

# **BELLEFONTE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Board Notes**

*December 7, 2021*

### **School Board News**

At the reorganization and regular meetings of the Bellefonte Area School District Board of School Directors held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, the following took place:

- ❖ Elected Mr. Jeff Steiner as Board President
- ❖ Elected Mr. Jon Guizar as Board Vice President
- ❖ Appointed Ms. Donna Smith as PSBA Legislative Representative/Liaison
- ❖ Appointed Mr. Jeff Steiner as the Central Intermediate Unit #10 Representative for 2022 and 2023
- ❖ Appointed Mrs. Kimberly Weaver and Mr. Jack Bechdel as the Central PA Institute of Science and Technology Representative
- ❖ Appointed Mr. Ken Bean as Tax Collection Committee Representative and Mrs. Andrea Royer as Alternate
- ❖ Appointed Dr. Marie Perini and Ms. Andrea Royer as the Central PA School Employee Benefit Trust Representatives
- ❖ Approved Board Meeting Schedule for 2022
- ❖ Approved the Minutes from the November 16, 2021, Regular Meeting

### **PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

- Orchestra Students Performance
- Five-Year Plan
- ESSER II and ARP ESSER III Funds
- Policies for Second Discussion

### **PERSONNEL**

- Approved the resignation of Ms. Bethany Lowery from the position of Cafeteria Worker at Benner Elementary School, effective December 11, 2021. Ms. Lowery has been with the district since October 2011.
- Approved the retirement of Mrs. Renee Clouse from the position of Health Room Assistant at Benner Elementary School, effective January 4, 2022. Mrs. Clouse has been with the district since October 2003.

- Approved the resignation of Ms. Kimberly Miller from the position of Cafeteria Aide at Marion-Walker Elementary School, effective November 10, 2021. Ms. Miller has been with the district since September 2021.
- Approved the transfer of Ms. Karen Confer from the position of Second Shift Custodian at Bellefonte Area High School to the position of Second Shift Custodian at Bellefonte Elementary School, effective date December 6, 2021. Ms. Confer replaces Ms. Sarah Gardner who transferred.
- Approved the transfer of Mr. John Leathers from the position of Second Shift Custodian at Bellefonte Area High School to the position of Second Shift Custodian at Bellefonte Elementary School, effective date December 6, 2021. Mr. Leathers replaces Mr. Dale (Vern) Reed who transferred.
- Approved the transfer of Mrs. Therese Fedor from the position of Paraeducator/PCA at Bellefonte Area Middle School to the position of Library Clerk, Level D/6 hours a day, at Marion-Walker Elementary School and Pleasant Gap Elementary School, effective date upon release from current position. Mrs. Fedor replaces Ms. Tammy Way who resigned.
- Appointed Ms. Debra Sagastume to the position of Guidance Clerk, Level F/Step 1, at a rate of \$15.02 per hour at Bellefonte Area Middle School, effective date January 4, 2022. Ms. Sagastume replaces Mrs. Kimberly Van Buskirk who retires. All wages and benefits are in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Appointed Ms. Marlee Jones as a temporary professional employee to the position of Learning Support Teacher at Benner Elementary School, Bachelor's+30, Step 3, at a salary of \$49,483, effective date December 8, 2021. Ms. Jones replaces Ms. Sara Wolfe who transferred. All wages and benefits are in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Approved the following Extra Duty/Extra Pay position for the 2021-22 school year:

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| Michael Spangler | Junior High Wrestling Coach | \$2,133.12 |
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- Approved the following Mentor position for the 2021-22 school year:

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| <b>Mentor</b>   | <b>New Teacher</b> |
| Christa Calabro | Marlee Jones       |

- Approved the following salary column change:

| <b>NAME</b>        | <b>CURRENT STEP</b> | <b>NEW STEP</b> | <b>NEW SALARY</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| McDermott, Patrick | M15 STEP 5          | M30 STEP 5      | \$55,525          |

Note: Salary column changes are Approved in accordance with Article 19(B) of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of School Directors of the Bellefonte Area School District and the Bellefonte Area Education Association. These changes will be effective with the September 3, 2021, payroll.

- Approved the Family Medical Leave for one District employee as per detailed backup. Detailed leave listing included as backup to the Minutes.
- The following request is subject to guidelines within Board Policy for Short-Term Uncompensated Leaves. All requested leaves are for personal reasons.

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| Heather Shawley | Paraeducator/PCA | Bellefonte Elementary | 11/16/21 (4.5 hours),<br>11/17/21 (3 hours) |
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| Jaime Jolley   | Paraeducator | Pleasant Gap Elementary | 1/25/22 (4 hours), 1/26 (6 hours), 1/27/21 (6 hours) |
| Shannon Albert | Counselor    | Benner Elementary       | 2/04/22 (1 Day)                                      |

- Approved the following Volunteers for the 2021-22 School Year:

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| Samantha | Hackenberg | Fine Arts Volunteer |
| Eric     | Funk       | Baseball            |
| Alex     | Coppolo    | Wrestling           |
| Joshua   | Fishburn   | Wrestling           |
| Ryan     | Smith      | Wrestling           |
| Richard  | Taylor     | Wrestling           |
| Devon    | Francke    | Wrestling           |
| Joseph   | Cotter Jr. | Girls' Basketball   |

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

- Approved the following new course for the school year 2022-23:
  - Short Story Studies
- Approved the following field trip for the 2021-2022 school year:
  - High School students to visit the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh on December 8, 2021. Approximate transportation costs of \$336 will be paid out of the General Fund. #0546

## **FINANCE**

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- Approved the administration to bid the replacement of 6 rooftop units at Marion-Walker Elementary School.
- Approved a \$1,500.00 grant from Walmart Facility #2230.
- Approved the agreement to use the pool at Lock Haven University.

## **OTHER**

- Approved the following donations for the 2021-22 school year:

- winter coats/clothing to the Bellefonte Elementary School Health Room from St. John's United Church of Christ
- 15 Thanksgiving Baskets and 15 \$20 Weis Market Gift Cards to families in the district from PSU Student Activities Clubs
- \$500 to the Bellefonte Education Foundation from Bill Faust from Moshannon Valley Pharmacy and Boalsburg Apothecary
- Approved to renew the contract of Mrs. Michelle Simpson as the Director of Human Resources at the same terms and conditions from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2027.
- Approved the following policies:
  - Policy 130 - Homework
  - Policy 823 - Naloxone
  - Policy 827 - Conflict of Interest