

# OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting Held on November 14, 2022

The Work Session of the Octorara Area School Board was held in the Octorara Area Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room on November 14, 2022.

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

The President, Mr. Fox, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other members present were Ms. Bowman, Mr. Falgiatore, Mr. Ganow, Mr. Koennecker, Mr. Norris, and Ms. Yelovich. Mr. Hurley and Mr. Zimmerman were absent. Also present were Mrs. Hardy, Secretary; Dr. Orner, Superintendent; Paige Linnenbaugh, student representative; members of the administrative team and 47 visitors. Two visitors remained after the Heroes presentation.

Under presentations, Ms. Michelle Moran introduced the 2022-2023 Octorara Heroes. The 2022-2023 Octorara Heroes are Joshua Bare, Tarin Boohar, Riley Bristow, Skylar Cook, Jacob DiGregorio, Kaitlyn Diviney, Maddie French, Hannah Hulton, Ava Hurley, Jake Jensen, Kaycee King, Emma Lease, Paige Linnenbaugh, Brianne McGovern, Elizabeth Meyer, Mackenzie Muldoon, Logan Prokay, Richard Roccia, Julia Roth, Ryan Seeger, Cole Shatto, Thalia Swager, Amy Tellez, Lucas Thaler, Alex Thompson, Joshua Wentz, Francesca Wiley, Eduardo Zavala-Lopez.

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

Under information items, Melissa Hinton will transfer from a special education teacher at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School to an intervention specialist at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective TBD. (Replacing Sarah Kluge who transferred.)

Mr. Fox presented the following items for action at the November 21, 2022 Board meeting:

- A. That the Octorara Board of School Directors, upon review of the 2020 Census data for the municipalities within the District, confirm the current Region structure maintains the population of each Region is as equal as possible and is compatible with the boundaries of the election districts.
- B. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the student activity club "Film Club" at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School.
- C. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following policies, first reading:
  - 236.1 Threat Assessment*
  - 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response*
  - 805.2 School Security Personnel*
  - 808 Food Services*
- D. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following driver for Althouse Transportation for the 2022-2023 school year:
  - Meghann Hatton, Bus 25

### Resignation Approvals:

- E. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Ms. Amy Chaballa-Wilde as varsity volleyball coach at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective October 25, 2022. (Hired for the 2021-2022 school year.)
- F. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Benjamin Creighton as JV boys' soccer coach at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective November 8, 2022. (Hired for the 2013-2014 school year.)

Hiring Approvals:

- G. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Holly King as a special education teacher at the Octorara Elementary School effective December 5, 2022 pending completion of employee related documents required by law and the District. Ms. King's salary will be \$58,772, pro-rated, which is Step 18 to MAX of the Master's Scale. (Replacing Lauren Daly-Clark who resigned.)
- H. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Denise Schreffler as a custodian at the Octorara Primary Learning Center effective November 28, 2022 pending completion of employee related documents required by law and the District. Ms. Schreffler's salary will be \$37,440, pro-rated. (Replacing Kaitlyn McKinley who resigned.)
- I. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Mr. Robert Dillow as a custodian at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective November 28, 2022 pending completion of employee related documents required by law and the District. Mr. Dillow's salary will be \$37,440, pro-rated. (Replacing William Ray who retired.)
- J. The Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Andrea Green as an instructional assistant at the Octorara Elementary School effective November 7, 2022 pending completion of employee related documents required by law and the District. Ms. Green's rate will be \$17.00 per hour for 5.75 hours per day. (Replacing Stephanie Chesnet who resigned.)
- K. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Judith Myers as a food service employee effective October 24, 2022 pending completion of employee related documents required by law and the District. Ms. Myers' rate will be \$15.00 per hour for four hours per day. (Replacing Roxanne Barnes who resigned.)
- L. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following substitute teacher for the 2022-2023 school year:  
Valentina Brucchieri, Emergency
- M. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following substitute support staff for the 2022-2023 school year:  
Joelyn Metzler, Instructional Assistant
- N. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the transfer of Mr. Andy Johnson from Jr. High head wrestling coach at four points (\$2,480) to girls' wrestling coach at the Jr./Sr. High School at six points (\$6,200) effective November 18, 2022. (This is a new position.)
- O. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the transfer of Mr. Robbie Zavala from Jr. High assistant wrestling coach at three points (\$1,860) to Jr. High head wrestling coach at four points (\$2,480) effective November 18, 2022. (Replacing Andy Johnson who transferred.)
- P. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Wanda Lapp as a tutor effective October 20, 2022 at a rate of \$39.55 per hour. (Ms. Lapp is a retired District math teacher.)
- Q. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Mr. Ryan Clarke as an athletic event helper. (Event rates vary depending on event responsibilities.)
- R. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2022-2023 school year pending completion of employee related documents required by law and the District:  
Deandre Clark      8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach      4 pts @ \$620      \$2,480

Sterling Cross	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	4 pts @ \$620	\$2,480
Matt Wood	Jr. High Asst Wrestling Coach	4 pts @ \$620	\$2,480
Nicholas McCaw	Jr. High Baseball Coach	4 pts @ \$620	\$2,480
Jennifer Shaw	Mentor for Stevie Kell		\$82.04

S. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following change in salary due to graduate credits earned:

Amy Steinmetz      From M+45 (\$87,109) to M+60 (\$89,445)    Step 3 to MAX

Under the Education Committee Report, Mr. Fox reported on the meeting that was held on October 24, 2022. The committee visited the life skills lab open house. Discussion included an NCEE update, MTSS audit findings, MAP growth data, and use of PCCD grant mental health allocation.

Under the Policy Committee Report, Ms. Bowman reported the committee discussed the first reading policies on tonight's agenda. These policies are being reviewed as a result of Act 155.

There were no other items/concerns.

Under visitors' comments for items in general, Jennifer Glauner, Parkesburg, expressed concern regarding her son being withdrawn while he was under medical care.

Under administrator comments, Mr. Dikun thanked the local fire companies for coming out last month to talk to students about fire prevention. He announced the Turkey Trot will be held on November 23.

Dr. Haller said on November 4 the OIS celebrated the end of the first Discovery cycle where students learned about respect. The celebration included games and activities centered around the theme of respect. The second Discovery cycle will focus on responsibility.

Dr. Propper thanked those who came out to the Powder Puff football game that was held on November 11. The Power Puff volleyball game will be held on November 17. He announced the fall play, *Pride and Prejudice*, will be held on November 18 and 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Orner thanked the parents who attended the October Superintendent Meet and Greet. The next Meet and Greet will be held on November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High Multi-Purpose Room. There is no agenda planned for these meetings, parents can discuss any topic they choose. She announced there will be several winter concerts held during the month of December.

Under Board comments, Mr. Falgiatore said he made two requests for copies of a training session he was unable to attend and has not had any response. Mr. Fox said he responded both times and will look into why the emails did not go through.

Mr. Fox questioned January 2 being a school in session day as it is a Federal holiday. Dr. Orner will have further discussion with the administrative team. A decision will be presented at next week's Regular Board Meeting.

Mr. Fox thanked PSBA for the donation of the book, *Memoirs of a Goldfish*.

Mr. Fox announced the following meetings to be held:

Executive Session for Personnel – Monday, November 14, 2022 – following the Work Session in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Facility Committee Meeting – November 21, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Finance Committee Meeting – November 21, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting – Monday, November 21, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

There being no further items of business the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. on motion of Mr. Koennecker, second by Ms. Yelovich and approval of all members present.

This Board meeting can be viewed in its entirety on [www.youtube.com/user/OctoraraAreaSD](http://www.youtube.com/user/OctoraraAreaSD).

Respectfully submitted,

Jill L. Hardy, Secretary  
Octorara Board of School Directors