

## **MINUTES – Board of Education**

Port Washington-Saukville School District

March 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, March 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, Bryan Ryer, Dennis Gephart, Emily O'Brien, Dan Solorzano, Nate Hinze, Jodi Swagel, Thad Gabrielse, Jeff Carron, Jeff Wojcik, Bill Schanen IV, Tom Ross, 4 in-person community members, and 2 call-in attendees

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

E. O'Brien addressed the Board on behalf of the Port Washington-Saukville Education Association. She reflected on the challenges the staff have overcome as we approach the one-year anniversary of the state-wide closure of schools at the start of the COVID19 pandemic. She also thanked the Board for approving early release days that will allow teachers necessary time preparation time to be able to meet the needs of all students across multiple modes of instruction, including students attending school virtually.

The Board recognized J. Wojcik and the Port Esports Team for their success at the state tournament. Three state finalists in attendance (Alex Riedel, Lucas McCaman, and Walker Malouf) spoke about their experiences.

The Board received an update on the PWSSD Foundation from Foundation President Tom Ross. He shared information about recent generous anonymous donations to the Foundation, including a \$500 donation for the DECA program and the first installment of a pledged \$10,000 donation to replace scoreboards throughout the District.

Joe Burke, 2019 graduate of Port Washington High School, thanked Dr. Weber for his 21 years of service in the District. As a former high school track and cross country athlete, he expressed his desire for an eight-lane track and a turf baseball field at the high school, as was outlined in the initial fundraising plans presented when the PWSSD Foundation was formed.

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 2/08/21 and Special Meetings of 2/01/21 and 3/01/21; Approval of Fund Summary Report for January; Approval of Salary Schedules #2.2, and #3.1; and Approval of Schedule of Bills #2.2 and 3.1. 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:**

J. Swagel and D. Solorzano provided an update on 2021 summer school, and presented the summer school course catalog for Board approval. A. Paulin, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve the 2021 summer

school course catalog 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.

Dr. Weber requested Board approval to accept the donations from the PWSSD Foundation of \$500 to the DECA group and a \$10,000 donation by four donors over two years to replace scoreboards throughout the District. S. McCutcheon, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to accept the donations 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.

K. O'Connell-Perket announced she, along with JoAnne Jacobson and Brooke Uhlig, will comprise the members of the Board of Canvassers for the Spring School Board Election. The canvass of election results will take place on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the School District Central Office Board Room.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

President Fritsch presented the letter of agreement, search proposal, and tentative timeline from School Exec Connect for superintendent search services. B. McCutcheon, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve the contract with School Exec Connect as presented in the letter of agreement and search proposal. 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.

D. Woelfel and M. Nettesheim provided an update on the District-Wide In-Touch Group's first meeting.

Dr. Weber presented the requests for retirement at the conclusion of the school year from the following teachers: Julia Barnes, Christina Bretl, Renee Kallas, and Judy Steffen. S. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve the early retirement requests of Julia Barnes, Christina Bretl, Renee Kallas, and Judy Steffen 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.

Dr. Weber provided a staffing/vacancy update for the 2021-22 school year.

Dr. Weber presented Resolution 3/08/21(1) to fill extracurricular vacancies in the District. S. McCutcheon, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved to approve Resolution 3/08/21(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 presented Resolution 3/08/21(2) to fill summer school positions in the District. S. McCutcheon, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve Resolution 3/08/21(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.

M. Nettesheim provided the monthly budget update.

The Board reviewed their 2020-21 goals. It was agreed that the 2021-22 school board goals should be established in July with the new superintendent. S. McCutcheon requested an update on goals 2, 6, and 8, related to staff and student mental health, at an upcoming Board meeting.

## **VII. ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT REPORTS or ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

District-Wide Committee Reports by Board members: None

Superintendent's Report: None

School Safety Drill Reporting: None

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

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**IX. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, K. O'Connell-Perket, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: All aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly O'Connell-Perket  
School Board Clerk