

MINUTES – Board of Education

Port Washington-Saukville School District

December 14, 2020

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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020 via Google Meet. 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 (joined at 6:07 p.m.), Brian Stevens, Brenda Fritsch

EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Weber, Jim Froemming, Duane Woelfel, Chris Surfus, Heidi Belohlav, Sandy Crain, Abby Bordak-Raaflaub, Jeff Wojcik, Bryan Ryer, Thad Gabrielse, Steve Sukawaty, John Bunyan, Joanna Bannon, Bryan Gruenwald, Bill Schanen IV, Mel Nettesheim (joined at 7:05 p.m.), and 2 call-in attendees

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Abigail Bordak-Raaflaub addressed the Board on behalf of the Port Washington-Saukville Education Association. She providing an update on the creative ways teachers are meeting the needs of students in-person and virtually, and thanked the Board for their support. She was excited to share that the high school and middle school choir will be providing a virtual choir concert, which will be available for viewing online beginning December 17th.

The Board recognized retiring Business Manager, Jim Froemming, for 17 ½ years of dedicated service to the District, thanked him for his many contributions over the years, and wished him well in retirement.

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

IV. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT: None

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

S. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve Consent Agenda items A-F which includes Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 11/11/20 and Special Meeting of 11/23/20; Approval of Committee Reports of 11/11/20 and 11/23/20; Approval of Fund Summary Report for October; and Approval of Salary Schedules #11.1, #11.2, and #12.1; and Approval of Schedule of Bills #11.2 and 12.1. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

J. Froemming provided background information on the District's 2010-20 fiscal audit report, and introduced Bryan Gruenwald from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, who reviewed the financial report and management communications letter in detail. Y. Klotz, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved to accept the 2019-20 fiscal audit report as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Surfus requested Board approval for two new proposed high school computer science courses. J. Wojcik presented detailed information on the new Web Design and Cybersecurity courses, which will be offered at no additional cost to the District. K. O'Connell-Perket, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve the two new high

school computer science courses as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, 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 President Fritsch requested confirming action on 23 students' early graduation requests. S. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve the 23 students' early graduation requests as presented, pending the satisfactory completion of all required courses of study. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Froemming requested Board approval for support staff salary increases, which includes paraprofessionals, secretaries, and technicians. The recommendation is for each support staff member to move one step on the support staff salary guide beginning second semester of the 2020-2021 school year, in addition to a \$100 stipend per support staff member. M. Uselding, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve the support staff salary increases as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, 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 J. Froemming requested Board approval of the preschool contracts with partner sites for the 2020-21 school year. M. Uselding moved to approve the preschool contracts as presented. There was no second. Some Board members asked to be able to review the contracts prior to approval. President Fritsch tabled action on the preschool contracts until the Board can review them at their January 11th meeting.

D. Weber and J. Froemming requested approval to use electronic and/or stamped signatures for the School Board President and Clerk on the documents pertaining to this school board meeting only. Y. Klotz, seconded by S. McCutcheon, moved to approve the use of electronic/stamped signatures as requested. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

C. Surfus, Dr. Weber, and Duane Woelfel provided an update on the results of the staff survey and parent survey in regard to the district's hybrid education model in response to Covid-19. A discussion ensued about the survey results and how best to address challenges, as well as ideas for possible future surveys.

Dr. Weber presented Resolution 12/14/20(1) to fill extracurricular vacancies in the District. S. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve Resolution 12/14/20(1) as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, abstain; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Froemming provided a District facilities update. The retaining wall at the high school is going in this week. The Port Piranha's youth wrestling club district facility use plan has been approved, provided all safety protocols are followed as outlined in the plan.

J. Froemming gave the monthly budget update.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT REPORTS or ANNOUNCEMENTS:

District-wide Committee Reports by Board Members: None

There were no School Safety Drill Reports to review.

As part of the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Weber indicated that he will send copies of the students' early graduation request letters to the Board, the preschool contracts will be reviewed at the regular January Board meeting, and the District Office Leadership Team will discuss the ideas shared at this meeting in regard to possible future student and parent surveys.

Dr. Weber provided information for the upcoming State Education Convention, and Board members discussed whether they would be attending this year's virtual convention.

B. Fritsch and Dr. Weber shared upcoming Board meeting dates. It was noted that December's School Board Committee meetings have been cancelled.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE:

Several staff members have sent thank-you cards to the Board, and any Board members who would like to see the cards may stop in the District Office at their convenience.

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. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly O'Connell-Perket
School Board Clerk