

**OIL CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Oil City Area School District was held on Monday evening, April 19, 2021, in the cafeteria at Hasson Heights Elementary School, 833 Grandview Road, Oil City, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph McFadden, Board President, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. McFadden opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Will Wise, former teacher and principal, 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, Mrs. Zuck

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/INVITED GUESTS**

Mr. Greg Merkel, School Solicitor, Mr. James Webster representing Clark Hill, Ms. Kara O’Neil, reporter for *The Derrick*, and Mrs. Robin Evans also were in attendance.

Mrs. Zuck addressed the Board regarding our “No Kid Hungry” grant. She noted that the pandemic has had a devastating effect on many of our students and families. In a normal school year, she reported that it typically takes \$10,000 to fund the middle school and high school food pantries, with an additional \$5,000 to fund the elementary weekend backpack program. In prior years, the ladies from St. Stephen’s have fully funded the backpack program, but with the pandemic affecting everyone in the community, she was hesitant to ask them for help this school year. She did some research and found the “No Kids Hungry” grant. Thanks to her hard work, Oil City Area School District was awarded a \$35,000 grant. The grant enabled us to not only continue to supply families with food, but also to purchase two stand-up refrigerators. Starting next school year, fresh produce, meat, dairy products and frozen foods will be added to the pantries. Dr. Weller and Mr. McFadden expressed their thanks for the work that Mrs. Zuck and her team are doing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Mr. McFadden announced one addition to the agenda: Under Item B, Additional Items Requiring Board Approval, “*Approval to Revise the Oil City Area School District Health and Safety Plan*” was added.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 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. Weaver, 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 to Accept Resignation*

- Susan Whittemore, Paraprofessional at Oil City Middle School, effective April 15, 2021

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to accept the resignation of Susan Whittemore 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 a Paraprofessional*

- Nicole Bish, Part-time Paraprofessional at the South Side elementary schools, effective April 20, 2021

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to accept the hiring of Nicole Bish 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 Spring Coach*

- Brian Reed, Volunteer Track & Field Coach, retroactive to March 23, 2021

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve Brian Reed as a Volunteer Track & Field 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 Field Trip Requests*

- Grade 5 requests approval to travel to the Cleveland Zoo on Tuesday, May 4, 2021
- Grade 6 requests approval to travel to the Cleveland Zoo on Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the field trip requests 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 Revised Cranberry Bus Driver List for the 2020-2021 School Year*

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the revised Cranberry Bus Driver List for the 2020-2021 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 Revised School Calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year*

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the revised school calendar for the 2020-2021 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 Revised School Calendar for the 2021-2022 School Year*

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the revised 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 to Renew the Food Service Contract with The Nutrition Group for the 2021-2022 School Year*

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the renewal of the food service contract with The Nutrition Group 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 HHSDR Resolutions for Alterations to Hasson Heights Elementary School*

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the HHSDR resolutions for alterations to Hasson Heights Elementary School 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 HHSDR Resolutions for Miscellaneous Improvements to the Oil City Area Middle/Senior High School*

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the HHSDR resolutions for miscellaneous improvements to the Oil City Area Middle/Senior High School 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 Resolution to Take Formal Action Constituting a Debt Ordinance Under the Local Government Unit Debt Act, Authorizing the Incurring of Nonelectoral Debt by the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2021*

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the resolution to take formal action constituting a debt ordinance under the Local Government Unit Debt Act, authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2021, as presented.

The roll call 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 Studio 22 to Use the Oil City High School Auditorium for their Competition Team Show on Sunday, May 23, 2021*

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the request from Studio 22 to use the Oil City High School auditorium for their Competition Team Show on Sunday, May 23, 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 Revise the Oil City Area School District Health and Safety Plan*

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the revision of the Oil City Area School District Health and Safety Plan 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

**INFORMATIONAL**

***Keystones/PSSA Schedule*** – Dr. Weller shared that due to the pandemic, deadlines for the Keystone Exams have been extended through September 2021. Virtual Academy students have been notified that if they do not come to the school to take the exams scheduled in May, we have been instructed to hold their materials until September. The dates scheduled in May 2021 are as follows:

- Algebra – May 17, 18
- Biology – May 19, 20
- Literature – May 24, 25

The PSSA testing windows are as follows:

- English Language Arts – April 20, 21, 22
- Math – April 27, 28
- Science – April 29, 30

### **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**

Mr. Kerr reported that PSBA shared information regarding the following:

- House Bill 605, intended to limit frivolous Covid lawsuits. This legislation has moved to the Senate.
- PA Department of Education and PA Department of Health revised recommendations regarding the re-opening of schools
- PDE's planned expansion of Broadband Internet through libraries

A written report will be available at a later date.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ms. McLaughlin reminded Board members they need to turn in their 2020 Statement of Financial Interests form prior to the May 1, 2021 deadline.

### **NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Disque. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley D. McLaughlin  
Board Secretary