SH Key Club, No. 66

Mrs. Grove's Cinnamon Rolls

Expected Profit: \$200

Date: May 17-24, 2024

Purpose: Rise Against Hunger 2025

Esports, No. 51

Happy Valley Custom Clothes

(t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, long sleeve shirts, raglan shirts, polos, 1/4 zips)

Expected Profit: \$500.00

Date: Through December 24, 2024

Per Board Policies 230.1 Student Expenses for Conferences/Competitions and 121 Field Trips, a list of student field trips in excess of 150 miles, out of state, or overnight. **Exhibit 20**

*The administration requests authorization for the Superintendent to approve additional trips as needed throughout the 2024-2025 school year resulting from advancement in PIAA school sponsored sports playoffs.

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

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Dr. Wells initiated a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to approve personnel items 1 through 44, 11/13/2024 REV 11/12/2024 at 1:23p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote with eight yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 21**

President's Report / Ms. Bilek

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Autumn Fiscus", is written over a horizontal line.

Autumn Fiscus
Board Secretary