

OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting Held on September 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Octorara Area School Board was held in the Octorara Area Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room on September 19, 2022.

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

Mr. Ganow, Vice-President, called an executive session at 7:02.

Mr. Ganow reconvened the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Other members present were Ms. Bowman, Mr. Falgiatore, Mr. Fox (virtual), Mr. Hurley, Mr. Koenecker, 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; and nine citizens.

The minutes of the Work Session of August 8, 2022 and the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2022 were approved on motion of Mr. Norris, second by Ms. Bowman and approval of all members present.

Under presentations, Dr. Propper gave an ATSI update.

Mr. Benjamin Pratt gave a presentation on school policy and the U.S. Constitution as it pertains to searches including case law. (Appendix A-9/19/22)

Under information items, effective September 20, 2022 both OASD Signal 88 security guards will be armed.

The Treasurer's Report, which can be found at the end of these minutes, was approved on motion of Ms. Bowman, second by Mr. Norris and approval of all members present. (Appendix B-9/19/22)

A list of bills for the General Fund totaling \$1,612,238.02; Cafeteria Fund totaling \$1,070.63, Capital Projects totaling \$425,081.72, and Capital Reserve totaling \$19,536.54 of which are attached to these minutes as Appendix C-9/19/22, were approved and ordered paid on motion of Mr. Hurley, second by Mr. Koenecker and approval of all members present.

Under visitors' comments for agenda items only, Mr. Rzonca, West Sadsbury Township, addressed Mr. Pratt regarding student searches as it relates to policy versus the Constitution. He expressed his concern about having to give his name and his rights under the 1st and 4th Amendment. Mr. Rzonca asked if he said no, will he be escorted out by the police and mentioned something the Board will find out tonight.

The following items were approved on motion of Ms. Bowman, second by Mr. Zimmerman and approval of all members present:

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the list of school bus drivers employed by Althouse Transportation, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year. (Appendix D-9/19/22)

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the list of school bus runs by Althouse Transportation, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year. (Appendix E-9/19/22)

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the 2022-2023 Octorara Area School District Organizational Chart. (Appendix F-9/19/22)

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the Contract for the Transportation of School Pupils with Faithful Transportation, LLC effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. (Appendix G-9/19/22)

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the Service Agreement with the Chester County Intermediate Unit for System Design Benchmarking and LIEP Development. (Appendix H-9/19/22)

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the Waiver Agreement and Release for student "A". (Appendix I-9/19/22)

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the updated Agreement for Consulting Services with The Devereux Foundation for Mental Health Specialists and Social Work Services. (Appendix J-9/19/22)

The Octorara Board of School Directors voted affirmatively for the following PSBA officers:

- President Elect – Michael Gossert
- Vice-President – Allison Mathis
- Section E4 Advisor – Amy Goldman
- PSBA Insurance Trust Trustee – Kathy Swope
- PSBA Insurance Trust Trustee – Roberta Marcus

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the 2022-2023 Octorara Area Career & Technical Education Occupational Advisory Committee. (Appendix K-9/19/22)

The Octorara Board of School Directors accepted the donation of \$500 each to the Octorara Primary Learning Center and the Octorara Elementary School from Cochranville United Methodist church for school supplies for students.

The Octorara Board of School Directors accepted, with regret, the resignation for purpose of retirement of Mr. William Ray as custodian effective October 31, 2022. (Hired November 2, 1992)

The Octorara Board of School Directors accepted the resignation of Ms. Kaitlyn McKinley as custodian effective September 14, 2022. (Hired February 18, 2019)

The Octorara Board of School Directors accepted the resignation of Mr. Andrew Chesnet as an instructional assistant at the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School effective August 29, 2022. (Hired August 15, 2022)

The Octorara Board of School Directors accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Matthew Livingood as IYPT assistant advisor effective September 1, 2022. (Hired for the 2017-2018 school year)

The Octorara Board of School Directors accepted the resignation of Mr. David Baker as Jr. High girls' basketball coach effective September 6, 2022. (Hired for the 2021-2022 school year)

The Octorara Board of School Directors accepted the resignation of Ms. Sue Boninu as Jr. High assistant baseball coach effective August 4, 2022. (Hired for the 2021-2022 school year)

The Octorara Board of School Directors acknowledged the no-call, no-show for Ms. Stephanie King as a cafeteria employee effective August 15, 2022. (Hired August 15, 2022)

On motion of Mr. Zimmerman, second by Mr. Norris and approval of all members present except Mr. Koennecker who abstained, the Octorara Board of School Directors approved the following substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year:

Margaret (Peggy) Imms, Emergency
Danielle Good, Emergency
Rachael Blomiley, Emergency
Sara Herman, Early Childhood
Camryn Koennecker, Emergency
Kensington Denlinger, Emergency
Heidi Wertz, Elementary, Special Education
Sara Daigle, Emergency
Chelsea Curry, Emergency

The following items were approved on motion of Mr. Norris, second by Mr. Hurley and approval of all members present:

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the following supplemental contract for the 2022-2023 school year:

Allison Schillinger Jr High Asst Volleyball Coach 4 pts. @ \$620 \$2,480

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the change in rate for Ms. Renee Yarrish from \$16.57 per hour to \$17.40 per hour. Ms. Yarrish is an instructional assistant at the Octorara Primary Learning Center.

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the transfer for Ms. Brittany Myers from cafeteria employee to cafeteria site leader effective August 23, 2022. Ms. Myers' rate will be \$16.00 per hour for 5.75 hours per day.

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved a salary adjustment for Ms. Patty Steyer from Bachelor's to Master's +15, Step 17 to MAX. Ms. Steyer's adjusted salary will be \$64,208.

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the change in days worked for Ms. Melissa Fanelli from 198 days per year to 188 days per year. Ms. Fanelli is the Intervention Specialist at the Octorara Intermediate School.

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the change in supplemental points from 8 points to 12 points for Mr. William McWatters. Mr. McWatters is the advisor for IYPT and will assume the additional position of assistant advisor upon Mr. Livingood's resignation.

The Octorara Board of School Directors approved the following changes in salary due to graduate credits earned:

Danielle Kelley	From B+15 (\$59,778) to M (\$61,715)	Step 14 to MAX
Patrick Lauletta	From M+30 (\$81,207) to M+45 (\$83,895)	Step 5 to MAX
Kyle Whary	From M+30 (74,503) to M+45 (\$77,466)	Step 9 to MAX

On motion of Ms. Bowman, second by Mr. Norris and approval of all members present except Mr. Falgiatore who voted no, the Octorara Board of School Directors approved Kegel Kelin Litts & Lord as the District solicitor for the 2022-2023 school year. (Appendix L-9/19/22)

On motion of Mr. Zimmerman, second by Mr. Hurley and approval of all members present the Octorara Board of School Directors approved a salary adjustment for Ms. Sandra Mendez from \$33,670 to \$35,780. (Ms. Mendez was accidentally left off the 2022-2023 list of salaries that was approved in August.)

On motion of Mr. Hurley, second by Mr. Norris and approval of all members present the Octorara Board of School Directors approved the list of 2022-2023 supplemental mentor contracts. (Appendix M-9/19/22)

On motion of Ms. Yelovich, second by Mr. Zimmerman and approval of all members present the Octorara Board of School Directors approved the resolution to authorize the waiver of additional charges for the late payment of real estate taxes in certain circumstances to comply with Act 57 of 2022. (Appendix N-9/19/22)

On motion of Mr. Koennecker, second by Mr. Zimmerman and approval of all members present the Octorara Board of School Directors approved the Transportation Contract with Linville Hill Christian School for the 2022-2023 school year. (Appendix O-9/19/22)

On motion of Mr. Zimmerman, second by Mr. Hurley and approval of all members present the Octorara Board of School Directors approved the 2022-2023 ATSI Plan for the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School. (Appendix P-9/19/22)

Under the Education Committee Report, Ms. Bowman reported on the August 22, 2022 meeting. She said the committee was given an update on the 21st Century Summer Program, received an overview of the Food and Nutrition Program, reviewed the Collaborative Leadership Project and the MTSS and ELL Programs. She said the committee discussed the Parkesburg Point partnership; this partnership is in the very beginning stages with preliminary conversations with Dwayne Walton from the Point. Ms. Bowman reported information will be shared with the Board before the programs moves forward.

Under the Finance Committee Report, Mr. Hurley reported the committee was given an annual report from Althouse Transportation. Ms. Chris Marsala was introduced as the new Human Resource Supervisor. The committee discussed the 2023-2024 budget timeline, was given an update on the Right-to-Know requests, the addition of the second Signal 88 armed guard, 2021-2022 fund balance, the state providing additional PPE, tree removal, and the work on finalizing the use of the rental facility in South Coatesville for the Homeland Security and Protective Services Academy.

Under the CCIU Board Representative Report, Mr. Norris reported on the meeting that was held on August 17, 2022.

Under old business, Mr. Fox said the Board Region Review will be listed on the agenda through October to allow for public comment. After reviewing the 2020 census, it appears there is no need to change. An agenda item will be on the agenda in the future to confirm the regions and finalize the process.

There were no items of new business, or other items or announcements.

Under visitors' comments for items in general, Joelyn Metzler, Sadsbury Township said she reviewed the copy of the guidelines for transgender and nonbinary students and still has some concerns. She expressed her concern over parents not needing to be notified and questioned why the guidelines haven't gone to the Board to become policy. She said there are other parents who are concerned and want to be involved.

John Nowicki, West Fallowfield Township, expressed his concern that 9th grade students don't have recess and don't get outside all day.

Joey Rzonca, West Sadsbury Township read names of individuals and requested the individuals to pick up documents after the meeting that were left on the visitor comment table.

Under administrator comments and announcements, Ms. Lease announced PTO held a family movie night at the PLC on Saturday night that was well attended. The PTO will be holding a Fall Festival on October 23. She thanked Tara Murdock and the OACTEP students for their help with breakfast in the cafeteria. She thanked Cochranville Methodist and Penningtonville Presbyterian churches for their donations.

Dr. Tachau announced a Parent and Family Engagement meeting will be held virtually on September 27 to share information about reading and math intervention. The same meeting will be held on October 4 for Spanish speaking families.

Dr. Propper announced Homecoming activities for this week that include a Hall of Fame induction, Pep Rally, parade, and football game on Friday. Saturday events will include athletic competitions and the Homecoming dance in the evening. He announced Back-to-School night will be held on Thursday, September 22 with a Back-to-School night for Spanish speaking families on September 29. Dr. Propper congratulated Emma Blomiley who scored a 5, on a scale of 1-5, on her Advanced Placement Drawing Exam. Emma was one of only 343 students in the world to earn every point possible receiving the maximum score on each portion of the exam. Dr. Propper also congratulated Alexandra Peifer, Claire Sbriglia, Hannah Hulton, Madelyn Rodriguez, and Xavier Pledger for being selected as College Board National Recognition Program awardees. These students earned this recognition because of their academic achievements in school and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10 and/or AP Exams.

Dr. Orner said Beth Peticca, Lisa McNamara, and herself attended the Atglen Community Day where they connected with parents and held outreach activities for children. She will be attending Parkesburg Final Friday on September 30. She announced meet and greet meetings will be held on October 19, November 29, December 15, and January 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High Multi-Purpose Room and will allow parents to discuss topics of their choice.

Under Board comments, Mr. Falgiatore requested the information Mr. Pratt presented be part of the official record of this Board meeting. He said the Board was included in an email response to Ms. Metzler's email. He asked if there is a plan to answer all her questions and can the Board be included in that response.

Mr. Fox thanked Mr. Ganow for chairing tonight's meeting. He thanked Dr. Propper for the ATSI update and requested the Board be made aware if there is anything lagging on the action items. He expressed interest in seeing some examples of Emily Blomiley's work. He announced the CCIU Legislative Council meetings will start next week and he will provide an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Ganow announced there was an Executive Session for legal matters at 7:02 tonight.

Mr. Ganow announced the following upcoming meetings:

Executive Session for Personnel and Legal - Monday, September 19, 2022 - Following the Regular Meeting in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Education Committee Meeting – Monday, September 26, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Policy Committee Meeting – Monday, October 10, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Facility Committee Meeting – Monday, October 10, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Next Regularly Scheduled Work Session – Monday, October 10, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, October 17, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting – Monday, October 17, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Education Committee Meeting – Monday, October 24, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

There being no further items of business the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. on motion of Mr. Zimmerman, second by Mr. Koennecker and approval of all members present.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
GENERAL FUND
2022-2023

Cash Balance as of July 31, 2022		\$ 2,284,631.43
<u>Receipts Deposited:</u>		
Revenue - (Tax Receipts, State Transfers)	\$ 16,372,912.89	
Other Receipts - (Retiree Medical Payments, Misc.)	1,000.00	
Checking Account Interest	525.01	
Accounts Receivable	1,708.29	
Transfer in from Investments	0.00	
	<u>16,376,146.19</u>	
Total Available		\$ 18,660,777.62
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Net Payroll	\$ 913,853.85	
Accounts Payable	2,674,844.98	
Transfer to Investments	7,000,000.00	
	<u>10,588,698.83</u>	
General Fund Cash as of August 31, 2022		\$ 8,072,078.79
<u>Investments Outstanding</u>		
Beginning Balance PSDLAF Investment Account		\$ 8,202,914.12
Beginning Balance Fulton Money Market		9,393,621.00
Earnings on PSDLAF Investment Account		12,273.76
Earnings on Fulton Money Market		2,322.87
Net Transfers		7,000,000.00
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Total General Fund Cash and Investments as of August 31, 2022		<u>\$ 32,683,210.54</u>

For the September 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Jill L. Hardy, Secretary
Octorara Board of School Directors