

Fannett-Metal School District  
Willow Hill, Pennsylvania 17271

The Fannett-Metal School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7:02 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present were Sue Rosenberry, President; Bonnie Cornelious, Vice-President; Catherine Adams, Shelly Boggs, Stacy Coffman, Jason Goshorn, Amanda Guyer, Walter Hoffmann, and Chad McClure. There were no members absent. Also present were Dr. Tara Will, Superintendent; Daniel Simpson, Business Manager; Teresa Black, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services; Todd Best, Middle/High School Principal; Stephanie Shoemaker, Elementary Principal; Elliott Sulcove, Solicitor and Sandra Bloom, Board Secretary. Visitors present were: Ben Sites.

### **OPENING BUSINESS**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 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 Amanda Guyer to approve the payment of invoices from March 10, 2023 through April 7, 2023. Roll call vote – all ayes.

#### **Cafeteria Report**

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

#### **Activity Account Report**

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Walter Hoffmann to approve the March 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**

Teresa Black said she completed course 1 of her Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership course through the National Center on Education and the Economy and the National Institute for School Leadership program. Course 2 will begin next school year. Mrs. Black also attended a webinar on Executive Functioning Training and participated in the AED Training on the new AED machine that Mrs. Teresa Barnish won for the district.

Todd Best informed the Board that the Varsity Club received a letter of appreciation from PennDOT for their continued participation in Adopt a Highway. An articulation agreement has been signed with Allegany Community College (ACC) to provide dual enrollment opportunities. An ACC rep was here today for Fall 2023 class registration. The start date was shared with students as these courses will start before our courses. The monthly fire drill has been conducted for April and staff had PSSA proctoring training today.

Stephanie Shoemaker said the Music in Our Schools Month concert was on March 21, 2023, featuring K-3 students was wonderful! A full house of family and friends attended the event. The end of the marking period rewards was no homework coupon for all students with A's and B's and no late assignments and extra recess for 90% or better citizenship grade. PSSA test administrator training course was completed today. English language arts testing will begin April 24, 2023, and math and science testing will be the following week. Staff will continue to do progress monitoring growth and Family BINGO night is scheduled for May 8, 2023.

Dr. Tara Will said the HVAC project is officially completed. The punch list has been signed off and McClure Company sent the certificate of completion along with the certificate of occupancy for our records. McClure did an excellent job with this project. Dr. Will was invited to be a guest speaker at the Pre-K class at the Upper Path Valley Presbyterian Church. She read the book *Nel* to the class. The students seemed to enjoy the book. She received notification that Act 55 now requires school safety and security coordinators to receive training. Mrs. Shoemaker is assigned this duty. There is a timeline for completion, but the clock doesn't start until the program is officially launched. Michael Debraikly, a paralegal from the Dillon McCardless Group has submitted the Altria litigation. The trial starts on April 24, 2023, in San Francisco, California. Dr. Will will keep the board posted. PDE has issued new requirements that must be added to our Comprehensive Plan. The first is we must now have a signed cooperative agreement with an institute of higher education that allows students to receive dual credit. Our agreement is with Allegany College of Maryland. In addition, Chapter 49 requires school districts to extend the length of teacher induction from one year to two years starting in the 2024-2025 school year. This requirement includes adding professional development on culturally relevant sustaining education, professional ethics, and structured literacy. She has a webinar tomorrow that will explain more about this process. Our flexible instruction day application expires in June. Dr. Will began working on the new application in the FRCPP system. Once approved, this will allow us to switch from in-person to remote learning in the event of a closure due to an emergency or inclement weather. Mrs. Barnish, our school nurse, recently won a \$2,000 AED defibrillator from Zoll. The school nurses, athletic director, building administrators and Dr. Will attended a training at the high school and are exploring grant opportunities to purchase an additional portable AED that can be used at sporting events. The athletic booster organization recently gave \$500 to each sports team. I think all the coaches really appreciate this and Dr. Will wanted to publicly acknowledge their generosity. Dr. Will said she received a use of facilities request for the alumni basketball to use the gym over the summer on Sundays from 12:00 – 2:00. Dr. Will said she spoke with the person and due to cleaning and waxing floors they would revisit it later. She also was approached by an individual

about coaching girls' varsity basketball. Currently, we do not have any openings. Dr. Will also mentioned that PSBA has board training if they would be interested.

Sandy Bloom gave a report on PDE's Data Summit that she attended two weeks ago. The Summit had over 150 sessions and was sometimes hard to choose which session to attend so she concentrated on sessions pertaining to her work with PIMS reporting such as: homeschooling, staff reporting, PA Secure ID, CRDC, Ward of State and foster students, english language learners, PSSA and Keystone reporting, ESSER reporting, staff appropriately certified and course reporting. She did some networking with other Franklin County schools and PDE staff. She always learns something new at the summit and thanked the Board for letting her attend to keep abreast of upcoming changes. Unfortunately, she didn't win anything this time.

Ben Sites, Franklin County Deputy Sheriff gave a presentation on school safety security/resource overview. Safety is paramount in schools. The new law defined the rolls of School Police Officers (SPO), School Resource Officer (SRO), and Armed Security. The approximate cost of partnering with the sheriff's office is \$73,000 - \$86,000. After the presentation Dr. Will asked the Board where do we go from here, some discussion ensued with the Board requesting additional information.

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## **DISCUSSION**

Path Valley Historical Society Inc. – questioned the possibility of using the Foundation Building, either by the district gifting it to them or renting it. Mr. Sulcove said law says school districts cannot gift property, we could loan it or rent it.

Pre-K Counts Grant – Dr. Will gave an update on the possibility of Pre-K Count/First Start Partnership for Children and Families moving back to the district facilities.

Social Media Litigation – Mr. Sulcove gave information on litigation of schools suing social media companies – do we want to be included in it. He will check into it further and report back.



## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Policies**

Moved by Shelly Boggs and seconded by Catherine Adams to approve the second reading of the following policies:

Policy 601	Fiscal Objectives
Policy 602	Budget Planning
Policy 603	Budget Preparation
Policy 604	Budget Adoption
Policy 605	Tax Levy
Policy 606	Tax Collection
Policy 607	Tuition Income
Policy 608	Bank Accounts
Policy 609	Investment of District Funds
Policy 612	Purchases Not Budgeted
Policy 613	Cooperative Purchasing

Roll call vote – all ayes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Personnel**

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Catherine Adams to approve the following personnel items:

Stephen Bennett as a bus driver for the 2022-2023 school year for Weaver Busing, LLC

Betty Jane Wingert as a Part-time Cafeteria Worker at an hourly rate of \$10.00

Change Leslee Proper's resignation date from April 28, 2023 to April 21, 2023

Roll call vote – all ayes.

### **Curriculum**

Moved by Jason Goshorn and seconded by Catherine Adams to approve the following curriculum items:

World History Class field trip on April 14, 2023 to Wilson College, Hankey Center Museum and Archives using the school van.

To enter into a Letter of Agreement between TrueNorth Wellness Services and the Fannett-Metal School District for the designated time period of June 1, 2023 through June 1, 2024.

Terminate the Girl Varsity Soccer Co-Operative Agreement with Southern Huntingdon School District due to their board approving their own program.

Continue the district's relationship with River Rock Academy for the three-year period of 2023-2024 through 2025-2026 school years and purchase 3 slots at a cost of \$83,250 for 2023-2024, \$83,250 for 2024-2025 and \$91,575 for 2025-2026, which includes reimbursable transportation.

Roll call vote – all ayes.

### **Building and Grounds**

No action needed.

### **Policy**

#### **Policies**

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Shelly Boggs to approve the first reading of the following policies:

Policy 143	Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
Policy 144	Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
Policy 614	Payroll Authorization
Policy 615	Payroll Deductions
Policy 616	Payment of Bills
Policy 617	Petty Cash
Policy 618	Student Activity Funds
Policy 619	District Audit
Policy 620	Fund Balance
Policy 621	Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights
Policy 622	GASB Statement 34/Capitalization
Policy 624	Taxable Fringe Benefits
Policy 626.1	Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs

Roll call votes – all ayes.

### **Budget and Finance**

#### **Districtwide Substitute**

Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Shelly Boggs to utilize a dedicated districtwide substitute through ESS for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote – all ayes.

#### **Seated Land Tax Exoneration**

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

Walter Hoffmann asked if anyone looks at books that are donated to the school libraries to make sure they are appropriate. Mr. Best said there have only been two books that he knows of that were donated in the past four years and they were books about Path Valley.



Moved by Walter Hoffmann and seconded by Amanda Guyer to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Roll call vote – all ayes.



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Sandra D. Bloom  
Board Secretary