

MINUTES – Board of Education

Port Washington-Saukville School District

February 8, 2021

I. REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

President Brenda Fritsch called the regular meeting of the Port Washington-Saukville School District Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021, in the Port Washington High School Auxiliary Gym. Remote audio access was available to the public.

BOARD MEMEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly O'Connell-Perket, Yvonne Klotz, Brian McCutcheon, Aaron Paulin, Matthew Uselding, Douglas Mueller, Sara McCutcheon, Brian Stevens, Brenda Fritsch

EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Weber, Duane Woelfel, Chris Surfus, Mel Nettesheim, Heidi Belohlav, Sandy Crain, Brian Borley, Bryan Ryer, Dennis Gephart, Dan Solórzano, Steve Sukawaty, Joanna Bannon, Bill Schanen IV, 14 in-person community members, and 12 call-in attendees

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PARENT/VISITOR PARTICIPATION/CONTRIBUTIONS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

B. Borley addressed the Board on behalf of the Port Washington-Saukville Education Association. He read a letter thanking the Board for their service during these challenging times.

B. Fritsch invited parents and community members in attendance wishing to address the Board to do so at this time. Three community addressed the Board to encourage them to conduct a thorough an outside search for a new Superintendent. One of the speakers also indicated that he hopes to be selected as a member of the new District-Wide In-Touch Group.

There were no other parent/visitor comments on agenda and non-agenda items.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

S. McCutcheon, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve Consent Agenda items A-E which includes Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1/11/21 and Special Meeting of 1/25/21; Approval of Salary Schedules #1.2, and #2.1; and Approval of Schedule of Bills #1.2 and 2.1. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Weber stated that Duane Woelfel has decided to withdraw his application for the superintendent position in order to allow the Board to fill the position with a longer-term candidate. B. Fritsch provided an update on what she has learned from WASB in regard to the process should the Board decide to utilize the services of WASB or another consultant group in their hiring process for a new superintendent. S. McCutcheon and K. O'Connell-Perket shared their experience being involved in the hiring process when Dr. Weber interviewed for the position back in 2000. D. Mueller, seconded by A. Paulin, moved for having consulting groups to present proposals to the Board at a meeting to be held during the next two weeks. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Weber requested Board approval of the preliminary 2021-22 year-at-a-glance school calendar. It was noted that early release days will be determined by the Administrative Council as the month-by-month school calendar is established. M. Uselding, seconded by S. McCutcheon, moved to approve the 2021-22 school calendar as

presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; A. Paulin, nay; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

Dr. Weber and M. Nettesheim requested that the Board open an early retirement window with pro-rated benefits for staff members with 17 years of experience who are age 55 by June 30, 2021. S. McCutcheon, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve the early retirement window for all staff as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

M. Nettesheim requested Board approval of tax charge backs to the City of Port Washington in the amount of \$2,102.19. S. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve the tax charge backs to the City of Port Washington in the amount of \$2,102.19. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

K. O'Connell-Perket announced the members of the Board of Canvassers for the Primary School Board Election Canvassing on February 22, 2021 as follows: Kelly O'Connell-Perket, JoAnne Jacobson, and Brooke Uhlig. Back-up canvassers are Julie Dornburg and Sue Penkwitz.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

M. Nettesheim provided an update on plans for the new District-Wide In-Touch Group.

Dr. Weber presented Resolution 2/08/21(1) to fill extracurricular vacancies in the District. S. McCutcheon, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve Resolution 2/08/21(1) as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Weber and M. Nettesheim presented Resolution 2/08/21(2) to hire Amy Belmore as the new Payroll and Accounting Supervisor for the District. M. Uselding, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve Resolution 2/08/21(2) as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Y. Klotz provided an update on the WASB Delegate Assembly.

M. Nettesheim provided the monthly budget update.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT REPORTS or ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There was one School Safety Drill Report for review and signature.

B. Fritsch and Dr. Weber shared upcoming Board meeting dates.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE:

K. O'Connell-Perket passed around a thank-you card to the Board from a staff member.

IX. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering annual administrator evaluation data and contracts:

K. O'Connell-Perket, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to adjourn to closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering annual administrator evaluation data and contracts. Voice vote: All Aye. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed the self-evaluations and superintendent evaluation of each administrator, and discussed compensation.

X. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

M. Uselding, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to return to open session. Voice vote: all aye. Motion passed. Meeting returned to open session at 9:03 p.m.

XI. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

S. McCutcheon, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved to provide two-year contracts, including lowering the retirement eligibility age to 55, for: Joanna Bannon, John Bunyan, Jeff Carron, Thad Gabrielse, Jane Gennerman, Nate Hinze, Mel Nettesheim, Dan Solórzano, Steve Sukawaty, Chris Surfus, Jodi Swagel, and Duane Woelfel; with a CPI increase the first year, and an increase amount for the second year to be determined. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, B. McCutcheon, seconded by M. Uselding, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: All aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly O'Connell-Perket
School Board Clerk