

OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting Held on April 8, 2019

The Work Session of the Octorara Area School Board was held in the Octorara Area Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room on April 8, 2019.

A moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance preceded the meeting.

The President, Ms. Bowman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Other members present were Mr. Falgiatore, Mr. Fox, Mr. Ganow, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Kloss, Mr. Koennecker, Mr. Norris, and Mr. Zimmerman. Also present were Mrs. Hardy, Secretary; Dr. Orner, Superintendent; Mr. Curtis, Business Manager; members of the administrative team; Ava Zimmerman, student representative; one reporter, and no citizens.

Under presentations, Mr. William McWatters, department head, gave a science presentation for grades 7-12.

Dr. Orner presented the Board with the Charter School survey results.

There were no visitors' comments for agenda items only or information items.

Ms. Bowman presented the following items for action at the April 15, 2019 Board meeting:

- A. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the 2019-2020 Chester County Intermediate Unit Core Services Budget in the amount of \$27,930,942.
- B. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the 2019-2020 Chester County Intermediate Unit Occupational Education Budget in the amount of \$29,995,043.
- C. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the resolution for the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2019-2020 school year.
- D. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following policies, second reading:
Safe2Say Something - Procedures
808 Food Services
- E. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following bus driver upon completion of fingerprint paperwork employed by Althouse Transportation for the 2018-2019 school year:
Susan Havey – school vehicle #58
- F. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve a three-hour delay operating schedule for inclement weather conditions.
- G. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 34 and House Bill 526 for school districts providing their own cyber learning programs.
- H. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Agreement for Participation in Child Nutrition Programs between the Octorara Area School District and the YMCA of Greater Brandywine.
- I. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Octorara Area School District and the West Chester Area School District for participation in the Octorara Homeland Security and Protective Services Academy.

- J. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Memorandums of Understanding between the Octorara Area School District and the State Police Department-Avondale, West Fallowfield Police Department, and Parkesburg Police Department for policies and procedures.
- K. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Agreement between the Octorara Area School District and Delta-T Group for student services.

Resignation Approvals:

- L. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept, with regret, the resignation for purpose of retirement of Ms. Doreen Creighton as math coach for the District effective June 10, 2019. (Hired August 22, 2007)
- M. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept, with regret, the resignation for purpose of retirement of Mr. Andrew Napolitano as a business education teacher at the Octorara Jr/Sr High School effective June 10, 2019. (Hired August 26, 2004)
- N. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Ms. Molly Devlin as a cafeteria employee effective April 12, 2019. (Hired October 20, 2014)

Hiring Approvals:

- O. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Kelsey Nisula as a long term substitute learning support teacher at the Octorara Intermediate School effective March 4, 2019 through June 10, 2019. Ms. Nisula's rate will be \$140 per day. (Ms. Nisula is an approved substitute and is replacing Frances Propper who is on medical sabbatical leave.)
- P. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the list of professional and support staff for the Summer Literacy/Math Program.
- Q. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following supplemental contract for the 2018-2019 school year:

Jason Ralston	Mentor Deb Gajari	.59 pt @ \$620	\$362.77
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Under the Education Committee Report, Mr. Fox reported the Committee met on March 25, 2019. The Committee received information on the School Improvement Plan and roles for the professional community leaders. Mr. Fox reported on a School Improvement meeting he attended.

Under the Policy Committee Report, Ms. Bowman said the Committee looked at the second reading for the Safe2Say Something Procedures and policy 808 *Food Services*. The Committee also discussed a booster organization policy.

Under the Facility Committee Report, Mr. Norris reported the Committee discussed the YMCA request for an extended contract and additional space, the RFP for custodial services, lease agreement for copiers, and office space for the CTE program.

There were no other items and concerns or visitors' comments for items in general.

Under administrators' comments, Dr. Tachau reported PSSA testing begins next week in grades 3-8. She thanked the school counselors for their extra work involved with PSSA testing.

Ms. McNamara reported Chris Singleton and Abigail Bridges competed in the PA Media and Design Competition at the CCIU. They received a 1st and 2nd place award respectively in the animation category. Chris will go to the state finals in May.

Dr. Haller reported fifth and sixth grade students from the Envirothon held an Earth Day fundraiser.

Mr. Dikun said the OES Kind Kids Club collected 328 items for the Octorara Food Cupboard.

Ms. Lease reported on a student presentation on wolves she attended recently.

Dr. Rohrer thanked Dr. Orner and Mr. Hurley for their participation in Career Day and Ms. Leonard for organizing the event. He reported both the band and chorus won a silver medal at the WorldStrides Heritage Festival competition in Boston. Adam Rudisill recently participated in the All-East District Honor's Orchestra in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Orner also thanked the staff who are working hard to make the PSSA testing successful. She expects Pennsylvania Department of Education will come out during the testing window due to the superintendent change since last year's testing. The Board will be receiving a draft copy of the CTE audit results. There were over 14 commendations with a few corrective actions. The Board will approve the final report when it is received from the state.

Under board comments, Mr. Koennecker congratulated the National Honor Society for hosting a mini-thon that raised \$4,875 for cancer research for children.

Mr. Ganow asked if there are advanced math courses that students could take online.

Mr. Fox announced Board members who are running for re-election will be at the Parkesburg Borough Hall meeting on Wednesday, April 10.

Ms. Bowman announced upcoming meetings to be held:

Executive Session for personnel - Monday, April 8, 2019 - following the Work Session in the District Office Conference Room

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, April 15, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting – Monday, April 15, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Education Committee Meeting – Monday, April 22, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School room 102

There being no further items of business the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. on motion of Mr. Ganow, second by Mr. Norris and approval of all members present.

This Board meeting can be viewed in its entirety on You Tube.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill L. Hardy, Secretary
Octorara Board of School Directors