

MINUTES – Board of Education

Port Washington-Saukville School District

May 3, 2021

I. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

President Brenda Fritsch called the special meeting of the Port Washington-Saukville School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 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, Danielle Mayer, Matthew Uselding, Douglas Mueller, Sara McCutcheon, Brian Stevens, Brenda Fritsch

EXCUSED: Brenda Fritsch

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Weber, Duane Woelfel, Chris Surfus, Mel Nettesheim, Heidi Belohlav, Bryan Ryer, Dennis Gephart, Sandy Crain, Laura Rashid, Brian Borley, Bill Schanen IV, 1 in-person community members, and 5 call-in attendees

II. RECOGNITION: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:

B. Fritsch, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation for the District’s teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. She also sent a heartfelt thank-you email to all staff that morning.

III. WELCOME NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DANIELLE MAYER:

The Board welcomed Danielle Mayer to the School Board. Danielle shared some background information about herself and expressed her excitement about being elected to the School Board.

IV. ACTION: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Board President Brenda Fritsch appointed Dr. Michael Weber, Superintendent, as temporary chair for the election of the President of the School Board for the upcoming year. Dr. Weber called for nominations for the office of School Board President. B. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O’Connell-Perket, nominated Brenda Fritsch for President. After three requests for additional nominations and hearing none, B. McCutcheon, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Brenda Fritsch as President. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

Dr. Weber then returned control of the meeting to B. Fritsch, as President of the Board.

President Fritsch called for nominations for the office of Vice President. B. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O’Connell-Perket, nominated Brian Stevens for the office of Vice President. After three requests for additional nominations and hearing none, B. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O’Connell-Perket, moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Brian Stevens as Vice President. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

President Fritsch called for nominations for the office of District Clerk. B. McCutcheon, seconded by S. McCutcheon, nominated Kelly O’Connell-Perket for the office of District Clerk. After three requests for additional nominations and hearing none, Y. Klotz, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kelly O’Connell-Perket as District Clerk. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

President Fritsch called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. B. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O’Connell-Perket, nominated Douglas Mueller for the office of Treasurer. After three requests for additional nominations and hearing none, Y. Klotz, seconded by K. O’Connell-Perket, moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Douglas Mueller as Treasurer. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

President Fritsch called for nominations for the School Board Secretary. S. McCutcheon, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved to appoint Heidi Belohlav as School Board Secretary. After three requests for additional nominations and hearing none, Y. Klotz, seconded by M. Uselding, moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Heidi Belohlav as Board Secretary. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

President Fritsch called for a motion to appoint legal counsel for the 2021-22 school year. S. McCutcheon, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved to appoint Buelow-Vetter as legal counsel for the 2021-22 school year. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

President Fritsch appointed Danielle Mayer as the CESA #1 Delegate for the 2021-22 school year. M. Uselding seconded the motion. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed. M. Uselding volunteered to be the alternate CESA #1 Delegate.

President Fritsch appointed Yvonne Klotz as the WASB Delegate for the 2021-22 school year. M. Uselding seconded the motion. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the current committee appointments. President Fritsch asked Danielle to review the Committees as outlined the Board ByLaws and to consider which committees she would be interested in joining. She also asked other Board members to consider which Committee assignments they may want to change. B. Fritsch appointed M. Uselding to the Negotiations Committee. It was decided that the remaining committee appointments would be made at a future meeting, with chair and vice-chairs for each committee being appointed at the next meeting of each respective committee.

V. ACTION: ESTABLISH 2021-22 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES:

Dr. Weber presented the proposed 2021-22 school board meeting dates schedule. K. O'Connell-Perket, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved to approve the 2021-22 school board meeting schedule and to grant the Superintendent and Board President the ability to change the dates as needed. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. DISCUSSION/REVIEW: BOARD BYLAW 0140 – SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS – MEMBERSHIP:

The Board reviewed recommended changes to Board ByLaw 0140 – School Board Legal Status – Membership. The recommended changes included additional language regarding Board member code of ethical conduct. Board members suggested additional changes to other areas of the ByLaw. It was decided that the Policy Committee would review the ByLaw at their next meeting.

VII. INFORMATION: SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEW GROUPS AND TIMELINE:

B. Fritsch reviewed the superintendent interview timeline and structure for May and June.

VIII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c)(e) for the purpose of considering terms and conditions for a new superintendent potential contract and subsequent negotiations:

S. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to adjourn to closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c)(e) for the purpose of considering terms and conditions for a new superintendent potential contract and subsequent negotiations. Voice vote: all aye. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:49 p.m. After a brief break, the Board continued their meeting at 7:02 p.m. During closed session, they reviewed three sample superintendent contracts.

IX. 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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly O'Connell-Perket
School Board Clerk