

OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting Held on May 9, 2022

The Work Session of the Octorara Area School Board was held in the Octorara Area Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room and via Zoom on May 9, 2022.

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

The President, Mr. Fox, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Other members present were Ms. Bowman, Mr. Falgiatore, Mr. Ganow, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Koennecker, Mr. Norris, Ms. Yelovich, and Mr. Zimmerman. Also present were Mrs. Hardy, Secretary; Dr. Orner, Superintendent; Mr. Curtis, Business Manager; members of the administrative team; Paige Linnenbaugh, student representative; five citizens in person and 15 citizens via Zoom.

Under presentations, Brian Dikun, Sally Welk, and Annie Weaver introduced SSD Cider and updated the Board on his accomplishments with the students at the OES this year.

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

Under information items, PDE has notified the district that the areas of noncompliance cited as a result of the special education compliance monitoring conducted on March 22, 2021 have been corrected by the district as of April 19, 2022.

Mr. Fox presented the following items for action at the May 16, 2022 Board meeting:

- A. That the Octorara Board of School Directors elect R. Matthew Hurley as Board Treasurer from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- B. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the resolution for the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2022-2023 school year.
- C. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the list of current Class of 2022 seniors of the Octorara Area Sr. High School, having been individually considered for graduation by the Octorara Board of School Directors, contingent upon their successful completion of all local and state requirements.
- D. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Service Agreement with the Chester County Intermediate Unit to provide a full-time professional staff member to serve as a Mathematics Instruction Coach/Facilitator for the 2022-2023 school year at a cost of \$164,646.
- E. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the proposal with Berkshire Systems Group, Inc. for fire alarm restoration at the Octorara Jr. High School at a Costars cost of \$51,614.
- F. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the agreement with Herbein & Company, Inc. for auditing services for the years ending June 30, 2022, 2023, and 2024 at cost not to exceed \$23,000, \$23,750, and \$24,500 respectively.
- G. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Proposal for Teaching and Learning Services with Lancaster-Lebanon Virtual Solutions through June 30, 2025.
- H. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Revenue and Expenditure Sharing Agreement with the Chester County Intermediate Unit for the Welding Technical Education Program.

- I. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following bid awards for the 2022-2023 school year:
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| Art Supplies | \$8,665.09 |
| Industrial Arts/Vo-Ag Supplies | \$6,697.10 |
| Science Supplies | \$3,436.44 |
- J. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following policies, second reading:
- 237 Electronic Devices*
 - 815 Acceptable Use of the Internet, Computers and Network Resources*
 - 830 Breach of Computerized Personal Information*
 - 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings*
- K. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following policies, first reading:
- 904 Public Attendance at District Events*
 - 905 Citizen Advisory Committees*
 - 906 Public Complaint Procedures*
 - 907 District Visitors*
 - 908 Relations With Parents/Guardians*
- L. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the student activity club “Dance Club” at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School.
- M. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the Land O’Lakes Foundation grant in the amount of \$500 in support of the Answer Plot Community Garden Program. Funds from this grant will be used to purchase industry level materials and equipment which will help provide students with hands-on learning experiences while addressing the need for hunger relief in the local community.

Resignation Approvals:

- N. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Wanda Lapp for purpose of retirement as a math teacher at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year. (Hired March 20, 1987)
- O. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Jamie Schempp for purpose of retirement as a technology education teacher at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year. (Hired August 23, 2005)
- P. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Tina Sult for purpose of retirement as a building secretary at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective June 30, 2022. (Hired May 25, 1994)
- Q. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Joanne Moore for purpose of retirement as guidance secretary and the Heroes Program at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective June 30, 2022. (Hired June 25, 2001)
- R. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Cynthia Manning as secretary to the Director of Career and Technical Education at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective June 9, 2022. (Hired August 30, 2004)

Hiring Approvals:

- S. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Brittany Fulwider as a long term substitute ELA teacher at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective April 19, 2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Fulwider’s rate will be \$150 per day. (Replacing a medical leave.)

- T. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Jillian Matys as a long term substitute fifth grade teacher at the Octorara Intermediate School effective May 25, 2022 through June 8, 2022. Ms. Matys' rate will be \$150 per day. (Ms. Matys is an approved substitute and is replacing Michele Miller who resigned.)
- U. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following teachers for the ESY program:
- Lisa Caldwell - \$32 per hour
 - Megan McLoone - \$30 per hour
 - Christy Zaleski - \$30 per hour
 - Robert Smith - \$30 per hour
 - Kristen Rohrer - \$30 per hour
 - Emily Heikkinen - \$30 per hour
- V. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following additional staff for the K-6 Summer Literacy and Math Program:
- Laura Weaver, teacher - \$30 per hour
 - Verna Trainor, teacher - \$30 per hour
 - Gwendolen Klotz, substitute teacher - \$30 per hour
- W. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following substitute teacher for the 2021-2022 school year:
- Kelsey Bastien, 60 Credits Secondary Ed
- X. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following supplemental contract for the 2021-2022 school year:
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| Kendra Collins | Mentor Caitlin Cressman | 2 pts. @ \$620 | \$1,240 |
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Under the Education Committee Report, Mr. Fox reported on the meeting held on April 25, 2022. The committee discussed school improvement; athletic programs including girls' wrestling, baseball, softball, and the fitness center; and a brand identity project.

Under the Policy Committee Report, Ms. Bowman reported the committee reviewed the second reading and first reading policies on tonight's agenda. She reported the attorney for the District looked at policy 237 *Electronic Devices* and said it is not too restrictive. The second reading of policy 903 *Public Participation in Board Meetings* included a slight change for approval at next week's meeting.

Under the Facility Committee Report, Mr. Norris said the Committee discussed engineering fees for mechanical systems controls, additional welding booths, and lighting control systems; life skills room renovation to simulate an apartment; Jr. High MPR furniture; custodial services bids; skid loader replacement; athletic event streaming; and low bid to power wash the front of the Sr. High.

There were no other items/concerns.

Under visitors' comments for items in general, Karen Smith, Christiana, expressed her desire for the continuance of Zoom meetings and asked if the comment section can be accessed to ask for something to be repeated when the Zoom attendees can't hear the speaker at the Board meeting.

Under administrator comments, Ms. Lease reported kindergarten screenings are underway with five nights available for screening and an incoming kindergarten workshop scheduled for May 26. There are currently 100 students enrolled for kindergarten next year. She announced Literacy Under the Lights will be held on Tuesday, May 10. She thanked the K-6 PTO for showing appreciation to staff last week for Teacher Appreciation Week. She announced field trips PLC students are participating in.

Mr. Dikun echoed his thanks to the K-6 PTO. He reported three third and fourth grade Envirothon groups participated in competition at Hibernia Park on May 4 and the Math 24 Game Tournament was held on April 21.

Ms. McNamara reported the NOCTI testing results and the many great things happening in the CTE Department. She announced OACTEP will participate in the Parkesburg 150th Anniversary events on May 21.

Paige Linnenbaugh, student representative, announced student council and National Honor Society officer elections will be held in the coming weeks.

Dr. Propper reported on the PSSA, AP, and Keystone testing schedule. He thanked the guidance department in all the buildings for their work with the testing programs. He announced the senior art show started today and thanked Ms. Bieg and Ms. Minnich for the great job they do with the students. He congratulated the track team for an undefeated season and Elijah Hamilton on his selection to the 2022 Class 5A All-State Basketball Team. He announced the following end of year activities:

- Chorus Concert - May 12
- Academic Dinner – May 18
- Jr. High Semi-formal – May 20
- Jr./Sr. Prom – May 27
- Sr. Awards Night – June 1
- Baccalaureate – June 7
- Commencement – June 8

Dr. Propper announced Dr. McWatters will visit the White House as a result of being selected as a PA Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Orner thanked the Board for allowing the facility dog – Cider has been a blessing to the school community. She thanked Mr. Dikun, Ms. Welk, Ms. Weaver, and Ms. Moran for their work with him. She encouraged the Board and the community to attend the year-end events. Dr. Orner announced the June and July Board Meetings will be relocated due to asbestos abatement and renovations to the MPR. The location will be finalized and announced at next week's meeting.

Under Board comments, Mr. Falgiatore said he had lunch in the Sr. High cafeteria last week and the food was good. He asked if he could see the document that addressed the areas of noncompliance cited as a result of the special education compliance monitoring last year.

Mr. Zimmerman requested the area around the shot put be cleaned up.

Mr. Fox said the Board will look into a way for Zoom attendees to make it known they can't hear.

Mr. Fox announced the following meetings to be held:

Executive Session for Personnel – Monday, May 9, 2022 – following the Work Session in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, May 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting – Monday, May 16, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room/Zoom

There being no further items of business the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. on motion of Mr. Ganow, second by Mr. Norris and approval of all members present.

This Board meeting can be viewed in its entirety on You Tube.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill L. Hardy, Secretary
Octorara Board of School Directors