

OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting Held on April 10, 2023

The Work Session of the Octorara Area School Board was held in the Octorara Area Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room on April 10, 2023.

Mr. Ganow asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the fire in Parkesburg.

A moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance preceded the meeting.

The President, Mr. Ganow, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other members present were Ms. Bowman, Mr. Falgiatore, Mr. Fox, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Koennecker, Mr. Norris, and Ms. Yelovich. Mr. Zimmerman was absent. Also present were Mrs. Hardy, Secretary; Dr. Orner, Superintendent; Mr. Curtis, business manager; members of the administrative team, and one visitor.

There were no presentations or visitor's comments for agenda items only.

Under information items:

- A. Patty Steyer transferred from a sixth grade teacher at the Octorara Intermediate School to a reading specialist at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective March 16, 2023. (Replacing Deirdre Shappell who resigned.)
- B. Reina Eckman transferred from digital learning teacher to a sixth grade teacher at the Octorara Intermediate School effective March 16, 2023. (Replacing Patty Steyer who transferred.)
- C. Melissa Hinton temporarily transferred from an Intervention Specialist at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School to seventh grade ELA teacher effective March 27, 2023 until the position is filled. (Replacing Natalie Allen who resigned.)
- D. Mark Durante temporarily transferred from an Intervention Specialist at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School to a learning support teacher at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective March 27, 2023 until the position is filled. (Replacing a medical leave.)

On motion of Mr. Fox, second by Mr. Norris and approval of all members present, the Octorara Area Board of School Directors approved the contract with CCRES for the appointment of Dr. James Scanlon to serve as Administrative Consultant effective April 17, 2023 through April 30, 2023, and Interim Superintendent effective May 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, both roles at a rate of \$1260 per diem. (Appendix A-4/10/23)

Mr. Ganow presented the following items for action at the April 17, 2023 Board meeting:

- A. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the 2023-2024 Chester County Intermediate Unit Core Services Budget in the amount of 34,720,570.
- B. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the 2023-2024 Chester County Intermediate Unit Occupational Education Budget in the amount of \$31,574,393.
- C. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Revised Service Agreement with the Chester County Intermediate Unit for a technology specialist from March 8, 2023 through June 8, 2023.
- D. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the 2023-2024 Legal Services Consultation Agreement between Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP and the Octorara Area School District for Special Education Services.

- E. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Octorara Area School District and the Oxford Area School District for students in the Octorara Homeland Protective Services Academy.
- F. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following policies, second reading:
 - 137 *Home Education Programs*
 - 137.1 *Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students*
 - 137.2 *Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students*
 - 137.3 *Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students*
- G. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Octorara Area School District Employee Handbook.
- H. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the donation of \$500 from Penningtonville Presbyterian Church to be applied to unpaid student cafeteria balances.

Resignation Approvals:

- I. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept, with regret, the resignation for purpose of retirement of Ms. Jean Curry as a kindergarten teacher at the Octorara Primary Learning Center effective August 31, 2022. (Hired January 5, 1995)
- J. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept, with regret, the resignation for purpose of retirement of Ms. Diane Powers as a reading assistant at the Octorara Primary Learning Center effective July 20, 2023. (Hired January 12, 2004)
- K. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Ms. Natalie Allen as a long-term substitute seventh grade ELA teacher effective March 21, 2023. (Hired January 16, 2023)
- L. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Ms. Diane Martin as a food service employee effective November 22, 2022. (Hired August 15, 2022)

Hiring Approvals:

- M. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the list of professional and support staff employees for the Summer Literacy/Math/Science and Extended School Year Programs.
- N. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Mr. John Atlee as a substitute teacher for the 2022-2023 school year to assist with PSSA testing. (Mr. Atlee is a retired OASD guidance counselor.)
- O. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 school year:

Ken Wilson	Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach	7 pts @ \$620	\$4,340
Daryl Maser	Girls' Volleyball Coach	7 pts @ \$620	\$4,340

Under the Education Committee Report, Mr. Fox reported on the meeting held on March 27, 2023. There was a panel discussion from the members of the NCEE (National Center on Education and the Economy) team which included a focus on school improvement and identifying a life ready graduate.

Under the Policy Committee Report, Ms. Bowman said the committee discussed the second reading policies on the agenda and the OASD Employee Handbook.

Under the Facility Committee Report, Mr. Norris said the committee discussed the Architerra proposal for replacement of the softball field, summer projects, summer interns, plumbing work at the PLC and Jr. High, rooftop chiller replacement, and corrosion control system for drinking water.

There were no other items/concerns or visitors' comments for items in general.

Under administrator comments, Dr. Propper gave an update on the partnership with the Point. He announced Superbowl champion, Brandon Graham will be at the Sr. High for a student assembly on Wednesday. He reported the scheduling night for sixth grade students was well attended and thanked Ms. Dill for her efforts in planning the evening. Administration will be meeting with seniors this week and will be sending out a packet for year-end activities.

Dr. Orner welcomed Dr. Scanlon. She said the partnership with the Point is off to a great start. She said staff and administration have been in communication to help get the victims of the fire back in school as soon as possible.

Under Board comments, Mr. Fox thanked Penningtonville Presbyterian for their donation.

Ms. Bowman also thanked Penningtonville for their donation and welcomed Dr. Scanlon to the District.

Mr. Ganow announced the following meetings to be held:

Executive Session for Personnel – Monday, April 10, 2023 – following the Work Session in room 102 at the Jr. High School

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, April 17, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. in room 102 at the Jr. High School

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting – Monday, April 17, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Education Committee Meeting – Monday, April 24, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. in room 102 at the Jr. High School

There being no further items of business the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. on motion of Mr. Koennecker, second by Ms. Bowman and approval of all members present.

This Board meeting can be viewed in its entirety on www.youtube.com/user/OctoraraAreaSD.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill L. Hardy, Secretary
Octorara Board of School Directors