

OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting Held on November 12, 2018

The Work Session of the Octorara Area School Board was held in the Octorara Area Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room on November 12, 2018.

Ms. Bowman announced the passing of previous Board Member, Robert Hume. Mr. Hume served on the Board for 16 years. Ms. Bowman said Mr. Hume served the District and community well and expressed condolences to the family.

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. Koennecker, Mr. Kloss, and Mr. Norris. Mr. Zimmerman was absent. Also present were Mrs. Hardy, Secretary; Dr. Orner, Superintendent; Mr. Curtis, Business Manager; members of the administrative team; one reporter and one citizen.

Under presentations, Mr. McCarthy, advisor, gave a presentation about Model United Nations Club.

Ms. Mila Hayes, PSBA Member Services Manager, gave a presentation on the services offered by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

There were no visitors' comments for agenda items only.

Under information items, Tara Torres was hired as a lunch/playground supervisor at the Octorara Intermediate School at the October 15, 2018 Board Meeting. Ms. Torres did not complete the required employee related documents nor did she report for work. The position has been reposted.

Ms. Bowman presented the following items for action at the November 19, 2018 Board meeting:

- A. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the second reading of policy 717 *Commercial Sponsorship and Advertising on School District Property*.

Resignation Approvals:

- B. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Ms. Bonnie Tribbett as a lunch/playground supervisor at the Octorara Elementary School effective October 19, 2018. (Hired September 18, 2017)
- C. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Ms. Jennie Carns as an instructional assistant at the Octorara Elementary School effective December 21, 2018. (Hired September 17, 2018)
- D. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Mr. Matt Brownback as Jr. High wrestling coach effective October 22, 2018. (Hired for the 2017-2018 school year)
- E. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Mr. Andrew Baumgardner as JV baseball coach effective November 1, 2018. (Mr. Baumgardner has taken the Varsity baseball coach position.)
- F. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Allen Wetzel as varsity girls' soccer coach effective November 5, 2018. (Hired for the 2011-2012 school year)

Hiring Approvals:

- G. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Christina Althouse as an instructional assistant at the Octorara Jr/Sr High School effective October 22, 2018. (Ms. Althouse is an approved substitute and is replacing Timothy Kauffman who resigned.)
- H. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Amanda Hamilton as a permanent cafeteria employee effective November 1, 2018. Ms. Hamilton's rate will be \$9.28 per hour. (Ms. Hamilton is an approved substitute cafeteria employee.)
- I. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Joann Bodnar as a lunch/playground supervisor at the Octorara Elementary School effective November 1, 2018. Ms. Bodnar's rate will be \$9.28 per hour for three hours per day. (Ms. Bodnar is an approved substitute and will be replacing Bonnie Tribbett who resigned.)
- J. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following substitute support staff for the 2018-2019 school year:
Dawn Miles, cafeteria
Margaret Wood, various
- K. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2018-2019 school year:
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| Kevin Norman | 7 th Grade Basketball Coach | 4 pts @ \$620 | \$2,480 |
| Andrew Baumgardner | Varsity Baseball Coach | 7 pt s@ \$620 | \$4,340 |
- L. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following change in salary due to graduate credits earned:
Cynthia Kunko From M+30 (\$74,690) to M+45 (\$77,479) Step 7 to MAX

Under the Education Committee Report, Mr. Fox reported the Committee met on October 22, 2018. He reported the Committee discussed the Safe2Say Something Program that will be launched in January. The Committee got updates on the K-6 standards based grading, the November 9 in-service topic of mental health, the Octorara Virtual Academy, the technology survey, and the department chair pilot. The Committee also discussed new course proposals for 2019-2020, a possible additional CTE program, and staffing considerations for 2019-2020.

Under the Policy Committee Report, Ms. Bowman said the Committee discussed the second reading of policy 717 *Commercial Sponsorship and Advertising on School District Property* and had a first look at policies 108 *Adoption of Textbooks* and 246 *Student Wellness*.

Under the Facility Committee Report, Mr. Norris reported the Committee discussed the lead testing requirements and schedule, updating the long-range capital plan, the Jr. High water pump replacement, HVAC at the Jr. High and Elementary Schools, and office space given to Human Services, Inc. to provide mental health services.

Under other items and concerns, Ms. Bowman reported on the Legislative Council Meeting she attended in October.

There were no visitors' comments for items in general.

Under administrators' comments, Dr. Haller said the OIS Kindness Club planned a project where students painted kindness rocks. They will use the rocks to create a Kindness Rock Garden in front of the building.

Mr. Dikun reported Octorara students collected 3,270 items for the Food Drive. The OES collected 733 of those items.

Dr. Rohrer said the winter sport season begins this Friday. He announced the fall play will be held on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Orner said she is having a great time with the students rehearsing for her part in the play. She encouraged everyone to attend the play to support the hard work the students have put into the performances. She said Mr. McCarthy is also the advisor for the National Honor Society. She attended their induction banquet last week and was impressed with the service opportunities the students participate in for the school and community. Dr. Orner announced she will be going to Lebanon Valley Fairgrounds on Tuesday to be a judge for FFA. She will be riding in the van with the students to get to know them and support them in the competition.

Dr. Tachau thanked the K-6 teachers and principals who have been doing a great job in the shift from traditional grading and reporting to a standards based one that shows what students have learned verses what they earned. She reported fall parent teacher conferences are completed. Teachers provided information to parents regarding student progress towards the report card standards. Dr. Tachau announced the first trimester will end on November 27.

Under board comments, Mr. Norris said the band participated in the Coatesville Veteran's Parade last week. He announced the Food Cupboard Benefit Holiday Concert will be held on December 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sr. High Auditorium.

Mr. Fox announced an opportunity for juniors to participate in the Pennsylvania Governor's School for Sciences this summer at Carnegie Melon.

Ms. Bowman announced upcoming meetings to be held:

Executive Session for personnel - Monday, November 12, 2018 - following the Work Session in the District Office Conference Room

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, November 19, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting – Monday, November 19, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

There being no further items of business the meeting adjourned at 7:52 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