

Fannett-Metal School District
Willow Hill, Pennsylvania 17271

The Fannett-Metal School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 7:08 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present were Sue Rosenberry, President; Bonnie Cornelious, Vice-President; Catherine Adams, Shelly Boggs, Phyllis Eckenrode, Mark Frazier, Jason Goshorn, Walter Hoffmann, and Von McGee. There were no members absent. Also present were David Burkett, Superintendent; Todd Best, Middle/High School Principal; Teresa Black, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services; Stephanie Shoemaker, Elementary Principal; Daniel Simpson, Business Manager; Elliott Sulcove, Solicitor and Sandra Bloom, Board Secretary. Visitors present were: Kindra Kotmair, Amber Doyle, Lynnette Warren, Stacy Coffman, Ruth Mitchell, John Mitchell, Ciji Holthaus, Wesley Holthaus and Connie Coons.

Sue Rosenberry announced that there was an executive session before the regular meeting from 6:30 p.m. – 7:03 p.m. for personnel issues and possible litigation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with School Board Members and audience standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Phyllis Eckenrode to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Board Meeting as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Von McGee and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Approval of Invoices

Moved by Jason Goshorn and seconded by Mark Frazier to approve payment of invoices from August 8, 2021 through September 9, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Cafeteria Report

Moved by Mark Frazier and seconded by Phyllis Eckenrode to approve the August Cafeteria Report as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Activity Account Report

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Mark Frazier to approve the August Activity Account Report as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Public Comment – (3-minute limit per person – 20-minute total public comment)

Kindra Kotmair thanked the Board for allowing her to speak and felt secure knowing the Board was doing what's best for kids, however, with the heated debate surrounding Secretary of Health's mask mandate, feels it should be a freedom to choose and parent's rights to speak for ourselves. Parents making health decisions for children it should be pro-choice – our choice not the government.

Amber Doyle spoke on Keystone Health Clinic Vaccination building use request. She thanked the Board for their public service and knows there are rarely visitors at meetings but feels the

COVID vaccine should be parent choice for making the decision for their children and felt she should take a stand. She is advocating for choice and feels Keystone Health's request for building use should not be on school grounds and suggests they use another location.

Connie Coons also spoke on the mask mandate and vaccination. She thanked the Board as she knows it is a thankless job same as someone that serves in the military and medical fields so thank you for your service. People only know what we are taught, parents know what is best for their children so let them choose as they should. Medical procedures should not be on school grounds and our bodies should not be used for political purposes.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Burkett thanked the visitors for voicing their concerns. Mr. Burkett requested the Board complete and return the PSBA Officer Election Form. Shawn Weber of Whitney, Bailey, Cox, Magnani, LLC (Physical Engineer) submitted a quote to do core samples of the middle/high school locker room at the cost of \$3,500. On the agenda is a Request for Proposal (RFP) which Mr. Sulcove reviewed and if approved will be put out to bid this week for the secondary building project under the America Recovery Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III grant. The Comprehensive Planning initial kick-off meeting is Wednesday, September 22, 2021, and the Policy and Personnel Committee will conduct interviews for the Secondary English/Social Studies position on September 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. We have ballooned back up to 37 students attending outside cyber charter schools for various reasons, however, we are still down by 4 from last school year. Also on the agenda is a resolution supporting Section 520.1 of the School Code for Emergency Instructional Time Template (EITT) to utilize virtual instruction days. EITT is separate from Flexible Instructional Days (FID). If prudent we will use weather make-up days before using FIDs. The weather cancellation on September 1, 2021 will be made up on November 30, 2021. Mr. Burkett handed out information on the PSSA and Keystone Scores. There are some highlights and some area of concern mainly with our math instruction. Administration also met with Dr. Cindy Goldsworthy last week regarding PDE PVAAS.

Mrs. Black reported that there have been many IEP/504 meetings held to keep students on target with academic growth. She also said she is continuing to look at schedules of students and staff to best meet the needs of each student and provide the Least Restrictive Environment. We are looking at all the resources we currently have with teachers and aides but there may be a time when those resources are exhausted, and an additional person will be needed.

Mrs. Shoemaker said she felt school got off to a good start. Kudos to students and staff for handling the mask mandate. We are implementing new math curriculum and Schoology. It is very rigorous and are making adaptations of the old curriculum to the new and teachers have finished the fall testing. Also, the elementary is moving forward with the annual Fire Prevention being held outside on October 8, 2021.

Mr. Best said we are halfway through the first marking period, and everyone has taken the mask mandate in stride. Mrs. Moore has been scheduling our kids as well as FMCATS. The first group of vo-tech students may be able to do work related co-op in the spring as they took block classes and traditional period classes last school year. Some students are missing a health credit and therefore are taking classes through Edmentum which we are paying for. There may be other courses missing which they can make up when they return in the spring. State Troopers were here on August 25, 2021 doing a seatbelt check on students and plan to incorporate the district in their routine. Mr. Best also thanked the Path Valley Historical Society for donating

An Unexpected Friendship by Alice McFeely Meloy. The baseball team will be participating in the Altoona Curve Classic Tournament and fall sports are underway. Several games have been rescheduled due to COVID, shortage of officials and bus drivers. Hopefully they will continue to play. Wallops Island – 8th graders will go in early June depending on Wallops Island reopening and next year's 7th and 8th graders will go next fall.

OLD BUSINESS

Athletic Director Salary

Moved by Von McGee and seconded by Shelly Boggs to move the motion of Athletic Director for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$5,600 from the table. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Moved by Shelly Boggs and seconded by Catherine Adams to approve Greg Best as Athletic Director for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$5,600. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Policies

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Shelly Boggs to approve the second reading of the Policy 819, Suicide Prevention and Intervention. Roll call vote – all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Course Pre-Approval

Moved by Von McGee and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to approve the following course requests:

Jodi Glenny	Health Education for 21 st Century Learners
Ciji Holthaus	Education Research and Design

Roll call vote – all ayes.

Resignation

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Jason Goshorn to accept the following resignations:

Bailey Slusser from her position as Secondary Spanish Teacher and Elementary Librarian effective August 18, 2021

Amber Daihl from her position as Aide effective August 16, 2021

Todd Best from his position as Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach effective immediately

Mike Arnold from his position as Jr. High Boys Basketball and Jr. High Baseball Coach effectively immediately

Cole Daniel from his position as Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach effectively immediately

Roll call vote – all ayes.

Permission to Advertise and Interview

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Von McGee to give permission to advertise and interview for the following positions:

Secondary Spanish Teacher.
Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach
Jr. High Baseball Coach
Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach.

Roll call vote – all ayes.

Permission to Hire

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Catherine Adams to hire Larry Moore, III as a Full-time Maintenance/Custodian at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. Mr. Moore will be afforded a week's paid vacation. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Moved by Mark Frazier and seconded by Walter Hoffman to hire Kristie Hall as a substitute school nurse at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Jason Goshorn to hire Patricia McQuade as a substitute school nurse at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Moved by Mark Frazier and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to hire Makenna Glass as a Part-time Personal Care Assistant (PCA) at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Van Drivers

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Phyllis Eckenrode to approve Heather Gelwicks as a van driver for the 2021-2022 school year for Weaver Busing, LLC. Roll call vote – Bonnie Cornelious – aye, Von McGee – aye, Sue Rosenberry – aye, Jason Goshorn – aye, Walter Hoffmann – aye, Catherine Adams – aye, Shelly Boggs – nay, Mark Frazier – aye, Phyllis Eckenrode – nay. 7 ayes, 2 nays. Motion carried.

Mentors

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Jason Goshorn to approve the following mentors:

Freda Brindle as a mentor to Elizabeth Linn at a stipend of \$250
Robin Whitsel as a mentor to Leslee Proper at a stipend of \$250

Roll call vote – all ayes.

Conference Request

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Mark Frazier to approve Sandy Bloom's request to attend the Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Conference, October 27, 2021 – October 29, 2021, in Hershey, PA. Approximate cost of the conference is \$919.00. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Extra-Curricular Advisors

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Phyllis Eckenrode to approve the following activities/clubs and advisors for the 2021-2022 school year:

Paid Activities/Advisors

Band	Freda Dorand	Step 5+	\$2,846
Chorus	Freda Dorand	Step 5+	\$2,846
Drama Club	Vacant		
Yearbook	Tina Neil	Step 5	\$2,646

Paid Clubs/Advisors

H.S. Student Council	Mathern Mellott	\$500
M.S. Student Government	Robin Whitsel	\$500
National Honor Society	Vacant	
Varsity Club	Greg Best	\$500
FM Ag	Brad Truax	\$500
Health Careers Club	Teresa Barnish	\$500
Power Source	Mindy Hill	\$500
Science Club	Mathern Mellott	\$500
Journalism/Library Club	Vacant	

Roll call vote – all ayes.

Class Advisors

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Mark Frazier to approve the following class advisors for the 2021-2022 school year:

Class of 2022	Ciji Holthaus, Mandy Ryan, Ben Wingerd	\$680 each
Class of 2023	Michelle Gordon, Jodi Glenny, Brad Truax	\$680 each
Class of 2024	Mindy Hill, Mathern Mellott, Michelle Moore	\$350 each
Class of 2025	Debra Hile, Tom Otis	\$350 each
Middle School Team Leader	Sarah Sollenberger	\$680

Roll call vote – all ayes.

Coaches

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Jason Goshorn to appoint the following coaches for the 2021-2022 school year:

Paul Coffman*	Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach	Step 3	\$3,882
Brett Hostler*	Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball Coach	Step 3	\$2,678
Randy Hammond	Volunteer Girls Varsity Soccer Coach		
*Bona Fide Volunteer			

Roll call vote – all ayes.

Curriculum

Resolution Supporting Section 520.1 of the School Code

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Phyllis Eckenrode to approve a resolution supporting Section 520.1 of the School Code for Emergency Instructional Time Template (EITT) plan to meet the 180 instructional day requirement of section 1501. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Release Time

Moved by Bonnie Cornelious and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to approve Child Evangelism Fellowship of Franklin-Fulton Counties request for elementary students to be released for Good News Club/Bible Release Time classes every Thursday starting Thursday, October 14, 2021 and ending Thursday, April 28, 2022. Roll call vote – Shelly Boggs – aye, Mark Frazier – aye, Phyllis Eckenrode – nay, Bonnie Cornelious – aye, Von McGee – aye, Sue Rosenberry – aye, Jason Goshorn – aye, Walter Hoffmann – aye, Catherine Adams – aye. 8 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Field Trips

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Jason Goshorn to approve for the following field trip request:

10th Grade Franklin County Career and Technology Center (FCCTC)
November 17, 2021 Paid by FCCTC

Roll call vote – all ayes.

Building and Grounds

Building Use Requests

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Bonnie Cornelious to approve Keystone Health Center's request to use the high school cafeteria/gym on Friday, September 17, 2021, and Friday, October 8, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to administer the free Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for anyone 12 years of age or older. Roll call vote – Von McGee – nay, Sue Rosenberry – aye, Jason Goshorn – aye, Walter Hoffmann – nay, Catherine Adams – aye, Shelly Boggs – nay, Mark Frazier – aye, Phyllis Eckenrode – nay, Bonnie Cornelious – aye. 5 ayes, 4 nays. Motion carried.

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Mark Frazier to approve Tom Otis's request to use the high school gym on Sundays from December 4, 2021, through April 3, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for indoor soccer training for middle/high school players. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Policy

Policies

Moved by Phyllis Eckenrode and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to approve the first reading of the following policies:

Policy 006	Meetings
Policy 903	Public Participation in Board Meetings

Roll call vote – all ayes.

Budget and Finance

School Dentist

Moved by Mark Frazier and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to approve Dr. Jack Steel as school dentist to provide dental exams for the 2021-2022 school year (students K/1st grade entry, 3rd and 7th grade as needed) at a cost of \$3.50 per student and agree to be the dentist of record to provide fluoride to students if parental permission is obtained (same price as 2020-2021 school year). Roll call vote – all ayes.

Request for Proposal

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Von McGee to advertise for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Energy Service Companies (ESCO's) to propose Energy Conservation and Savings Measures through a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Acceptance of Donation

Moved by Von McGee and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to accept a donation of property and building from the Fannett-Metal Education Foundation. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Seated Land Tax Exoneration

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Shelly Boggs to authorize exoneration of the Seated Land Tax now in the hands of the Tax Claim Bureau. Official resolution to be include in the official minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Board Member Suggestion/Discussion

Mr. Best thanked everyone for allowing him the opportunity to coach basketball and to continue coaching over the years and hopes they will give him a chance to coach in the future after his temporary hiatus.

Moved by Walter Hofmann and seconded by Jason Goshorn to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Roll call vote – all ayes.



Sandra D. Bloom
Board Secretary