

COCALICO SCHOOL DISTRICT Denver, PA

The regular meeting of the Cocalico School Board of Directors was called to order on Monday, August 23, 2021 by Rev. Kevin Eshleman, President. He welcomed the visitors. A moment of silence was held, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Michelle Shirey and students Alyssa Bernard, Kiera Tran, Ryan Blocksom, and Amelia Madrigal presented their Problem-Based Learning and Sustainability Project.

Board Members:

Lin Sensenig
Douglas Graybill
Rev. Kevin Eshleman

Pamela Blickle
Juanita Fox

Randall Renninger
Brett Buckwalter

Administrators:

Dr. Ella Musser
Sherri L. Stull
Andrew Price
Dr. Susan Snyder
Rebecca Culbert
Brad Kafferlin

Dr. Stephen Melnyk
Chris Irvine
Anthony DiMatteo
Dr. Bryan Watkins
Dr. Andria Weaver

Dr. Beth Haldeman
Scott Bennetch
Samantha Bensing
Angela Marley
Sherry Luttrell

Visitors:

Clarence Rutt
Jere Weber
Ali Weber
Amy Maier
Brian Gossert
Falin Gossert
Michelle Hohl
Tara Nussbaum
Rodney Nussbaum
Jason Weidman
Shad Sahn
Bruce Gentry
Chris Perkins
Lonny LeVan
Kim Fasnacht
Leah Shenk
Quinten Zwally
Rachel Kane
Brett Zimmerman
Elijah Swangren
Ben Hurst
Nancy Wise

Rick Jacobs
Lee Sauder
Adam Weber
Rachel Elliott
Doris Lutz
June Kinback
Jamie Kinback
Clint Wise
Kristin Wise
Becky Grimwood
Patrick Jasinski
Stephanie Cooper
Mark Cooper
Bronson Reedy
Brian Reedy
Amber Sharp
Aubree Fahringer
Rich Fisher
Kristi Fisher
Wendie Sauder
Cornel Weber
Amy Weber

Linford Hurst
Suelda Hurst
Gary Hambright
Eric Fisher
Angie Lutz
Michael Price
Shannon Zimmerman
Brett Zimmerman
Dan Burton
Tonia Burton
J. Scott Garman
Kelly Current
James Gehman
Tara Jacobs
Lara Blocksom
Patti Sensenig
Andrew Srock
John Lippincott
Corey Noll
Norlene Steinmetz
Janie Good
Holly Rutt

On a motion made by Mr. Buckwalter and seconded by Mr. Sensenig, the Board approved the minutes of the School Board meeting held on July 26, 2021. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Addendum attached)

Made to motion by Mr. Buckwalter and seconded by Mr. Sensenig, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report as written. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Beginning Balance 7/1/21 \$22,083,339.74

Receipts:

Cocalico Tax Account	3,596,798.45
PDE – Special Education	286,618.00
PDE – Title I	23,402.93
PDE – Title IIA	4,675.06
PDE – CARES-ESSER	18,079.63
PDE – CRRSA-ESSER II	30,783.33
PDE – NSL	59,910.51
Commonwealth of PA – Oven Grant	24,999.96
Commonwealth of PA – Dollars A Day 2020	40.00
County of Lancaster – Realty Transfer Taxes	58,928.43
County of Lancaster – Delinquent Taxes	59,882.57
LCTCB – Wage Tax	197,614.14
Berkheimer – delinquent per capita tax	16.50
E & I Cooperative Service - rebate	33.91
CCIU – refund student tuition – Devereux School	3,937.95
Omni – refund severance double payment	37,430.00
Utica Insurance payment	7,389.52
Cocalico Food Service – salaries and benefits	61,168.12
District Magistrate – fines	300.00
School Rental/Land Lease	275.00
Ephrata Recycling	33.00
Athletic Fees	72.48
Summer Band	20.00
Fuel Sharing Fees	2,533.40
Insurance Receipts from Retirees	66,198.65
Insurance Receipts from Employees/Cobra	6,611.92
Miscellaneous Income	2,850.00
Interest	1,004.52

Total Receipts \$4,551,607.98

Total Receipts Plus Beginning Balance \$26,634,947.72

Expenditures:

Invoices approved for month of July	1,282,313.35
Invoices for Athletics for month of July	35,715.77
Health Insurance Transfer	300,000.00
Payrolls – 7/2, 7/16 & 7/30	2,172,687.61
Fulton Bank – monthly fee	1,013.07

Total Expenditures \$3,791,729.80

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Void ck#155554-Paul B Zimmerman-duplicate payment	(24.20)
Void ck#154376-Cocalico Cheerleading Booster Club-stale check	(639.40)
Void ck#154457-Cocalico Swimming Booster Club-stale check	(508.46)
Void ck#155704-Montour SD-wrong vendor	(1,095.00)
Net Expenditures	\$3,789,462.74

Ending Balance 7/31/21

\$22,845,484.98

Mr. Renninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Buckwalter, to approve invoices in the amount of \$2,056,737.39. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Addendum attached)

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the Capital Project Fund Account Register in the amount of \$759,967.81. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Addendum attached)

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renninger, for Board approval of a Real Estate Exoneration. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Addendum attached)

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sensenig for Board approval of a two-year contract with Substitute Teacher Service (STS). Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Addendum attached)

Mr. Renninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Buckwalter, for Board approval of the 2021-2022 PDE Sponsor-to-Sponsor agreement with Community Action Lancaster County. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Addendum attached)

Mr. Sensenig made a motion, seconded by Mr. Buckwalter, for Board approval of a request to establish a student activity. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Addendum attached)

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renninger, for Board approval of the bus schedules, drivers, and transportation contracts for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Addenda attached)

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renninger, for Board approval of parent/student handbooks for the 2021-2022 school year, staff personnel to attend workshops, conferences, and in-service programs during the 2021-2022 school year upon receiving appropriate approval from supervisory personnel, and students to participate in District/State competitions and other school sponsored activities during the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Addenda attached)

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renninger, for Board approval of the Emergency Instructional Template for 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Addendum attached)

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renninger, for Board approval of an additional graduate to the class of 2021. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Addendum attached)

PERSONNEL

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sensenig, for Board approval of the following personnel items:

- (a) Approval of an amendment to the July 2021 Personnel Addendum
- (b) Approval of the following support staff retirement:
 - (1) Allen Wingenroth, Maintenance, effective February 1, 2022
- (c) Approval of the following support staff resignations:
 - (1) Bernice McKenzie, Library Assistant, effective August 15, 2021
 - (2) Stephanie Martin, Paraprofessional, effective July 23, 2021
 - (3) Nichole Brown, Paraprofessional, effective July 28, 2021
 - (4) Kelley DeVault, Paraprofessional, effective August 3, 2021
 - (5) Jennifer Heinaman, Paraprofessional, effective August 9, 2021
 - (6) Deanna Moyer, Custodian, effective August 12, 2021
 - (7) Kristin Beaver, Food Service, effective August 17, 2021
- (d) Approval of the following support staff personnel:
 - (1) Melissa Hyneman, Elementary Classroom Paraprofessional, effective August 23, 2021
 - (2) Jennifer Rhinier, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective August 18, 2021
- (e) Approval of substitute support staff personnel:
 - (1) Kristin Beaver, Food Service Substitute, effective August 17, 2021
 - (2) Carol Slifka, Food Service Substitute, effective August 18, 2021
 - (3) Nichole Brown, Substitute Administrative Assistant, effective July 28, 2021
- (f) Approval of rescinded, amended, and new supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year
- (g) Approval of STS employed guest teachers
- (h) Approval of volunteer coaches

Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Brett Buckwalter shared an update regarding the Lancaster-Lebanon IU13's most recent Board meeting and the programs and services they provide.

Dr. Ella Musser commented about back-to-school events, a \$10,000 donation from High Industries, and the Comprehensive Plan. She invited Dr. Haldeman and the building principals to share some of their goals from the Comprehensive Plan with the School Board.

Rev. Eshleman shared that he had attended open houses at the schools and observed some students and teachers wearing masks and some without masks. He clarified that the survey sent out earlier this summer was only sent to families with students enrolled in Cocalico. He asked that people not rely totally on what they read in the paper, and mentioned the confusion over requirements for masks on busses. Rev. Eshleman finished by saying that the administration, teachers, and Board worked very hard for the students in the past year and care about the students.

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Mr. Lin Sensenig said that the community may have felt that the Board didn't react fast enough last year, but explained that the Board gathers information and prefers to act deliberately and responsibly.

Prior to the general comments portion of the meeting, Rev. Eshleman announced the rules for public comment.

During the general comments portion of the meeting, several residents voiced opinions and concerns: Mr. Corey Noll questioned how much power/say NEA has over our curriculum. Ms. Janie Good expressed concerns that the Board did not listen to or completely report her comments from a previous meeting. Ms. June Kinback, a taxpayer who has not had a child go through the school district, questioned how much training teachers have been given on CRT and asked that we show our students how to be critical thinkers and not be trained to think like their teachers. Mrs. Sueda Hurst requested to have the Board Meetings recorded. She questioned why some districts do not require masks, quarantining, or contact tracing. Mr. Patrick Jasinski reported that his response on the survey sent out earlier this year was that he would be comfortable with an optional mask policy, but with the increase in cases, things have changed. Mr. Dan Burton presented an experiment to show the ineffectiveness of masks, and concluded that masks only hold in bacteria against children's faces, they do nothing to keep the virus out.

On a motion made by Mr. Buckwalter, seconded by Mr. Sensenig, and unanimously agreed to by the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Sherri L. Stull
Secretary