

**OIL CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Oil City Area School District was held on Monday evening, February 22, 2021, in the auditorium of the Oil City Senior High School, 10 Lynch Boulevard, Oil City, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph McFadden, Board President, at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. McFadden opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Lori King, former cafeteria worker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: *Present:* Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Absent: None

Administrators

Present: Dr. Weller, Mrs. Fisher

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/INVITED GUESTS

Mr. Greg Merkel, Solicitor, Ms. Kara O’Neil, report for *The Derrick*, Ms. Juliet Hilburn, Ms. Robin Echenoz and Mr. Jeff Brown were also in attendance.

Ms. Hilburn, representing Northern Pennsylvania Regional College, shared information regarding their programs. She explained that they have classroom sites in nine counties, including one at the Venango Technology Center. They currently offer six associate degrees, with reasonably-priced tuition. She noted that they are not an online college, but rather use technology to create meaningful face-to-face classroom experiences. No testing or minimum GPA is required in order to enroll. There is also an option for high school juniors and seniors to take dual enrollment classes at a cost of \$180 per class. More information is available at regionalcollegepa.org.

Mr. McFadden noted the following changes to the agenda:

Under Item A, Personnel Items, *Approval of Resignation – Janille Lamberton, Paraprofessional at Oil City Middle School, effective March 12, 2021 and Juanita Mahood, Paraprofessional at Oil City Senior High School, effective March 12, 2021* were added.

Under Item A, Personnel Items, *Approval to Hire Professional Staff – Megan Hartle, Learning Support teacher at Pathways Adolescent Center, effective February 23, 2021, at first step of the Bachelor’s scale* was added.

Under Item A, Personnel Items, *Approval to Hire Paraprofessionals – Morgyn McBride* was added to the 5-hour Paraprofessional for the Special Education Department motion.

Under Item A, Personnel Items, *Approval of Baseball Coaches – Anthony McCoy, Volunteer*, was added.

Under Item B, Additional Items for Board Approval, *Approval for Competitive Cheer to Participate in a Competition at Laurel High School on Sunday, March 7, 2021*, was added.

Under Item B, Additional Items for Board Approval, *Approval to Return to Face-to-Face Instruction for All Schools, Effective February 22, 2021*, was added.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2021 Special Board Meeting, the January 11, 2021 Work Session and the January 11, 2021 Board Meeting.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the following financial reports: Payment of Bills, Treasurer's Report, and Activity Report. (Copies of these reports will appear in the Minutes book.)

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following items were presented for approval by Mr. McFadden, Board President:

Personnel Items:

Approval of Resignations

- Devin Aaron, Paraprofessional at Smedley Elementary, effective February 9, 2021
- Janille Lamberton, Paraprofessional at Oil City Middle School, effective March 12, 2021
- Juanita Mahood, Paraprofessional at Oil City Senior High School, effective March 12, 2021

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the resignations as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval to Hire Professional Staff

- Approval to hire Megan Hartle, Learning Support teacher at Pathways Adolescent Center, effective February 23, 2021, at first step of the Bachelor's scale

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the hiring of Megan Hartle as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval to Hire Paraprofessionals

- Approval to hire Rebecca Bish, 12-month Administrative Assistant at the Middle/Senior High School Complex and the Technology Department, retroactive to January 29, 2021
- Approval to hire Laura Barber, 10-month Administrative Assistant at the Middle School Principals' Office, retroactive to January 29, 2021
- Approval to hire Carrie Heber, 12-month Administrative Assistant at the Middle School Principals' Office, retroactive to January 29, 2021
- Approval to hire Morgyn McBride, 5-hour Paraprofessional for the Special Education Department, assisting students in out-of-district classrooms, effective February 23, 2021

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Weaver, moved to approve hiring paraprofessionals, as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of Guest Teacher

- Kristen Smathers

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moved to approve Kristen Smathers as a guest teacher, as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of Tenure

- Devin Forgey

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mrs. Neely, moved to approve tenure for Devin Forgey, as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy

Nays – Mr. Disque, Mr. Weaver

Approval of Track Coaches

- Trevor Johnson, Head Coach
- Cindy Brozeski, Assistant Coach
- Dave Skinner, Assistant Coach
- Shaun Burke, Assistant Coach
- Mike Crocker, Assistant Coach
- John Horn, Assistant Coach
- Scott Cartwright, Volunteer
- Savalla Yeager, Volunteer
- Andrew Brosius, Junior High Head Coach
- Bill Burkett, Junior High Volunteer
- Bill Sheatz, Junior High Volunteer

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Johnson, moved to approve the track coaches as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of Boys Tennis Coaches

- Amy Serbati, Head Coach
- Lucy Heck, Assistant Coach

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moved to approve the boys tennis coaches as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver*

Nays – None

Approval of Baseball Coaches

- Steve Pikna, Head Coach
- Mike Highfield, Assistant Coach
- Dan Staab, Assistant Coach
- Anthony McCoy, Volunteer

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Weaver, moved to approve the baseball coaches as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver*

Nays – None

Approval of Softball Coaches

- Michelle Hoovler, Head Coach
- Don Watson, Assistant Coach
- Tom Wice, Volunteer
- Jake Hoovler, Volunteer

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the softball coaches as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver*

Nays – None

Approval of Middle School Volleyball Coaches

- Deb Brink, Head Coach
- Savalla Yeager, Volunteer
- Becky Flockerzi, Volunteer

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Weaver, moved to approve the junior high volleyball coaches as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver*

Nays – None

Approval of Middle School Girls Basketball Coach

- Erin Liederbach, Volunteer

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Weaver, moved to approve the junior high girls basketball coach as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of Fundraiser

- The high school science classes request approval to sell Earth Day t-shirts to help fund field trips.

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the fundraiser as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Mr. McFadden also requested approval of the following items:

Approval of Renegotiated Food Service Contract Meal Prices

- Meals currently priced at \$2.86 per meal will increase to \$3.34 per meal for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Kelley, moved to approve the renegotiated food service contract meal prices, as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of the School Calendar for the 2021-2022 School Year

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Weaver, moved to approve the school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of Act 80 Days for the 2021-2022 School Year

- November 12, 2021
- February 18, 2022
- March 18, 2022
- May 6, 2022

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the Act 80 days for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of the 2021-2022 Course Description Guide

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moved to approve the 2021-2022 Course Description Guide, as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of PlanCon Parts D and E: Project Accounting Based on Estimates and Design Development, as Approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education per their Letter Dated February 1, 2021

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Johnson, moved to approve PlanCon Parts D and E: Project Accounting based on estimates and design development, as approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education per their letters dated February 1, 2021.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of the Resolution for PlanCon Part F, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors for the Oil City Area School District approves and authorizes the submission of PlanCon Part F, “Construction Documents” for the Hasson Heights Elementary School to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review and approval.”

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Kelley, moved to approve the resolution for PlanCon Part F, as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval to Accept Hasson Heights Elementary Roofing Bid from the Lowest Responsible Bidder, as follows:

- Bid from Slippery Rock Roofing at a cost of \$797,339.72
This amount includes both materials and labor.

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moved to approve the Hasson Heights Elementary roofing bid from Slippery Rock Roofing at a cost of \$797,339.72.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of New and Revised Policies

- Policy 003, Functions
- Policy 113, Special Education
- Policy 113.2, Positive Behavior Support
- Policy 113.4, Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
- Attachment to Policy 808, Food Procurement

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moved to approve the new and revised policies as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of the Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the revised 2020-2021 school calendar as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval for Competitive Cheer to Participate in a Competition at Laurel High School on Sunday, March 7, 2021

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mrs. Neely, moved to approve the request for Competitive Cheer to participate in a competition at Laurel High School on Sunday, March 7, 2021.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval to Return to Face-to-Face Instruction for All Schools, Effective February 22, 2021

Mr. Disque, seconded by Mr. Weaver, moved to approve the return to face-to-face instruction for all schools, effective February 22, 2021.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

INFORMATIONAL

Review of Special Education and Psychologists' Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year – Mrs. Fisher reviewed the Special Education and Psychologists' budget, noting that Mrs. Delmonaco has done a very good job of bringing back classes from Riverview IU 6. She is waiting on confirmation of IU costs for the remaining students. She also noted that the overall budget for psychologists is unchanged from last year. All areas of the budget are currently a work in progress, and refinements will be made as more concrete figures are received.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

None.

OLD BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Administrators' reports were sent by email to Board members prior to the meeting.

VENANGO TECHNOLOGY CENTER REPORT

None.

RIVERVIEW INTERMEDIATE UNIT 6 REPORT

None.

PSBA LIAISON REPORT

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. McLaughlin reminded Board members to complete and return their Statement of Financial Interests forms prior to May 1, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Merkel explained that a request was received from the City of Oil City regarding taxes in the amount of \$2,097.06 owed on a property that will be gifted to the City. The City is requesting that the taxes be waived.

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Kelley, moved to grant the request of the City of Oil City to exonerate and waive real estate taxes due to the district in the amount of \$2,097.06 for the property located at 157 Crawford Street, Oil City, bearing Venango County Tax ID No. 16-050-157, for the purpose of allowing the City of Oil City to accept the gift of the said property unencumbered.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Disque. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley D. McLaughlin
Board Secretary