

DUNMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2021**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dunmore Board of School Directors was held **Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 6:00pm** in the High School Cafeteria. The Work Session was also, held **Monday, August 16, 2021, at 6:00pm** in the Board Room. Mr. Hallinan presided.

I. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

MR. BUTLER	PRESENT
MR. COLEMAN	PRESENT
MR. HALLINAN	PRESENT
MR. KRANICK	PRESENT
MS. LIBASSI	PRESENT
MR. MCHALE	PRESENT
MR. SUMMA	PRESENT
MR. MURACCO	PRESENT

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Marichak, Mrs. Lopatka, Atty. Matthew Dempsey – Not present
Moment of silence for Bob Holtham.

*** **PUBLIC DISCUSSION – NONE**

II. APPROVED MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Coleman seconded by Mr. McHale to **approve** the **MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of **JUNE 23, 2021**.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Mr. Muracco that permission be granted to the Following for the use of District facilities/equipment:

- 1. Cross Country Meetings in DHS Café 9/2/21 at 6:30am and 8/9/21 at 6:30pm and use of the campus for Alumni Race on 8/28/21 from 9am to 2pm**
- 2. Ratify Mandatory Volleyball Coaches Meeting 8/9/21 in DHS Café**
- 3. PIAA Officials Football Meetings in DHS Café from August – September 2021**
- 4. DSD Music Boosters use of facilities to operate refreshment stand during Football games.**
- 5. Crimson Company use of DSD Auditorium for Fundrasier 11/12/21- 11/14/21 and Auditions for Fall Show 9/7/21 – 9/9/21 with the Fall Show 12/9/21 – 12/12/21**
- 6. Dunmore Jr. Bucks Football & Cheer use of the field 8/15,8/22,8/29, 9/5,9/12,9/18,9/26,10/3,10/10,10/17, 10/24 & 10/31/21**
- 7. Ratify 570 Sports use of Softball field for Kickball game on 8/10/21**
- 8. Scranton Prep use of football field for their 8/27/21 game for**
 - 9. Girls Softball conditioning for Fall League on Sundays**
- 10. Scranton School District football teams request to use football field 9/4/21 & 9/12/21 for football games**
- 11. Montana Amusements – concession trailer for the 2021 football Season**
- 12. A Veteran's Vision – use of track on 9/11/21 8am to 11am**

The use of District facilities is subject to the conditions established by the Dunmore School District and may not conflict with any regularly scheduled activity.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

B. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Muracco to accept Superintendent's Evaluation for the 2020-2021 School year.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

C. Motion by Mr. Coleman seconded by Ms. Libassi to amend the existing Health and Safety Plan for the Dunmore School District. All Students and Staff of the Dunmore Elementary Center, grades K-6, will be required to wear masks or face coverings to begin the 2021-2022 School Year. This action is being undertaken because this student population does not have access to the vaccination at this point. For students and staff in the Jr/Sr High School, it is recommended that masks or face coverings be worn but not Required. This student group has had access to the vaccination.

Under this plan, teachers will have the discretion to allow mask breaks often. An example of this discretion would be if the class environment is such that each student has 3 feet or more of space, and is engaged in a stationary Exercise, than masks may be removed.

This policy will be revisited often and reviewed at the September Meeting of Board of Education. The Chair may call a special meeting at any time to Discuss. If there are medical reasons that contradict this action, please Contact the Administration at DEC to discuss the situation.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- D. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. McHale to thank and recognize the Efforts of the late Robert Holtham, our fellow Board Member and Distinguished Colleague.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- E. Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Mr. Kranick to accept Letters of interest For vacant Board position.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

IV. PERSONNEL

- A. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Ms. Libassi to accept the Personnel Reports.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- B. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Mr. Kranick to accept the resignation from Joe Baltrusaitis, Jr. High Track Coach effective immediately.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- C. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Ms. Libassi to accept resignation from Josh D'Annunzio, Assistant Weightlifting Coach effective immediately.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- D. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. McHale to accept resignation from Jennifer McDonald, Third Grade Team Leader effective immediately.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- E. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Mr. Summa to accept resignation from Mike O'Malley, Girls Jr. High Basketball Coach effective immediately.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- F. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Coleman to accept resignation from Jenna Urban, Girls Assistant Tennis Coach effective immediately.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- G. Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Mr. Kranick to accept resignation from Jennifer Lipski, Elementary Teacher effective immediately.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- H. Motion by Mr. Murraco seconded by Mr. Coleman to appoint Megan Judge, Math Teacher effective date August 26, 2021. Terms are defined in the Agreement with the Dunmore Federation of Teachers.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- I. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Muracco to appoint Maggie Del Guercio, Elementary Teacher effective date August 26, 2021. Terms are defined in the Agreement with the Dunmore Federation of Teachers.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- J. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. McHale to appoint Paul O'Malley, Jr High Co-Ed Soccer Coach effective immediately pending Clearances. This position Is for one (1) year only. Job description and details are available in the office of the Superintendent.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- K. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. McHale to appoint Haileigh Finnerty, Educere Virtual/daily Substitute in the DEC for the 2021-2022 School Year Effective date August 26, 2021. This will be funded out of ESSER's Grant.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- L. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Mr. Muracco to appoint Michael Vescovi, Educere Virtual/daily substitute in the DHS for the 2021-2022 School year Effective date August 26, 2021. This will be funded by the ESSER's Grant.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- M. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. McHale to appoint Jill Schulte, day-to day Substitute Aide effective date August 26, 2021 School year.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- N. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Coleman to appoint Robert Azzarelli, Girls Head Tennis Coach effective immediately pending Clearances. For Job Description and details inquire in the office to the Superintendent.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- O. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Kranick to appoint Ashley Sunseri, Girls Jr. High Basketball Coach effective immediately pending Clearances. For Job Description and details inquire in the office of the Superintendent.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- P. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. McHale to approve a Medical Sabbatical For DEC Guidance Counselor for the first ninety (90) days of the 2021-2022 School Year.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

V. EDUCATION

- A. Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Mr. Kranick to approve the SAP Agreement With NEIU #19 for the 2021-2022 School Year.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- B. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. McHale to approve the Agreement To make Educere our Virtual Instructional partner for the 2021-2022 School Year at a cost of \$1999.00 per seat. Also, Educere will provide Spanish and French to our 8th grade Students at a cost of \$399.00 per student.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- C. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve the Agreement With PATH for the 2021-2022 School Year.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- D. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Kranick to approve Matt Quinn, Michelle Kokindo & Danielle Pensack to attend the National ESEA Conference 2/16/22 Through 2/19/22 in New Orleans.

VI. FINANCE

- A. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Summa to approve the following payrolls:
6/25, 7/9, 7/23 & 8/6/21;**

6/25/21	\$349,289.54
7/9/21	\$364,573.81
7/23/21	\$369,264.80
8/6/21	<u>\$377,090.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,460,218.15

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- B. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Coleman to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of JUNE & JULY 2021.**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- C. Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Mr. Muracco to approve School Lunch prices for The 2021-2022 School Year.**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- D. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Kranick to approve Payment for LIST OF BILLS: \$1,122,632.26.**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- E. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Mr. McHale to accept Activities Reports for month(s) of JUNE & JULY 2021.**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- F. Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Mr. Butler to Wage Tax-Collector's Reports For month (s) of JUNE & JULY 2021.**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- G. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Coleman to accept the Valuation of Market Value for the Dunmore School District as established by the State Tax Equalization Board for 2020. See attached.**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- H. Motion by Mr. Coleman seconded by Mr. Kranick to approve a contract with Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company, Inc. for Preventative maintenance on the district's Forklift. The agreement is for 2021, 2022 and 2023. The cost is \$2270, \$1403 and \$1403 respectively. The cost in 2021 includes replacement batteries.**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- I. Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Mr. Summa to approve the renewal of the Student Accident/Sports Policy with PA Church Insurance Agency for 2021-2022 School Year. Cummings Insurance is the producer. The cost of the Policy is \$15,995. (\$1000 decrease from prior year)**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- J. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Summa to approve Capital Project payments;**

GIANT FLOOR	\$17,333
GIANT FLOOR	\$45,431
CM3 BUILDING SOLUTIONS	\$165,423.38
CM3 BUILDING SOLUTIONS	\$80,370.00

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- K. Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve List of Bus Drivers for the 2021-2022 School Year. (See attached list)**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- L. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Kranick to approve Parent Transportation Contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year. (See attached list)**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- M. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Mr. Summa to an extension of the Agreement with Pete's Garage LLC, to provide transportation Services for the 2021-2022 School Year. (See attached)**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- N. Motion by Mr. Hallinan seconded by Mr. Butler to extend contact with Gigi Muracco, Cleanrite Co. Inc. for cleaning services for the DEC and Jr/Sr High School at a cost of**



STATE TAX EQUALIZATION BOARD
Governor's Center for Local Government
Services

Date : 6/30/2021

PA Department of Community and Economic
Development

Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor | Harrisburg, PA
17120-0225

T: 717-787-5950 F: 717-783-1402
www.dced.pa.gov rw-stebweb@state.pa.us

TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

SCHOOL DISTRICT: Dunmore

AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 3 OF 71 P.S. §§ 1709.1507, KNOWN AS CHAPTER 15 OF THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT, THE STATE TAX EQUALIZATION BOARD HAS DULY CERTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON 7/1/2021. THE CHANGES IN THE 2020 MARKET VALUES WHICH RESULT FROM PROPERTIES GOING ON OR OFF THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTY	TOTAL 2020 MARKET VALUE
Lackawanna	\$719,824,806

SECTION 4 OF 71 P.S. §§ 1709.1507, PROVIDES THAT ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT AGGRIEVED BY ANY FINDING OR CONCLUSION OF THE BOARD AFFECTING THE AMOUNT OF ANY COMMONWEALTH SUBSIDY PAYABLE TO IT MAY, IN WRITING, STATE ITS OBJECTIONS THERETO.

SUCH OBJECTIONS MUST BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TAX EQUALIZATION BOARD, HARRISBURG, PA, ON OR BEFORE, 9/28/2021, AND NOT THEREAFTER, EXCEPT UPON CAUSE SHOWN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD. AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE, EACH DISTRICT FILING OBJECTIONS WILL BE GRANTED A HEARING BY THE BOARD, AT WHICH THE DISTRICT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHOWING THAT THE FINDINGS OF THE BOARD ARE INCORRECT.

STATE TAX EQUALIZATION BOARD

Peter P. Barsz, Chairman
Brittany J. Mercadante, Member
Gary S. Baker, Member



P.L.C. # M.L. 166235
P.U.C. # A. 81736

School Bus & Coach Service
Telephone 570-34608-46-47
1-800-443-PETE
Daily Drivers

400 Calvin Street
Dunmore, PA 18512
Telephone 570-344-6126-7
1-800-492-0100

Donna Sabia

Reese Thomas

Valerie Azzarelli

Cheryl Mackaliunas

Randolph Armitage

Christopher Fritz

Richard Quinn

Spares:

Genaro Calciano

Peter Sabia, Jr.

Robert Bistran

Angelo Calciano

Michael McGraw

10-2750-513-000-000

2021-2022

PARENT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

PARENT	AMOUNT	# OF CHILDREN	SCHOOL
M/M Mark Masters	\$14.00	3	Summit Christian Academy
Brandy Wheaten	\$19.00	1	LaSalle Academy
Rachel Ortiz	\$20.00	1	Triboro Christian Academy
Kristin Rossi	\$21.00	1	LaSalle Academy



School Bus & Coach Service
Telephone 570-344-608-46-47
August 13, 2021
1-800-443-PETE

Pete's Garage L.L.C.
400 Calvin Street
Dunmore, PA 18512
Telephone 570-344-6126-7
1-800-492-0100

P.L.L.# ML 166235
P.U.L.# A 81736

Dunmore School District
Anoinette Lopatka
Business Administrator
300 W Warren Street
Dunmore, Pa 18512

RE: 2021 – 2022 School Year

Below please see our proposed rates for the 2021 – 2022 School Year. The shortage of bus drivers, locally and nationwide, made it if very difficult to find or replace these drivers. Along with the shortage of drivers, fuel cost and maintenance of equipment expenses, we are currently able to keep the daily rate the same as last year at \$350.00 per bus per day.

The new proposed rate for the Field Trips will be:

\$250.00 per field trip (Base 4Hrs/20 miles.

\$ 20.00 per hour over the first 4

\$ 1.75 per mile over the first 20

\$ 2.35 per dead head mile

As we all understand, circumstances that are out of our control, may arise. Should something extreme arise, we would like to meet and agree on a solution. Everything at this time is a "challenge." I am confident that we will work through it.

Sincerely,

Pete's Garage LLC

...age in school year.

Buses must be cancelled by 6:00am or incur a late fee of \$100.00 per bus

Field trip buses must be cancelled 1 hour prior to pick-up or incur a fee of \$125.00


Please contact me with any questions or concerns. As always, It is a pleasure working with the District.

* This rate is based on all stops within the Boro, no additional schools to be added

Sincerely,

Pete's Garage LLC

Lisa Calciano



SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES 8/18/21

- I would like to report and comment on our Summer of Success Program that recently came to a close
 - Mr. Quinn and Mrs. Kokindo gave a presentation highlighting our academic growth that was documented through various benchmark testing. Our students showed remarkable growth in ELA and mathematics – accomplishing our most important goal
 - We have surveyed our parents and found that students had an enjoyable experience with the many activities they participated in:
 - Yoga, karate, STEM education, physical fitness, ecological experiments, culinary education just to name a few
 - I would like to thank our Administrative team: Mr. Quinn, Mrs. Kokindo, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Lucas, Mrs. Noone, Mrs. Lopatka
 - I would like to thank our maintenance staff as the DEC was not available and great effort had to go into making the Jr./Sr. High School useable for the younger students
 - I would like to thank our community they were generous in many ways
 - We had the ice cream truck several times
- I would like to mention that the roof project at the DEC is scheduled to be completed on time so school will start without any delay. There will be one aspect of the project that deals with heating the building that may continue. We have been assured that it can be completed while school is in session.
- Our District has completed an audit by the Office of the Auditor General. It was very comprehensive and focused. We received a good audit. We were found to have a few areas that need to be cleaned up: transportation calculations, IU van driver clearances and so on. I want to thank Mrs. Lopatka for her efforts in this area.
- I would like to comment about the decision to ask of staff and students at the DEC to wear masks or face coverings to begin the school year. I know this is very controversial in some circles. This decision was arrived at through much discussion at our Administrative and Board level. No person associated with those groups would ever take any actions or approve of any action that would harm students. That age group has not had access to the vaccine and if you look at what is going on around our nation, we felt we needed to take this step. None of us are scientists, epidemiologists, doctors or medical professionals in any way. All we have is what we are told by the CDC, DOH, PDE and our own conscious.

School Year. (No increase from prior year)

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- O. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. McHale to approve School Leader Liability Policy renewal for 2021-2022 School Year. The Policy is with the School Boards Insurance Co. of PA. Inc. Polizzi-Kelly Insurance Agency is the producer. The cost of the Policy is \$12,858.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

- P. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. McHale to approve CM3 Building Solutions, Inc., to install a project totaling \$5,651,788 that includes planning, designing, Acquiring, construction, renovation and improving facilities of the Dunmore Scholl District for improved energy efficiency under the PA Guaranteed Energy Savings ACT (GESA). Financing for this project was approved by the School Board On June 23, 2021

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Libassi thanked the Administration for Summer program. Mr. Hallinan agreed. Live streaming videos again ..will discuss

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - See attached.

Mr. Hallinan wished best for the up coming School Year.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*** ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Coleman to accept the Superintendent's Report and make it part of the MINUTES.

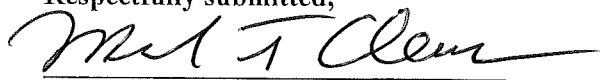
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X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Ms. Kranick to adjourn to meet in Regular Session or at the call of the CHAIR.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Coleman

Board Secretary