



School Board of Directors Meeting

May 7, 2020

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Minutes

A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Columbia Borough School Board of Directors, which was properly advertised in the LNP Lancaster Newspaper, was held virtually due to the closing of school buildings because of COVID-19 on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Leader called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Leader led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance: Sandra Duncan, Devon Fisher, Kathleen Hohenadel, Kate Keyser, Cole Knighton, Robert Misciagna, Lauren VonStetten, Rebecca Young, and Charles Leader

District Administration in attendance: Tom Strickler, Keith Ramsey, and Gregg McGough

4. Communications

There were no communications

5. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

The Board recognizes the value of public comment by residents of the district on agenda items. Each resident of Columbia Borough wishing to address the Board will be limited to five (5) minutes to make their comments. While your comments are welcome, please refrain from introducing questions before the Board or Administration. Please forward any questions, via E-mail, to the Board President at cleader@columbiabsd.org. Answers to your questions will be sought from the appropriate Administrative staff. A response will be sent to you in a timely manner. After being recognized by the presiding officer, the speaker must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation if appropriate. All comments shall be directed to the presiding officer.

The presiding officer may interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant.

There were no public comments

6. Finance Committee (Miss Hohenadel - Chair)

a. Motion to Approve Resolution Authorizing the 2020-21 Proposed Final Budget Display and Advertising

Mr. Misciagna made a motion. Mrs. VonStetten seconded the motion.

Miss Hohenadel explained that this resolution has the District making the budget available for public inspection. It is a \$27,138,587 budget with no tax increase and the other part is the advertising notice.

Mr. Misciagna – Yes; Mrs. VonStetten – Yes; Mrs. Duncan – Yes; Mrs. Fisher – Yes; Miss Hohenadel – Yes; Mrs. Keyser – Yes; Mr. Knighton – Yes; Mrs. Young – Yes; Mr. Leader – Yes

The motion passed (9 – 0)

7. Personnel Committee (Mrs. Duncan - Chair)

a. Motion to approve the following retirement/resignations

Administrative Staff:

Sharon Raup, Director of Special Education at Columbia Borough District Office, retirement of her position effective June 30, 2020.

Miss Hohenadel made a motion. Mrs. Young seconded the motion.

Miss Hohenadel – Yes; Mrs. Young – Yes; Mrs. Duncan – Yes; Mrs. Fisher – Yes; Mrs. Keyser – Yes; Mr. Knighton – Yes; Mr. Misciagna – Yes; Mrs. VonStetten – Yes; Mr. Leader – Yes

The motion passed (9 – 0)

Professional Staff:

Amanda Gorman, Kindergarten Elementary Teacher at Park Elementary School, resignation of her position effective April 24, 2020.

Mrs. VonStetten made a motion. Mrs. Keyser seconded the motion.

Mrs. VonStetten – Yes; Mrs. Keyser – Yes; Mrs. Duncan – Yes; Mrs. Fisher – Yes; Miss Hohenadel – Yes; Mr. Knighton – Yes; Mr. Misciagna – Yes; Mrs. Young – Yes; Mr. Leader – Yes

The motion passed (9 – 0)

Christopher Mundy, Secondary School Counselor at Columbia Borough High School, resignation of his position effective August 17, 2020.

Mr. Misciagna made a motion. Miss. Hohenadel seconded the motion.

Mr. Misciagna – Yes; Miss Hohenadel – Yes; Mrs. Duncan – Yes; Mrs. Fisher – Yes; Mrs. Keyser – Yes; Mr. Knighton – Yes; Mrs. VonStetten – Yes; Mrs. Young – Yes; Mr. Leader – Yes

The motion passed (9 – 0)

Athletic- Extra-Curricular Staff:

Demetrius Archer, Assistant Marching Band Director at Columbia Borough High/Middle School campus, resigned his position effective March 3, 2020.

Mrs. Keyser made a motion. Mrs. VonStetten seconded the motion.

Mrs. Keyser – Yes; Mrs. VonStetten – Yes; Mrs. Duncan – Yes; Mrs. Fisher – Yes; Miss Hohenadel – Yes; Mr. Knighton – Yes; Mr. Misciagna – Yes; Mrs. Young – Yes; Mr. Leader – Yes

The motion passed (9 – 0)

b. Motion to approve agreement with CCIU to provide an Interim Special Education Director

Miss Hohenadel made a motion. Mr. Misciagna seconded the motion.

Miss Hohenadel asked how many days per year is the contract. Mr. Strickler said this contract is replacing a twelve (12) month position. Mr. Ramsey shared that it is for 230 days.

Mrs. Fisher asked if the contract can be terminated if we should find a replacement. Mr. Strickler confirmed that the contract can be terminated at any time with no penalties.

Miss Hohenadel – Yes; Mr. Misciagna – Yes; Mrs. Duncan – Yes; Mrs. Fisher – Yes; Mrs. Keyser – Yes; Mr. Knighton – Yes; Mrs. VonStetten – Yes; Mrs. Young – Yes; Mr. Leader – Yes

The motion passed (9 – 0)

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11. Adjournment

President Leader adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.


Keith D. Ramsey
School Board Secretary