

**HEMPFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
200 CHURCH STREET
LANDISVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2021**

The Committee Meeting of the Hempfield School Board was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, on a virtual meeting platform and at Hempfield High School, 200 Stanley Avenue, Landisville, PA 17538 in the Performing Arts Center. The following board members were present: Dylan Bard, Mike Donato, Linda Johnston, Grant Keener, Jim Maurer, Charles Merris, Bill Otto, and Patrick Wagner. Chris Smiley was absent. Also present: Michael Bromirski, Superintendent; Mark Brooks, School Board Secretary/Chief Financial & Operations Officer; Michael Graham, Chief Information Officer; Karen Hall, Treasurer/Executive Director of Human Resources & Business Operations; Maria Hoover, Assistant Superintendent; Cheryl Irwin-Bass, Communications Director; Tab Musser, Assistant Superintendent; Jacquelyn Strybos, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Recording Secretary. There were approximately 57 residents in the audience and 90 joining the meeting virtually on Zoom.

Mr. Michael Donato called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Donato stated that the school board met in executive session immediately following the Joint Buildings & Grounds/Finance Committee Meeting on September 28th, 2021 to discuss a legal issue and a personnel issue, and immediately prior to this meeting at 5:45 pm to discuss a personnel issue and several safety and security issues. He noted that the district would be audio recording the meeting for the sole purpose of compiling the meeting minutes and a few audience members also planned to record the meeting.

Mr. Keener made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer to approve the agenda incorporating additions/deletions and a change to allow the Superintendent's Report to be given before the Residents' Request to Address the Board.

Vote: "Aye" 8; "Nay" 0; Absent 1 (Smiley). Motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

COVID Update

Mr. Bromirski gave a presentation entitled School Community COVID Update covering: recent activity including his testimony at the PA Senate Hearing on September 23, 2021; the PA Department of Health press conference on September 30, 2021; COVID case counts in the district; the district dashboard; COVID testing; the mask mandate; the district's exemption form process; and the communication received from the PA Departments of Human Services & Education noting reports equating wearing a mask to child abuse is an inappropriate and unnecessary distraction for both educators and child welfare workers. Details of this presentation may be found on the School Board webpage under October 2021 Documents.

Mr. Bromirski noted the cancellation of the November 2, 2021 Committee meeting due to the election.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 5, 2021	5:45 pm, Executive Session, 7:00 pm, School Board Regular Meeting Hempfield High School, Performing Arts Center
Oct. 12, 2021	TBD, Executive Session, 7:00 pm, School Board Regular Meeting Hempfield High School, Performing Arts Center
Oct. 14, 2021	5:00 pm, Policy, Personnel and Legal Committee Meeting Hempfield High School, Performing Arts Center
Oct. 26, 2021	5:00 pm, Joint Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee Meeting Hempfield High School, Performing Arts Center
Oct. 28, 2021	5:00 pm, Education and Programs Committee Meeting Hempfield High School, Performing Arts Center
Nov. 2, 2021	TBD, Executive Session, 7:00 pm, School Board Committee Meeting Hempfield High School, Performing Arts Center
Nov. 9, 2021	TBD, Executive Session, 7:00 pm, School Board Regular Meeting Hempfield High School, Performing Arts Center

Mr. Bromirski presented Mr. Charles Merris with a certificate recognizing him for 12 years of service as a school board member. He thanked and extended congratulations to Mr. Merris on behalf of the Pennsylvania School Board Association and the Hempfield School District.

RESIDENTS' REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (five-minute limit)

Richard Boyer addressed the Board on the mask mandate.

Angela Hess addressed the Board on the mask mandate.

Stacy Hernandez addressed the Board on the mask mandate and exemption practices.

Meridith Hilt addressed the Board on the mask mandate.

Eric Totten addressed the Board on the mask mandate and bullying.

Cheryl Laub addressed the Board on COVID-19 and the commitment to following the orders.

Lynn Wenditz addressed the Board on universal masking and transgender student athletes.

Fae Skuya addressed the Board on the mask mandate.

Vanessa Reisig addressed the Board on the mask mandate and any future vaccine mandates.

Tammitha Mitchell addressed the Board on the mask mandate.

Kim Roe addressed the Board on the mask mandate and provided a handout showing COVID cases, hospitalizations, ventilators, and deaths over the past year.

Jessica Totten addressed the Board on the mask mandate.

Jason Jenkins addressed the Board on the mask mandate.

Daniel Whilte addressed the Board on safety and the protection of privacy in bathrooms at the high school.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report

REPRESENTATIVE/ADJUNCT REPORTS

Lancaster County Career & Technology Center - Mr. Keener/Mr. Bard – no report

Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 - Mr. Merris – no report

Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC) – Mr. Aloisi/Dr. Harrington – Mr. Donato gave an update from Mr. Aloisi, noting: slight improvement in membership numbers, capital improvements that are underway, plans for future projects, and the budget review

Safety and Security - Mr. Wagner/Mrs. Johnston – no report

PSBA Liaison - Mr. Wagner/Mr. Merris – no report

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds - Mr. Merris/Mr. Donato/Mr. Wagner/Mr. Bard - Mr. Merris gave an update of agenda items covered at the joint Buildings & Grounds/Finance meeting held on September 28, 2021.

Education and Programs - Mrs. Johnston/Mr. Maurer/Mr. Merris/Mr. Bard - Mrs. Johnston gave an update of agenda items covered at the meeting held on September 30, 2021.

Finance - Mr. Maurer/Mr. Aloisi/Mrs. Johnston/Mr. Keener - Mr. Maurer gave an update of agenda items covered at the joint Buildings & Grounds/Finance meeting held on September 28, 2021.

Policy, Personnel and Legal - Mr. Smiley/Mr. Donato/Mrs. Johnston/Mr. Keener – In Mr. Smiley's absence, Mr. Keener gave an update of agenda items covered at the recent meeting held on September 16, 2021.

Minutes of the school board standing committee meetings may be found on the School Board webpage under each individual standing committee.

ACTION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**PERSONNEL ITEMS**

No discussion

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Mr. Maurer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merris to approve the following contracts:

Item IX.B.1.

- a. BoardDocs document management system software for School Board Meeting agendas
- b. Concord Theatricals, TAMS-WITMARK musical agreement for performing rights license for the high school musical, The Wizard of Oz

Vote: "Aye" 8 "Nay" 0; Absent 1 (Smiley). Motion passed.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS ITEMS

No discussion

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Keener made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merris to approve item **IX.D.4** for the wrestling team and coaches to attend the following overnight trips for tournaments

- a. Mill Hall, Pennsylvania from December 17-18, 2021
- b. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania from December 27-29, 2021
- c. Berlin, Maryland from January 14-15 2022

Vote: "Aye" 8; "Nay" 0; Absent 1 (Smiley). Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Donato asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Wagner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Otto to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Vote: "Aye" 8; "Nay" 0; Absent 1 (Smiley). Motion passed.

Mark W. Brooks
School Board Secretary