

OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting Held on September 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Octorara Area School Board was held in the Octorara Area Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room on September 18, 2023.

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 Mr. Zimmerman. Ms. Yelovich was absent. Also present were Mrs. Hardy, Secretary; Dr. Leever, Superintendent; members of the administrative team; Menah Alkhabaz, student representative and seven citizens.

Ms. Bowman motioned, Mr. Hurley second to approve the minutes of the Work Session of August 14, 2023 and the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2023. Mr. Fox requested a change to the August 21 minutes to reflect the comment he made by taking out the word “possibility” of a breach as a result of Mr. Falgiatore forwarding a board update to Mr. Miller regarding the investigation of Mr. Miller. Mr. Fox requested the sentence to read “There was Board discussion regarding the breach of confidentiality of Mr. Falgiatore.” Ms. Bowman and Mr. Hurley agreed to amend their motion to include Mr. Fox’s request for the minutes of the August 21, 2023 meeting. The minutes, which include the change, were approved by all members present.

Under visitors’ comments for agenda items only, Ms. Melissa Falgiatore, Atglen, referenced Title 65 Chapters 709A and 709C.1 of the Sunshine Act which requires publication of the agenda no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting. She challenged the Board not take action on tonight’s agenda as it was not posted within the 24 hour time limit. She noted in the draft copy of last week’s minutes, Mr. Falgiatore’s statements were referenced as Appendix A-9/11/23.

Mr. Ganow called a brief recess at 7:05 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m. The Board discussed rescheduling the meeting due to the agenda not being posted. The Board will reconvene on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Mr. Ganow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Hurley, second by Mr. Falgiatore and approval of all members present the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Ganow announced there was an executive session for Personnel and Legal Matters held prior to tonight’s meeting in Room 102. He will also announce this executive session at next week’s rescheduled meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jill L. Hardy, Secretary
Octorara Board of School Directors