



Thursday, May 12, 2022

School Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING PLACE: 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 @ 6:00pm

The Superintendent/CEO called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

I. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

II. Board Member Roll Call

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mario Acerra <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Braden <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Filipos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Mueller <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary Murdy-Haber <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norma Nunez-Ruch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Len Perrett <input type="checkbox"/> Frank Shipman <input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Smith <input type="checkbox"/> Jasmine Woodson
Administration: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carise Comstock, Superintendent & CEO <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Levernier, Interim Principal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Schurz, Director of Finance & Board Secretary		

III. Reorganization/ Governance Actions:

1. The Board of Directors approves the following Board Appointments:

Terms Expire May 2023- May 2025

MM: Filipos SM: Nunez-Ruch Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Term Expires - May 2023

Rosemary Murdy-Haber Professor, Music	Frank Shipman Pastor
Margaret Smith Chief Operation Officer	

Term Expires - May 2024

Norma Nunez-Ruch	Jasmine Woodson Lehigh University
Cheryl Mueller Financial Controller	

Term Expires - May of 2025

Mario Acerra NCC, Professor	Paul Braden Pastor, Retired
John Filipos Buckno Lisicky & Co, CPA/	Leonard Perrett Chair of English, Retired Shareholder Dept.

The Superintendent & CEO welcomes the new board.

Action then proceeds to the nomination of officers.

After soliciting nominations from the Board, the Superintendent & CEO recommends the following Officer Nominations for the 2022-2023 school year:

President: Mario Acerra
Vice-President: Paul Braden
Treasurer: John Filipos

If there are no further nominations, the Superintendent & CEO entertains a motion to elect the slate of officers.

MM: Nunez-Ruch SM: Mueller Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING THE NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OVER THE CHAIR

IV. Executive Session:

Motion: The Board of Directors moves to go into Executive Session at pm for Personnel, Legal, and Property discussion at 6:08 pm.

MM: Filipos SM: Murdy-Haber Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

V. Open Session:

The Board of Directors returns to Open Session at 7:07pm.

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

VII. Acceptance of Consent Agenda Items:

Acceptance of April 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion: The Board of Directors approves the Consent Agenda.

MM: Murdy-Haber SM: Nunez-Ruch Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

VIII. Old Business None.

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IX. Personnel Report and 2021-2022 Staff Roster

Approval of May 2022 Personnel Report

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Interim Principal, the Board of Directors approves the May 2022 Personnel Report.

M M: Filipos SM: Murdy-Haber Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of the 2022-2023 Employee Roster

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Interim Principal, the Board of Directors approves the 2022-2023 Employee Roster.

M M: Nunez-Ruch SM: Filipos Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

X. Appointment of Providers 2022-2023

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors appoints Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh, as auditors.

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors appoints the following firms as attorneys at law of record:

Fitzpatrick, Lentz, Bubba, Center Valley, PA, Real Estate Specialists

Flamm, Walton PC, Allentown, PA, Employment Specialist

King Spry Herman Freund & Faul, LLC, Bethlehem, PA, Public School Law Specialists

Latsha Davis Yohe & McKenna, P.C., Exton, PA, Charter School Specialists

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors appoints Equinox as Benefits broker.

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors appoints HMK as liability Insurance Broker.

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors appoints PenServ as 403b Administrator.

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors appoints Carbon Lehigh IU 21 as Technology Support and PowerSchool support.

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors appoints St Luke's University Health Network as Athletic Trainer, and School Physician.

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors appoints ESS as Sub Service Provider.

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors appoints Executive Security Solutions as Security Provider.

Motion: The Board of Directors accepts the provider as outlined above.

M M: Mueller SM: Nunez-Ruch Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

XI. Committee Reports

Finance Committee report by John Filipos

First Review of 2022-2023 School and Foundation Budgets.

Mr. Filipos reviewed the summary of the 2022-23 School and Foundation Budgets.

The 2022-2023 budget is raising teacher salaries to be more competitive with school districts and charter schools.

The Finance Committee is recommending moving to a self-funded healthcare plan next year.

The budgets will be approved at the June Board meeting.

Board Development Committee report by Paul Braden

Proposed 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors approves the proposed 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule.

MM: SM: Motion Carried: TABLED UNTIL JUNE MEETING.

XII. New business

Approval of 2022-2023 School Calendar

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Interim Principal, the Board of Directors approves the 2022-2023 School Calendar. Approved with an update to calendar notes re: asynchronous instructional time as approved by School Administration for standardized testing, etc.

MM: Curriculum Committee Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of Zoellner Graduation Contract

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Interim Principal, the Board of Directors approves the Zoellner Graduation Contract.

MM: Curriculum Committee Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of CONCERN Contract

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Interim Principal, the Board of Directors approves the CONCERN Contract.

M M: Nunez-Ruch **SM:** Murdy-Haber **Motion Carried:** Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of AGREEMENT IN LIEU OF EXPULSION HEARING for student #12058.

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Interim Principal, the Board of Directors approves the agreement in lieu of expulsion as discussed during Executive Session for student #12058.

M M: Filipos **SM:** Nunez-Ruch **Motion Carried:** Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

XIII. Public Comments: *(limited to 3 minutes per individual)*

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:25pm.

M M: Mueller **SM:** Filipos **Motion Carried:** Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Next Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, June 9, 2022, 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cheryl Schurz, Board Secretary

