

Monday, August 10, 2020
Special Meeting Minutes
ZOOM MEETING

MEETING PLACE: 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015

5:00pm

The President called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

- I.** Pledge of Allegiance:
- II.** Moment of Silence:
- III.** Roll Call:

Present:

Mario Acerra
Cheryl Mueller
Frank Shipman

Paul Braden
Rosemary Murdy-Haber
Margaret Smith

John Filipos
Norma Nunez-Ruch

Absent:

Len Perrett

Jasmine Woodson

Also Present from Administration:

Carise Comstock, Superintendent and CEO
Mary Jo Rosania-Harvie, Co-Principal

Lauren Sheldon, Co-Principal
Cheryl Schurz, Director of Finance

Executive Session was moved to the end of the meeting because of the number of guests attending the meeting.

Opening Remarks –

- Mr. Acerra, Board President
Welcome to all attending the meeting. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes each person at the beginning and end of the meeting. If you wish to speak, you must state your name and address.
President Acerra praised the Administration for the Health and Safety Plan saying that it is well done.
- Dr. Carise Comstock, Superintendent and CEO
Dr. Comstock thanked the Administration Team who worked on a very detailed Health and Safety Plan. The wellbeing of our students, staff, and community were at the forefront of the process in developing the plan over the summer.

IV. Public Comments: (limited to 3 minutes per individual) None.

V. Old Business None.

VI. New Business

Approval of Health and Safety Plan and Emergency Time Template

Dr. Comstock summarized the plan. The Administration developed the plan following surveys to parents and teachers. Dr. Comstock is recommending 100% remote learning for the first quarter with asynchronous learning. The Administration ran in person/remote trials for faculty meetings over the summer with active participation. The Administration believes this is the healthiest and safest way to begin the 2020-2021 school year.

Administration

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The Administration will evaluate the plan during the first quarter to determine if the school will move to a hybrid learning model, fully in person, or remain fully remote. The Administration believes that fully remote the first quarter yields consistency and less disturbance for the students and their families. The Administration continues to monitor the counties our students reside in and PDE's recommendations.

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the Health and Safety Plan and the Emergency Time Template. The motion included a change to the document to add North Penn School District to the Health and Safety Plan. The motion also included beginning the first quarter with fully remote learning.

MM: Braden SM: Nunez-Ruch ACTION CARRIED: Yes-8, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of Policy 828

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves Policy 828.

MM: Smith SM: Murdy-Haber ACTION CARRIED: Yes-8, No-0, Abstentions-0

Curriculum Committee

Approval of Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar

MM: Filipos SM: Nunez-Ruch ACTION CARRIED: Yes-8, No-0, Abstentions-0

VII. Public Comments: (limited to 3 minutes per individual) None The public was dismissed from the ZOOM meeting at 5:36pm.

VIII. Executive Session:

Motion: The Board of Directors moves to go into Executive Session at 5:36pm for Personnel discussion.

MM: Braden SM: Filipos ACTION CARRIED: Yes-8, No-0, Abstentions-0

IX. Open Session:

The Board of Directors returns to Open Session at 5:45pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:45pm: MM: Filipos SM: Murdy-Haber

ACTION CARRIED: Yes-8, No-0, Abstentions-0

Next Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, August 27, 2020, 6pm, ZOOM meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Schurz
Board Secretary