

## **MINUTES – Board of Education**

Port Washington-Saukville School District

April 19, 2021

### **I. REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

Vice President Brian Stevens called the regular meeting of the Port Washington-Saukville School District Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 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

**EXCUSED:** Brenda Fritsch

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Weber, Duane Woelfel, Chris Surfus, Mel Nettesheim, Heidi Belohlav, Danielle Mayer, Bryan Ryer, Dennis Gephart, Thad Gabrielse, Dan Solórzano, Steve Sukawaty, Joanna Bannon, Jeff Carron, Jane Gennerman, Shelly Uttke, Abby Bordak-Raaflaub, Danielle Brown Smith, Kimberly McKinney, Melissa White, Erin Denk, Katie Gengler, Bill Schanen IV, 2 in-person community members, and 8 call-in attendees (including Brenda Fritsch)

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

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

A. Bordak-Raaflaub and E. Denk addressed the Board on behalf of the Port Washington-Saukville Education Association, and thanked them for allowing staff members to have input in creating the profile for the next superintendent through focus groups and the online survey.

The Board recognized and congratulated S. Uttke and the High School Forensics Team for their success. The District had a total of six students qualify for nationals, with competition taking place virtually due to the pandemic. Four of the students were in attendance and introduced themselves to the Board (Sydney, sophomore; and seniors Anna, Wylan, and Kalyn). Two other qualifiers (Jennifer and Katelyn) were unable to attend the meeting.

The Board received an update from A. Bordak-Raaflaub on the middle school's musical production, which will take place the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, with limited seating.

The Board recognized and thanked A. Paulin for three years of school board service. He was presented with a plaque from the District and a certification from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards.

Joe Burke, 2019 Port Washington High School graduate, expressed his desire that the next superintendent to continue our strong focus on student mental health and the social/emotional wellness of all students.

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

### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

S. McCutcheon, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved to approve Consent Agenda items A-G, which includes Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 3/08/21 and Special Meetings of 3/10/21, 3/22/21, and 4/12/21; Approval of Fund Summary Reports for February and March; Approval of Salary Schedules #3.2, #4.1, and #4.2; Approval of Schedule of Bills #3.2 and #4.1; Approval of Fund 38 Non-Referendum Debt Service Schedule of Bills #21.2; and Approval of Fund 39 Referendum Debt Service Schedule of Bills #21.2. 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. Motion passed unanimously.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board received an update on their 2020-21 School Board goals related to student mental health. D. Woelfel have a presentation outlining the District's current initiatives, student screeners and related data, available interventions and supports, as well as community partnerships, which the District utilizes to identify and assist students with mental health needs. C. Surfus then presented additional data and strategies for supporting students who have increased academic needs.

Dr. Weber requested Board approval to hire an additional special education teacher for the high school, an additional special education teacher for Dunwiddie Elementary School, and additional classroom teacher at the middle school. Y. Klotz, seconded by M. Uselding, moved to approve the hires of an additional middle school teacher, elementary special education teacher, and high school special education teacher. 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. Motion passed unanimously.

M. Nettesheim provided the Board with an update on ESSER (Education and Secondary School Emergency Relief) Funds. The ESSER Grant Program, part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides funds to help LEAs respond to changes in student needs due to COVID19. ESSER 1 funds went towards purchasing laptops for teachers to better facilitate the online portion of a hybrid model of student instruction. ESSER 2 funds will be distributed to districts to help them address issues related to the pandemic, such as learning loss, reopening schools, and improving air quality in school buildings.

M. Nettesheim presented information on an initial Feed Forward Communication Plan, which will be used and built upon as a guide for increasing and improving the District's marketing and public relations.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Dr. Weber provided an update on the new superintendent search. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the consultants will present the information on the top six candidate. These candidates will then take part in the first round of interviews with the School Board on May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Weber presented Resolution 4/19/21(1) for confirming action to fill extracurricular vacancies in the District. S. McCutcheon, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved to approve Resolution 4/19//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. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Weber presented Resolution 4/19/21(2) for confirming action to fill summer school positions in the District. S. McCutcheon, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve Resolution 4/19/21(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. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Weber requested confirming action on the resignation of M. Prusinsky from his instrumental music teaching position, effective at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. S. McCutcheon, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved at accept the resignation 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. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Weber requested confirming action on the resignation of S. Robinson from her kindergarten teaching position, effective at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. Y. Klotz, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved at accept the resignation 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. Motion passed unanimously.

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

M. Nettesheim provided the monthly budget update.

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

Superintendent's Report/Upcoming Board Dates: Dr. Weber shared the upcoming School Board meeting dates.

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE:**

One thank-you card from a staff member was shared.

**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 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly O'Connell-Perket  
School Board Clerk