

OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting Held on October 8, 2018

The Work Session of the Octorara Area School Board was held in the Octorara Area Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room on October 8, 2018.

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

The President, Ms. Bowman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Other members present were: Mr. Fox, Mr. Ganow, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Kloss, Mr. Norris, and Mr. Zimmerman. Mr. Falgiatore and Mr. Koennecker were absent. Also present were: Mrs. Hardy, Secretary; Dr. Orner, Superintendent; Mr. Curtis, Business Manager; Ava Zimmerman, student representative; members of the administrative team; one reporter and no citizens.

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

Ms. Bowman presented the following items for action at the October 15, 2018 Board meeting:

- A. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Mr. Ronald H. Leaman as a school bus driver employed by the Linville Hill Mennonite School for the 2018-2019 school year.
- B. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Agreement for student "A".
- C. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the second reading of policy 115 *Career and Technical Education*.
- D. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the first reading of policy 717 *Commercial Sponsorship and Advertising on School District Property*.

Resignation Approvals:

- E. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Ms. Lauren Castle as an instructional assistant at the Octorara Jr/Sr High School effective September 26, 2018. (Hired August 20, 2018)
- F. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Mr. Mark Maurer as cafeteria van driver effective September 13, 2018. (Hired August 23, 2018)
- G. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Mr. Timothy Kauffman as an instructional assistant at the Octorara Jr/Sr High School effective October 9, 2018. (Hired September 19, 2016)
- H. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Ms. Barbara Wynnecrof as a lunch/playground supervisor at the Octorara Intermediate School effective August 27, 2018. (Hired August 21, 2017)

Hiring Approvals:

- I. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the transfer of Ms. Valerie Brewer from a long term substitute instructional assistant at the Octorara Elementary School to a permanent instructional assistant at the Octorara Primary Learning center effective October 1, 2018. Ms. Brewer's rate will remain at \$11.57 per hour. (Replacing Margaret Grant who resigned.)
- J. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. JoAnn Bodnar as a long term substitute lunch/playground supervisor at the Octorara Elementary School effective October

1, 2018 through November 21, 2018. Ms. Bodnar's rate will be \$9.28 per hour for three hours per day. (Ms. Bodnar is an approved substitute and is replacing Valerie Brewer who transferred.)

K. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve Ms. Tara Torres as a lunch/playground supervisor at the Octorara Intermediate School effective October 9, 2018 pending completion of employee related documents required by law and the District. Ms. Torres' rate will be \$9.28 per hour for three hours per day. (Replacing Lori Smith who resigned.)

L. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following substitute teachers for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Kerri Burroughs, Elementary
- Judy George, Elementary
- Deirdre Shappell, Elementary

M. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following substitute support staff for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Michael Castor, Cafeteria Van Driver
- Jane Blankenhagen, Instructional Asst, Clerical, Playground, Cafeteria

N. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following change in salary due to graduate credits earned:

Doreen Steinmacher	From B (\$53,276) to B+15 (\$55,869)	Step 15 to MAX
Fallon Manchin	From M+15 (\$63,636) to M+30 (\$65,690)	Step 14 to MAX

O. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2018-2019 school year:

Kathleen Heller	9 th Grade Floating Advisor	2 pts @ \$620	\$1,240
Amber Lowe	OES Yearbook Advisor	1 pt @ \$620	\$ 620
Charles Graydus	Mentor Helena Martin	1 pt @ \$620	\$ 620
Tabitha Wallace	Hero Advisor	1 pt @ \$620	\$ 620
Theresa Ruddick	Hero Advisor	1 pt @ \$620	\$ 620

Under the Education Committee Report, Mr. Fox reported the Committee met on September 24, 2018. He said the Committee was given updates on the implementation of standards based grading, onboarding orientation for iPads, Positive Action Program, and the Octorara Virtual Academy. The Committee also discussed the statewide graduation requirements for CTE students as well a pilot for department heads for several subjects. The approval on department heads will come from the full Board.

Under the Facility Committee Report, Mr. Norris said the meeting began at the tennis courts to view the condition and discuss potential long term repairs. The Committee authorized a study to receive information for a course of action going forward. The Committee received an update on the Wi-Fi system in the Jr. High and discussed possible solutions to the problem. Mr. Norris reported the Committee was updated on the air tests at the PLC – EHC, the company doing the testing, reported the District's course of action is appropriate. The Committee also discussed a possible cross-walk on Highland Road and a plaque to be installed on the tree planted for Carbon Monoxide Awareness.

Under the Policy Committee Report, Ms. Bowman said the Committee met briefly and discussed the second reading of 115 *Career and Technical Education* and the first reading of policy 717

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

Under administrators' comments, Ms. McNamara announced the OACTEP Occupational Advisory Committee met recently. Industry leaders in attendance were given information on the CTE programs offered at Octorara. Senator Dinniman was in attendance as well.

Dr. Tachau reported the EdTAC meeting was held on Thursday – they will continue meeting once a month for the remainder of the year. They are getting close to rolling out a single sign-on for teachers and will be making recommendations for apps for parents and students for a single sign-on. There will be a parent technology survey for students in grades 7-12 – parents will have the option of taking the survey at parent-teacher conferences.

Ms. Lease announced that in conjunction with Goal 4 of the Comprehensive Plan, teachers are teaming up with members of the community such as veterans and senior citizens for students to become pen pals with. Also senior football players are visiting the kindergarten students – it is a great experience for the students to have a role model.

Ms. Michalowski announced seven students have been able to exit the English Language Development Program. She thanked the teachers who have worked hard to make this possible.

Dr. Haller discussed a learning opportunity for students in a sixth grade classroom. After conducting research to compare and contrast African and Asian elephants, students were able to Skype with an Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. Students were able to learn more about the differences between the two species of elephants and to ask questions they generated from their research.

Mr. Dikun said students in grade four visited the CTE programs at the Sr. High recently. He announced this is Fire Prevention Week and firetrucks will be at the school for students on Friday.

Ava Zimmerman, student representative, announced the food drive for the Sr. High will run from October 15 through November 2. Student Council will start Nickle Day this week with money collected going to families in need.

Dr. Rohrer said he gave members of the Class of 1963 a tour of the Sr. High on Saturday – it was a great experience with positive comments. He announced the girls' soccer team is having a pink-out game tonight. Dr. Rohrer announced parent/teacher conferences for grades 7-12 will be held on October 11 and 18. He announced the financial aide night to be held on October 9 is not affiliated with the District – it is a private company.

Dr. Orner said she is working on the Safe Schools Grant that is due on October 12. Our grant funds will be used to complete the secure door project started two years ago. She invited Board Directors to the Leadership Team meeting to be held on October 9 for the first in a series of discussions on the book by Jamie Vollmar, "Schools Cannot Do It Alone".

Under board comments, Mr. Fox asked Dr. Orner to summarize the book discussion from the Leadership Team meeting at next week's meeting for those Board Directors who cannot attend.

Ms. Bowman said she was unable to attend the last Legislative Committee meeting – she will forward minutes of the meeting to Board Directors. She said it is reported that Homecoming festivities went well. She reminded Board Directors that the Board Retreat facilitated by the CCIU will be held at 5:30 pm. on October 16.

Ms. Bowman announced upcoming meetings to be held:

Executive Session for personnel – Monday, October 8, 2018 at 6:45 in the District Office Conference Room

Executive Session for personnel - Monday, October 8, 2018 - following the Work Session in the District Office Conference Room

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, October 15, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting – Monday, October 15, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Education Committee Meeting – Monday, October 22, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. in Room 102 in the Jr. High School

There being no further items of business the meeting adjourned at 7:29 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