

MINUTES – Board of Education

Port Washington-Saukville School District

August 16, 2021

I. REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

President Brenda Fritsch called the meeting of the Port Washington-Saukville School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 16, 2021, in the High School Lighthouse Room. Remote audio access was available to the public.

BOARD MEMEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly O’Connell-Perket, Yvonne Klotz, Danielle Mayer, Matthew Uselding, Douglas Mueller, Sara McCutcheon, Brian Stevens (via Google Meet), Brenda Fritsch

EXCUSED: Brian McCutcheon

OTHERS PRESENT: David Watkins, Duane Woelfel, Chris Surfus, Mel Nettesheim, Heidi Belohlav, Bryan Ryer, Dan Solórzano, Steve Sukawaty, Joanna Bannon, Sandy Crain, Taylor Last, Kelly Hadacek, Connie Hildebrandt, Abby Monroe, Bill Schanen IV, and approximately 45 community members. There were 27 call-in attendees.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The Board recognized T. Last and three High School Tech. Ed. Students (Luke Schumacher, Tyler Kaye, and Jon Martin) for their work on the bike stand project and memorial.

The Board commended T. Last on applying for and being awarded a grant from the Mark G. Sellers Foundation toward the purchase of 2 CNC lathes for the High School Tech. Ed. Department.

The Board recognized K. Hadacek and the High School Multicultural Advisory Committee. Seniors Aleysha Will and Julia Cole presented a Google Slides presentation highlighting their work.

Connie Hildebrandt addressed the Board on behalf of the Port Washington-Saukville Education Association, asked to prioritize safety so as to continue in-person learning.

Seven parents/community members and one student addressed the Board in regard to possible COVID19 mitigation protocols being recommended and considered for the start of the 2021-22 school year. Concerns expressed related to possible mandatory mask requirements and quarantine protocols. Two individuals asked that the District provide clearer/more concise plans and communication to parents. One speaker also asked that public comment be allowed after the agenda item related to COVID19.

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 7/12/21 and Special Meeting of 7/26/21; Approval of the Fund Summary Report for June; Approval of Salary Schedules #7.2 and #8.1; and Approval of Schedule of Bills #7.2 and #8.1. Roll call vote: K. O’Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Watkins presented the District’s COVID19 Response Team’s recommendation on safety protocol for the start of the 2021-22 school year. D. Mueller, seconded by M. Uselding, moved to approve the revised plan as presented, with modifications discussed. Roll call vote: K. O’Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye;

D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, no; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

B. Fritsch presented revised Board Policy 2105 (Mission and Vision of the District) for a first reading. S. McCutcheon, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve the first reading as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

B. Fritsch requested Board approval to temporarily suspend a portion of Board ByLaw 0150 – Organization, so as to revise Board Committee structure at this time. M. Uselding, seconded by D. Mayer, moved to approve the temporary suspension as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

B. Fritsch requested Board approval of revisions to Board ByLaw 0150 (Organization) related to Board Committees. M. Uselding, seconded by D. Mayer, moved to approve the revisions to Board ByLaw 0150 as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

M. Nettlesheim presented the school lunch report under Resolution 8/16/21(1), and recommended a five cent increase to elementary student lunch prices, and a ten cent increase to middle and high school student lunch prices, per federal and state guidelines. It was noted that these prices would only come into play if the school lunch program stopped being funded by the federal government, at which time families would begin to pay again. M. Uselding, second by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve Resolution 8/16/21(1) as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

B. Fritsch presented Resolution 8/16/21(2) for confirming action to fill a summer school position in the District. S. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve Resolution 8/16/21(2) as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Fritsch presented Resolution 8/16/21(3) for confirming action to fill extracurricular vacancies in the District. D. Mueller, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve Resolution 8/16/21(3) as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Fritsch requested Board action to accept the retirement of Steve Schmidt from his custodial maintenance position in the District, effective at the conclusion of the work day on September 3, 2021. S. McCutcheon, seconded by M. Uselding, moved to approve the retirement as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Fritsch requested Board action to accept the resignation of Christine Luib from her paraprofessional position in the District, effective at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. Y. Klotz, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve the resignation as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Fritsch requested Board action to accept the resignation of Kaley Gall from her administrative assistant position in the District, effective August 18, 2021. Y. Klotz, seconded by S. McCutcheon, moved to approve the resignation as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Fritsch presented Resolution 8/16/21(4) for confirming action to fill custodial vacancies in the District. S. McCutcheon, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve Resolution 8/16/21(4) as presented. Roll call vote: K.

O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Fritsch presented Resolution 8/16/21(5) for confirming action to hire Mary McClung as a fourth grade teacher in the District. S. McCutcheon, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve Resolution 8/16/21(5) as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Mayer, aye; M. Uselding, aye; D. Mueller, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrators provided an update on vacancies in the District.

The Board received an update from the administration on the new staff mentor program, the August 23rd all-staff opening day schedule, and staff professional development schedule for the week of August 23rd.

M. Nettessheim provided the monthly budget update.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT REPORTS or ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Duane Woelfel presented the District's Annual Seclusion and Restraint Report.

District-wide Committee Reports by Board Members: None

Under the Superintendent's Report, David Watkins: We are working with School Perceptions to help us create a pulse survey to help the District identify themes to guide priorities.

President Fritsch reviewed upcoming School Board meeting dates.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE: The Board Clerk passed around a card from an administrator.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None requested at this time.

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, M. Uselding, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: All aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly O'Connell-Perket
School Board Clerk