

MINUTES – Board of Education

Port Washington-Saukville School District

December 13, 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 December 13, 2021, in the District Office Conference Room. Remote audio access was available to the public.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly O’Connell-Perket, Brian McCutcheon, Yvonne Klotz, Danielle Bartlein, Doug Mueller, Matthew Uselding, Sara McCutcheon (arrived at 6:19 p.m.), Brian Stevens, Brenda Fritsch

EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: David Watkins, Duane Woelfel, Chris Surfus, Mel Nettesheim, Heidi Belohlav, Bryan Ryer, Thad Gabrielse, Megan Jacoby, Joanna Bannon, Jeff Carron, Jane Gennerman, Jeanne Kasza, Angelo LaRosa, Bill Schanen IV, 2 in-person community members, and 3 call-in attendee.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

M. Jacoby addressed the Board on behalf of the Port Washington-Saukville Education Association, providing an update on technology, holiday concerts, and the increase in staff surveys. She also invited Board members to visit the buildings/classrooms.

There were no other parent/visitor comments.

IV. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Nina Martinez-Lopez, Junior, gave the report. The Student Council recently organized Thanksgiving Thanks-a-Grams Candy grams; assisted with the Kapko Kids2Kids Christmas Toy Drive; and prepared and distributed cards to elderly residents in local care homes.

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

D. Watkins and M. Nettesheim provided an update on the District’s plan for bringing the District’s 4K program in-house at the elementary buildings starting with the 2022-23 school year.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

K. O’Connell-Perket, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve the Consent Agenda items, which includes the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 11/15/21 and Special Meeting of 12/06//21; Committee Meetings of 11/15/21, 11/29/21, and 12/06/21; the WASB Online Learning Platform Subscription; the Business Services Report, and the Human Resource Report. Roll call vote: K. O’Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Bartlein, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch aye. Motion passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

D. Woelfel provided a COVID19 update. No changes were recommended to the District’s current mitigation strategies at this time.

A. LaRosa requested Board approval for the varsity wrestling team’ trip to La Crosse, Wisconsin on December 28-30, 2021. K. O’Connell-Perket, seconded by M. Uselding, moved to approve the trip as presented. Roll call vote: K. O’Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Bartlein, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

T. Gabrielse requested Board approval for the Limited Edition students' trip to Trempealeau, Wisconsin on January 15-16, 2022. M. Uselding, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve the trip as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Bartlein, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

Shannon D. Small, CPA with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP presented the District's 2020-21 fiscal audit report. Y. Klotz, seconded by M. Uselding, moved to accept the 2020-21 fiscal audit report as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Bartlein, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

C. Surfus and T. Gabrielse requested Board approval for a new high school communications course, starting with the 2022-23 school year. M. Jacoby provided detailed information on the proposed Communication for Publication course, which would be offered at no additional cost to the District. Y. Klotz, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve the new course as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Bartlein, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

T. Gabrielse requested confirming action on 16 students' early graduation requests. S. McCutcheon, seconded by D. Bartlein, moved to approve the 16 early graduation requests as presented, pending the satisfactory completion of all required courses of study. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Bartlein, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

M. Nettesheim requested that the Board open an early retirement window with 20 years of experience who will be age 55 by June 30, 2022. M. Uselding, seconded by D. Bartlein, 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; D. Bartlein, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

C. Surfus, along with elementary Principals J. Bannon, J. Carron, and J. Gennerman presented detailed information on their individual DPI School Report Card data, interventions, and School Improvement Plans.

The Board reviewed the Wisconsin Association of School Boards' proposed resolutions in preparation for the 2022 WASB Delegate Assembly. S. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to give Yvonne Klotz, as the Board's WASB Delegate, the authority to vote on the 2022 Delegate Assembly resolutions on behalf of the Board. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Bartlein, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

B. Stevens provided an update on the Executive Committee's November 29th meeting.

M. Uselding provided an update on the Policy Committee's November 29th meeting.

K. O'Connell-Perket provided an update on the Teacher and Learning Committee's December 6th meeting.

M. Nettesheim requested approval to create three new 4K teaching positions beginning with the 2022-23 school year. S. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve the hire of three new 4K teachers beginning with the 2022-23 school year. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; D. Bartlein, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, no; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed.

M. Uselding, coming out of Committee, presented new Board Policy 2261.03 (Education of Homeless Children and Youth) for a first reading. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

M. Uselding, coming out of Committee, presented new Board Policy 2261.04 (Education of Children in Military Families) for a first reading. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

M. Uselding, coming out of Committee, presented revised Board Policy 2465 (Online Learning Activities and District Online Classes) for a first reading. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

M. Uselding, coming out of Committee, presented revised Board Policy 8445 (Concussions and Head Injuries) for a first reading. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

M. Uselding, coming out of Committee, presented new Board Policy 9751 (Procedure for Name Change of a School) for a first reading. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT REPORTS or ANNOUNCEMENTS:

District-wide Committee Reports by Board Members: None

There were no school safety drill reports for Board review and signature.

President Fritsch reviewed upcoming School Board meeting dates.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE: Several cards from staff members were shared with the Board.

X. 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 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly O'Connell-Perket
School Board Clerk