

MINUTES – Board of Education

Port Washington-Saukville School District
August 26, 2019

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, July 26, 2019, in the Central Office Conference Room, 100 W. Monroe Street, Port Washington.

PRESENT: Kelly O’Connell-Perket, Yvonne Klotz, Brian McCutcheon, Aaron Paulin, Doug Mueller, Marchell Longstaff, Sara McCutcheon, Brian Stevens, Brenda Fritsch

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Michael Weber, Jim Froemming, Duane Woelfel, Chris Surfus, Jane Gennerman; Bill Schanen IV, Tara Roger, Brian Brewers

II. ACTION ON RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF \$7,325,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Jim Froemming introduced Brian Brewer. He reported that multiple year plan started 5 years ago. This borrowing would lock in at 2.41% (\$13,000,000 under the estimate). Brian reviewed the packet and rate chart over time. Since January and during the last month, the rate dropped significantly. Seven firms were invited to bid, and 5 submitted bids, which is very good, because of the District’s high bonding rate. Northland Securities had the lowest bid. The interest rate is 2.41% the lowest rate Brian has seen in his career. It dropped the District’s overall payment by \$13 million, reduced the length of the debt by 2 1/2 years. The District saved \$1.5 million by maintaining a strong fund balance resulting in the favorable rating. The District had four borrowings over the referendum. At each time, the market was favorable and we received good rates. M. Longstaff, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to Resolution 2-26-19 (1) awarding the sale of \$7,325,000 general obligation school improvement bonds. Roll call vote: K. O’Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Longstaff; aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

III. REVIEW PARENT GROUP MATCHING FUNDS INFORMATION FORM

During the July 15th approval of the parent group matching fund proposal, the board requested to review the form to be used. Jim Froemming presented a draft form, and the board a few changes included removing the k-8 focus and inserting building parent groups. The District will use the revised form.

IV. ACTION ON TEACHER SALARIES FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR BASED ON PROVISIONS OF ACT 10

Dr. Weber outlined the history of negotiations. The negotiations committee and J. Froemming explained the salary guide and CPI calculation under the auspices of act 10. M. Longstaff talked positively about the process and the recommendation. B. Fritsch agreed. K. O’Connell-Perket, seconded by B. McCutcheon, moved to approve the negotiations committee recommendation for 2019-2020 teacher salaries per act 10. Roll call vote: K. O’Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Longstaff; aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

V. ACTION ON HOURLY EMPLOYEES SALARIES FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

J. Froemming reviewed the salary charts handed out. Dr. Weber and J. Froemming explained the salary recommendations. Recommend increases for paraprofessionals and secretaries would be at 3%, custodians would be at 2.75%, Food Services would be at 2.44%, and teacher substitutes would be at 2.44%. B. McCutcheon, seconded by M. Longstaff, moved to approve the salary recommendations as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, abstained; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Longstaff; aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. CONFIRMING ACTION ON NEW HIRES

Dr. Weber presented Resolution 8/26/29 (2) to hire Sarah Newell. S. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to approve Resolution 8/26/19 (2) as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Longstaff; aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Weber presented Resolution 8/26/19 (3) to hire Patrice Szymczak. K. O'Connell-Perket, seconded by Y. Klotz, moved to approve Resolution 8/26/19 (3) as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; A. Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Longstaff; aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

VII INFORMATION ON POTENTIAL LEASE OF ROOF SPACE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR WE ENERGIES SPONSORED SOLAR ENERGY GRID

J. Froemming presented a preliminary report regarding a proposal by WE Energies for renting of roof tops for solar energy. WE Energies would only use space on the new building roof tops and they would be responsible for maintenance. The Board suggested that a WE Energies representative attend the next Building and Grounds Committee meeting to detail their proposal and answer board questions.

VIII. CONSTRUCTION UPDATES (HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, ASTRO-TURF, SES)

J. Froemming and Dr. Weber provided an update on the construction at High School, Middle School, Astro-Turf and Saukville air conditioning. It appears all will be complete before the students arrive on September 3rd.

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, B. McCutcheon, seconded by K. O'Connell-Perket, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly O'Connell-Perket
School District Clerk