

SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

I. Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education was held on Monday, May 13, 2024 in the CTE Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by President Lippert at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the meeting, the Board took a tour of the district's facilities.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Establish Quorum

Members present: Chris Zawislan, Rick Winters, Nathan Bowden, Julie Strenn, and MaryAnn Lippert.

Student Representative present: Kadin Fox

Administration present: Jason Knott, District Administrator; Pam Tesch, Business Services; Rod Watson, High School Principal; Heather Friday, Elementary Principal.

IV. Approval of Agenda

A. Change of Sequence/Removal of Item(s)

Motion was made by Nathan Bowden, seconded by Chris Zawislan, to approve the May 13, 2024 agenda with the following changes: remove item E(4) Band Instructor from the Consent Agenda. Motion carried (5-0).

V. Reorganization of the Board of Education

A. Election of President

Nomination was made by Chris Zawislan to nominate MaryAnn Lippert. Lippert accepted the nomination. Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Nathan Bowden, to appoint MaryAnn Lippert as School Board President. Motion carried (5-0).

B. Election of Vice President

Nomination was made by MaryAnn Lippert to nominate Nathan Bowden. Bowden accepted the nomination. Motion was made by Chris Zawislan, seconded by Julie Strenn, to appoint Nathan Bowden as School Board Vice President. Motion carried (5-0).

C. Election of Clerk

Nomination was made by MaryAnn Lippert to nominate Julie Strenn. Strenn accepted the nomination. Motion was made by Nathan Bowden, seconded by Chris Zawislan, to appoint Julie Strenn as School Board Clerk. Motion carried (5-0).

D. Election of Treasurer

Nomination was made by Julie Strenn to nominate Chris Zawislan. Zawislan accepted the nomination. Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Rick Winters, to appoint Chris Zawislan as School Board Treasurer. Motion carried (5-0).

E. Appoint WASB Representative

Motion was made by Chris Zawislan, seconded by Nathan Bowden, to appoint Rick Winters as the WASB Representative. Motion carried (5-0).

F. Appoint CESA 5 Representative

Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Chris Zawislan, to appoint Rick Winters as the CESA 5 Representative. Motion carried (5-0).

G. Establish Days and Times of School Board Meetings

Motion was made by Chris Zawislan, seconded by Julie Strenn, to set the dates/times of the Regular School Board Meeting as the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM with the exception of changing the meeting date and time when deemed necessary. Motion carried (5-0). The June Regular Board Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM, following the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing that begins at 6:00 PM.

VI. Announcements

VII. Celebrations

A. Panther Pride Awards – Academic Athletes

The following students exemplified academic and athletic excellence in the classroom and on the mat/court for the 2023-2024 school year:

WWCA: Bradley Neve, Aiden Federwitz, Jackson Duerr, Autumn McDaniel

WBCA: Reese Grimm, Brooke Grossman, Brynn Friday, Natasha Losievski, Kaylee Jacobson, Emma Bowden, Ava Jones, Brilee Luepke, Lana Vollert, Gwynn Kumm, Dalton Darr, Dawson Luther, Matthew Gudel.

- B. Recognition of Students Entering the Military
Kellen Getsinger. Kellen has signed a contract to be a Combat Engineer in the Marines and will leave July 22 for Basic Training in San Diego.

VIII. Student Representative Update

- 2024 PHS Senior Trip – Six Flags Great America was attended by 18 seniors.
- Upcoming Events: Prom, graduation, end of year activities.

IX. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Meeting Notice Certification
- B. Regular and Closed Session Minutes of April 8, 2024
- C. Financial Status (April Expenses \$829,676.00; Revenues \$372,783.02)
- D. Hiring(s)
 - 1) 4-Year Old Kindergarten Teacher – Kirsten Kissner
 - 2) Grades 4-5 ELA Teacher – Samantha Powers
 - 3) Reading Specialist – Krista Brueggen
 - 4) ~~Band Instructor~~

Motion was made by Nathan Bowden, seconded by Julie Strenn, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried (5-0).

X. Information Only Item(s)

- A. District Administrator Update
 - 1) Act 20 – requirements must be implemented next school year regardless of recent legal proceedings.
 - 2) Potential Referendum – Revenue Limit comparisons were shared.
 - 3) Facilities and Capital Improvements Committee – next meeting May 29 at 6:00 PM.

XI. Discussion/Action

- A. Appoint Student School Board Representatives for 2024-2025 School Year
Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Chris Zawislan, to appoint Kaylee Jacobson and Emma Bowden as the Student School Board Representatives for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried (4 yes, with Bowden abstaining).
- B. Second Reading/Approval of Updates to Policy 446 (formerly 446.1) Student Searches
Motion was made by Nathan Bowden, seconded by Chris Zawislan, to table the second reading/approval of updates to Policy 446: Student Searches in order to research clarifications through WASB. Motion carried (5-0).
- C. Open Enrollment Applications for 2024-2025
Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Nathan Bowden, to approve all resident and all non-resident open enrollment applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried (5-0).
- D. Lunch Prices for 2024-2025 School Year
Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Nathan Bowden, to approve a 5 cent increase to each of the following lunch price categories: Grades PS-3rd, Grades 4-8, Grades 9-12. Motion carried (5-0).
- E. Long-Term/Short-Term Disability Insurance for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 School Years
Motion was made by Chris Zawislan, seconded by Nathan Bowden, to approve Long-Term/Short-Term Disability Insurance through Madison National Insurance with no rate increases and locked in for school years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Motion carried (5-0).
- F. Approve Teacher and Support Staff Listing Renewals for 2024-2025
Motion was made by Nathan Bowden, seconded by Julie Strenn, to approve the listing of teacher, support staff, and long-term contracted substitute teacher renewals for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried (5-0).
- G. Approval of Not Having Automatic Rollover Extension of Administrative Contracts for the 2025-2026 School Year
Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Nathan Bowden, to approve to not automatically rollover the extension of all Administrative Contracts for all Administrators beyond June 30, 2025. Motion carried (5-0).

XII. Legislative Report

Representative Spiros will visit the district on May 15.

XIII. Public Comments – No public comments.

XIV. Future Agenda Item(s)

- Fund 80 presentation
- Full-time Grant Writer – other strategies for pursuing grants

XV. Adjourn

Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Nathan Bowden, to adjourn at 8:47 pm. Motion carried (5-0).

Julie Strenn, School Board Clerk

*Transcribed by Deb Zdun, Administrative Assistant to the District
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