

PENN-TRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Harrison City, Pennsylvania

November 13, 2017

The Board of School Directors of the Penn-Trafford School District held its regular board meeting in the LGI Room at Penn-Trafford High School, Harrison City, PA on Monday, November 13, 2017.

Mr. Martin Stovar, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were present: Mrs. Toni Ising, Mr. Phil Kochasic, Dr. Scott Koscho, Mr. Dallas Leonard, Mr. Jim Matarazzo, Mr. Bruce Newell, Mr. Richard Niemiec, Mr. Nick Petrucci, Mr. Martin Stovar, Mrs. Joan Wehner, Assistant Board Secretary, Christina Lane, Solicitor, Dr. Matthew Harris, Superintendent, Mr. Scott Inglese, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Greg Karazsia, Director of Student Learning Supports. Mr. Shaun Rinier, PTEA Representative was also present.

A motion was made by Mr. Stovar and seconded by Mr. Kochasic to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, October 9 as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Dr. Harris announced that there was an anonymous donation made for funding for naming rights at the high school which will be dedicated to military branches. We are holding a contest for students to come up with an inscription for the hallway with a theme honoring our students and staff in the armed forces.

Dr. Harris introduced Colton Pikovsky, Student Union Representative. Colton shared that both the girls' field hockey team and the girls' soccer team won WPIALs and lost in the first round of state playoffs. Our football team will play this Saturday for the WPIAL title. He also shared that the play, Animal Farm, took place over the weekend with attendance of about 600.

Dr. Harris collected the most money in Westmoreland County for the Real Men Wear Pink campaign. He credits the staff, the students for helping him reach the goal.

Mr. Inglese introduced Mr. Rush Pedder, a Penn-Trafford alumnus from the class of 1999. Mr. Pedder has done a great job chronicling Penn-Trafford history, recently published a 378-page book about PT Football going back to 1972. The book is for sale for \$25. Mr. Pedder created this book out of love for the program. He has sold approximately 200 books. He plans on updating the book every year. Mr. Pedder can be reached at PTwarriorshistory@gmail.com.

Dr. Harris invited Dr. Karin Coiner to speak about the National Blue-Ribbon Award. Sunrise is one of forty-two schools in the nation and one of only eighteen schools in the state of Pennsylvania to receive the award. She and Mrs. Rizzer attended the ceremony in Washington D.C. last week. Along with the recognition, they received letters from President Trump, Secretary of Education DeVos, a flag and a plaque. Dr. Harris announced that he will present \$2,500 from his personal budget to Dr. Coiner to do something nice for her school.

A motion was made by Mr. Niemiec and seconded by Dr. Koscho to approve the treasurer's report for the month of October 2017 and the high school extracurricular fund report for the month of September 2017 as presented and make them a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Niemiec and seconded by Mr. Matarazzo to approve the payment of bills for the month of November 2017.

Roll call vote: Mrs. Ising: yes; Mr. Kochasic: yes; Dr. Koscho: yes; Mr. Leonard: yes; Mr. Matarazzo: yes; Mr. Newell: yes; Mr. Niemiec: yes; Mr. Petrucci: yes; Mr. Stovar: yes. Result of vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Stovar announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel. The board also received information on evaluation tools and test scores and rankings for the district.

ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR

A motion was made by Dr. Koscho and seconded by Mr. Matarazzo to accept the following resignations effective immediately:

- a. Phillip Moses – Varsity Track Assistant Coach
- b. Danielle Smith – Volunteer Rifle Team Coach
- c. Michael Smith – Volunteer Rifle Team Coach

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Koscho and seconded by Mr. Petrucci to approve Mr. Rich Ginther's request to take the wrestling team to two overnight tournaments as follows:

- a. King of the Mountain Tournament at Central Mountain High School in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania from December 15-16, 2017
- b. Powerade Tournament at Canon McMillan High School from December 28-29, 2017

The only cost to the district will be for bus transportation.

Roll call vote: Mr. Kochasic: yes; Dr. Koscho: yes; Mr. Leonard: yes; Mr. Matarazzo: yes; Mr. Newell: yes; Mr. Niemiec: yes; Mr. Petrucci: yes; Mrs. Ising: yes; Mr. Stovar: yes. Result of vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL AND CURRICULUM

A motion was made by Mr. Petrucci and seconded by Dr. Koscho to approve the list of additional substitute teachers and support personal for the month of November 2017.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Petrucci and seconded by Mr. Niemiec to approve the following leave requests:

- a. Jamie Riston – FMLA leave request from 1/29/18-4/30/18
- b. Keith Reger – FMLA leave request from 11/28/17-1/19/18
- c. Melissa Candee – FMLA leave request from 10/11/17-10/24/17

Roll call vote: Dr. Koscho: yes; Mr. Leonard: yes; Mr. Matarazzo: yes; Mr. Newell: yes; Mr. Niemiec: yes; Mr. Petrucci: yes; Mrs. Ising: yes; Mr. Kochasic: yes; Mr. Stovar: yes. Result of vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Petrucci and seconded by Mr. Matarazzo to employ the following personnel. New employment is contingent upon the receipt of all necessary documentation and the acceptance of Act 34, 151, and 114 waivers from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania within 30 days.

- a. Samantha Foster – Special Education Inst. Aide effective 11/28/17 at a salary of \$28,000/yr. (pro-rated)
- b. Nicola Ionadi – Biology Tutor at Penn-Trafford High School effective 11/15/17-12/4/17 at the daily rate of \$100/day.
- c. Three Super Substitute Teachers, names to be determined, locations will be Districtwide, at the daily rate of \$100/day.

Roll call vote: Mr. Leonard: yes; Mr. Matarazzo: yes; Mr. Newell: yes; Mr. Niemiec: yes; Mr. Petrucci: yes; Mrs. Ising: yes; Mr. Kochasic: yes; Dr. Koscho: yes; Mr. Stovar: yes. Result of vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Petrucci and seconded by Dr. Koscho to approve the following student teacher assignment:

St. Vincent College:

<u>Cooperating Professional</u>	<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Eric Reger	Gregory Martz	Physics	1/15/18-5/4/18

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Petrucci and seconded by Dr. Koscho to accept the following resignation:

- a. Tiffany Ott – Super Sub at Penn-Trafford High School effective 10/13/17. Will remain on substitute list.
- b. David Bramson – Special Ed. Van Driver effective 1/5/18.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Petrucci and seconded by Mr. Kochasic to approve the following conference request:

- a. David Babik, Jaclyn Bartko, and Lew McCracken– Summit Regional Meeting in Newark, NJ from October 26-27, 2017. The cost to the District will be approximately \$24 for airport parking

Roll call vote: Mr. Matarazzo: yes; Mr. Newell: yes; Mr. Niemiec: yes; Mr. Petrucci: yes; Mrs. Ising: yes; Mr. Kochasic: yes; Dr. Koscho: yes; Mr. Leonard: yes; Mr. Stovar: yes. Result of vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Petrucci and seconded by Dr. Koscho to issue a professional contract to the following teacher in accordance with Section 1108 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania. This teacher has satisfactorily completed three (3) years of teaching in the Penn-Trafford School District.

- a. Patrick Griffith

Roll call vote: Mr. Newell: yes; Mr. Niemiec: yes; Mr. Petrucci: yes; Mrs. Ising: yes; Mr. Kochasic: yes; Dr. Koscho: yes; Mr. Leonard: yes; Mr. Matarazzo: yes; Mr. Stovar: yes. Result of vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

POLICY/PUBLIC RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE/TITLE II

A motion was made by Mr. Matarazzo and seconded by Mr. Kochasic to accept and file the minutes of the Superintendent's Information/Committee meeting held on Monday, October 2, 2017.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Matarazzo and seconded by Mr. Newell to appoint Mr. Nick Petrucci as CWCTC Joint Operating Committee Representative for 2018.

Roll call vote: Mr. Niemiec: yes; Mr. Petrucci: abstained; Mrs. Ising: yes; Mr. Kochasic: yes; Dr. Koscho: yes; Mr. Leonard: yes; Mr. Matarazzo: yes; Mr. Newell: yes; Mr. Stovar: yes. Result of vote: 8 yes; 0 no; 0 absent; 1 abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Matarazzo and seconded by Mr. Petrucci to authorize the following to serve on the WIU Joint Purchasing Consortium for Multi-Purpose Paper and Fuel:

- a. Mr. Brett Lago – Representative
- b. Mrs. Joan Wehner – Alternate Representative

Roll call vote: Mr. Petrucci: yes; Mrs. Ising: yes; Mr. Kochasic: yes; Dr. Koscho: yes; Mr. Leonard: yes; Mr. Matarazzo: yes; Mr. Newell: yes; Mr. Niemiec: yes; Mr. Stovar: yes. Result of vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Matarazzo and seconded by Mr. Niemiec to tentatively approve the following Board Policies and Administrative Regulation:

- a. 004 BOG-7 Oath Certificate
- b. 103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom
- c. 103.1 Nondiscrimination-Qualified Students with Disabilities
- d. 103.1-AR-0 Nondiscrimination-Qualified Students with Disabilities
- e. 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices
- f. 150 Title I-Comparability of Services

Roll call vote: Mrs. Ising: yes; Mr. Kochasic: yes; Dr. Koscho: yes; Mr. Leonard: yes; Mr. Matarazzo: yes; Mr. Newell: yes; Mr. Niemiec: yes; Mr. Petrucci: yes; Mr. Stovar: yes. Result of vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Lane had distributed a written report to the board prior to the meeting.

PTEA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Mr. Rinier provided a brief update on PTEA issues.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kochasic and seconded by Mr. Newell to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.