

Fannett-Metal School District  
Willow Hill, Pennsylvania 17271

The Fannett-Metal School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 7:04 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present were Sue Rosenberry, President; Bonnie Cornelious, Vice-President; Catherine Adams, Shelly Boggs, Stacy Coffman, Walter Hoffmann, and Chad McClure. Jason Goshorn and Amanda Guyer were the only members absent. Also present were: Dr. Tara Will, Superintendent; Daniel Simpson, Business Manager; Teresa Black, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services; Todd Best, Middle/High School Principal; Elliott Sulcove, Solicitor and Sandra Bloom, Board Secretary. There were no visitors present.

Sue Rosenberry announced that there was an executive session from 6:30 p.m. – 7:02 p.m. on safety and security.

**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 Chad McClure to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022, Board Meeting as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Shelly Boggs to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Approval of Invoices**

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Shelly Boggs to approve payment of invoices from October 5, 2022 through November 3, 2022, as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Cafeteria Report**

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Shelly Boggs to approve the October Cafeteria Report as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Activity Account Report**

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Shelly Boggs to approve the October Activity Account Report as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Public Comment** – (3-minute limit per person – 21-minute total public comment)

There were no public comments.

**Administrative Reports**

Mrs. Teresa Black informed the Board that at this point we have all support needs staffed across the district. We understand things change all the time but for now we are good! She attended a two-day virtual training entitled Act 13 and Beyond: Educators Driving Instructional Excellence which provides guidance on evaluating professional employees. Mrs. Black also worked with Mr. Todd Best on several truancy issues at the secondary level.

Mr. Todd Best said basketball open gym has started and, in a few weeks, the official season will open. He received PVAAS data – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science exceeded the growth standard, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math, Algebra and Biology did not meet the growth standard, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts, Math 7 and Literature met the growth standard. Mrs. Holthaus ran a mock election for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades with a sample ballot and the results were: Doug Mastriano, Governor and Carrie Delrosso, Lieutenant Governor; Mehmet Oz, U.S. Senator; John Joyce, U.S. Congress and Richard Irvin, PA Representative. Mr. Best also gave an update on McClure who is bringing in a second temporary boiler on December 1, 2022, with an anticipated arrival of colder temperatures.

Dr. Will gave the elementary report since Mrs. Shoemaker was absent. The 2022 elementary building level score is 82.5 and the PVAAS Math Grade 4 was above growth standard, Math Grade 5 met growth standard, English Language Arts Grade 4 was well above growth standard, English Language Arts Grade 5 met growth standard and Science Grade 4 was well above growth standard.

Dr. Will said that Carl Reed, Todd Best and she met with three representatives from the Forestry Department to look at the trees that line the driveway. They did not see any systemic concerns but made a few suggestions – limit the cars that park alongside the driveway so soil doesn't get packed down, mulch around the trees to form a barrier so they can get air and water, fertilize the area and as they were leaving returned to suggest that the plastic that is around the trees be removed as this is contributing to the deterioration. The backpack program is up and running again this year, 54 students will be taking food items home once a month to help with nutrition when they are not in school. Senior trip advisors are working on an overnight trip itinerary to Williamsburg, VA. The senior trip policy states that half the seniors must indicate their intention to participate and if they do not have half then it requires board approval. Once we get a final count, she will bring it to the board. Dr. Will said she prepared a letter to go to parents and staff informing them what to expect as the snow season approaches. She also said we pre-pay for three slots at River Rock Academy. The county superintendents have been discussing other options and Mark Keck of TruNorth is partnering with this venture, therefore, we may seek approval for two slots which can be paid out of ESSER. Dr. Will also mentioned that we provide two semesters for students at the Career and Technology Center, there are a couple students who need three semesters to get their certification, we pay for two and if they need a third the student must pay for it. Dr. Will also informed the board that we have three cases of RSV at the elementary and have been doing extra cleaning and fogging each night and the nurse has been in contact with the Department of Health on any further recommendations. Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place this Thursday from 12:30 – 8:00 p.m. and school will be closed on Friday in observance of Veteran's Day.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Policies**

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Shelly Boggs to approve the second reading of the following policies:

Policy 003	Local Board Procedures
Policy 101	Mission Statement
Policy 102	Academic Standards
Policy 105.1	Curriculum Review By Persons of Parental Consent And Students
Policy 105.2	Exemption From Instruction
Policy 106	Guides For Planned Instruction
Policy 107	Adoption of Planned Instruction
Policy 109	Resource Material
Policy 110	Instructional Supplies
Policy 111	Lesson Plans
Policy 112	Guidance Counseling
Policy 113	Special Education
Policy 913	Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

Roll call vote – all ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Personnel**

**Course Pre-Approval**

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Chad McClure to approve the following course request:

Coral McMath	Teaching and Learning
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Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Permission to Hire**

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Shelly Boggs to hire Loretta Nixon as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker at an hourly rate of \$9.75. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Bus/Van Drivers**

Moved by Shelly Boggs and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to approve the following drivers for the 2022-2023 school year for Weaver Busing, LLC:

Robert Coons	Substitute Van Driver
Justin Fogal	Substitute Bus Driver
Loretta Nixon	Substitute Van Driver
Deborah Patrick	Substitute Van Driver

Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Coaches**

Moved by Walter Hofmann and seconded by Shelly Boggs to appoint the following coach for the 2022-2023 school year:

Steve Wolf	Head Junior High Boys Basketball Coach	Step #1	\$1,607
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Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Class Advisor**

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Shelly Boggs to approve Ciji Holthaus as a class advisor for the Class of 2023 for the 2022-2023 school year at a stipend of \$680. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Curriculum**

**Field Trip Requests**

Moved by Shelly Boggs and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to approve the following field trip request:

Life Skills Class – Once a Month – Path Valley Market – School Van

Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Building and Grounds**

**Building Use Request**

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Chad McClure to approve the Fannett-Metal Alumni Association's request to use the high school gym from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for basketball practice on Sundays from November until the alumni game in April. Roll call vote – all ayes.

## **Policy**

### **Policies**

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Chad McClure to approve the first reading of the following policies:

Policy 114	Gifted Education
Policy 115	Career And Technical Education
Policy 116	Tutoring
Policy 117	Homebound Instruction
Policy 118	Independent Study
Policy 119	Current Events
Policy 123.1	Coaching And Other Related Extracurricular Appointments
Policy 123.3	Student Activity Fees
Policy 124	Alternative Instruction Courses
Policy 125	Adult Education
Policy 126	Class Size

Roll call vote – all ayes.

### **Waiver of Student Discipline Hearing**

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Stacy Coffman to approve administration's request to waive a formal board hearing and place two students at River Rock Academy. Roll call vote – all ayes.

## **Budget and Finance**

### **Act 57 of 2022 Resolution**

Moved by Shelly Boggs and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to implement an Act 57 of 2022 Resolution providing for Property Tax Penalty Waiver Provisions. Roll call vote – all ayes.

### **FCATB 2023 Operating Budget**

Moved by Shelly Boggs and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to approve the 2023 General Operating Budget for the Franklin County Area Tax Bureau in the amount of \$1,595,200. The projected cost of collections for 2023 remains below the authorized rate of 2.2%. Roll call vote – all ayes.

### **FCATB Representative and Alternate**

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Shelly Boggs to appoint Daniel Simpson as District Representative and Catherine Adams as Alternate to the Franklin County Area Tax Board for the 2023 calendar year. Roll call vote – Stacy Coffman – aye, Bonnie Cornelious – aye, Chad McClure – aye, Sue Rosenberry – aye, Catherine Adams – abstained, Shelly Boggs – aye, Walter Hoffmann – aye. 6 ayes, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

## **Other**

### **Articles of Agreement**

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Shelly Boggs to approve the Sixth Amended and Restated Articles of Agreement between participating school districts to provide for the operation of the Franklin County Career and Technology Center (FCCTC). Roll call vote – all ayes.



**Board Member Suggestion/Discussion**

Sue Rosenberry said she asked a question at the Policy and Personnel Committee meeting regarding a staff member. Dr. Will said she met with them and gave them some team building strategies.

Bonnie Cornelious asked about food supplies. Dr. Will said she would check into it.

Catherine Adams thanked Daniel Simpson and Todd Best for their help with FOFMA.

Moved by Catherine Adams and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Roll call vote – all ayes. Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Stacy Coffman for the Board to resume the Executive Session for safety and security. The Board did not reconvene in regular session.



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Sandra D. Bloom  
Board Secretary