



# School Board of Directors Meeting

## August 3, 2020

### Committee Meetings

### Minutes

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*Committee meetings of the Columbia Borough School Board of Directors, which was properly advertised in the LNP Lancaster Newspaper, were held on Thursday, August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in-person at the District Administration Center and virtually due to the Governor's Order of July 16, 2020 imposing limits on large gatherings.*

*To hear the details under each agenda item, please refer to the recording of the meeting which is posted on the District's website ([www.columbiabsd.org](http://www.columbiabsd.org)) under Departments // School Board // Virtual School Board Meetings YouTube.*

## 1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

## 2. Roll Call

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

**Board Member not in attendance:** Cole Knighton

**District Administration in attendance:** Tom Strickler and Gregg McGough

## 3. Extra-Curricular Committee (Mrs. VonStetten – Chair)

Mr. Strickler asked for guidance from the School Board regarding fall sports. As it stands right now, PIAA is full steam ahead with no spectators. After some discussion, the School Board recommends waiting and seeing what transpires over the next few weeks as more guidance may be forthcoming.

## 4. Curriculum & Instruction Committee (Mrs. Fisher – Chair)

- a. Approval to add books to Columbia High School library

Grouped into three categories

- i. Mental Health Awareness & Powerful Emotional Content
- ii. Social Justice & Activism
- iii. LGBTQ+ Equality, Understanding, and Celebration

Columbia Education Foundation approved a mini grant for the purchase after Board approval

The Director of Curriculum requested that the Board move this agenda forward to September's meeting. The reason for the shift was to allow for time to create a defined list of potential book purchases with short synopses for the texts. The board allowed for the delay and requested that the district research texts from this list to add at the middle/elementary schools and paid for out of the general fund.

b. Information Item: School Instructional Reopening Plan

Format Review

- i. SMART Goals
- ii. Action Plan Steps
- iii. Professional Development Steps
- iv. Communications

The Director of Curriculum issued a positive statement on the amazing efforts of the teaching staff during the Continuity of Education implementation. He then explained the format of the plan as a guidance document for designing a new instructional model. As the first step in the process, the administration reviewed the 98 teacher reflections and coded them based upon thematic commonalities: teacher efficacy in personalized learning, attendance & student engagement, learning plan design, social-emotional learning, technology resources implementation, and communication strategies. The board questioned potential internet issues and procedures for shifting between in-person and virtual learning. The administration concluded the conversation by stating that as new plans are completed, they will be shared with the board.

## 7. Policy Committee (Mr. Misciagna - Chair)

Mr. Misciagna reported that there is only one policy for review which is titled Use of Livestream Video on School District Property. After some discussion, the policy will be placed on the August 20, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda to approve the policy, which includes waiving the three (3) readings to get the policy in place prior to the first student day.

Mr. Strickler shared that the District just received notification from PSBA regarding revisions to existing policies to comply with the new Title IX regulations. As soon as we receive them from PSBA, we will send them out for your review at next month's Policy Committee meeting.

## 10. Adjournment

President Leader adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.



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Keith D. Ramsey  
School Board Secretary