



PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Directors

T.R. Kannan, President, Christine Toy-Dragoni, Vice President,
Gary S. Sanderson, Assistant Secretary, Christian Schwartz,
Chip Taylor, Debra Wachspress and Joshua Waldorf

William J. Gretzula, Ed.D., Superintendent

Christopher M. Berdnik, Chief Financial Officer/Board Secretary

Michael Clarke, Esquire - Rudolph Clarke, LLC, Solicitor

APPROVED AT THE APRIL 2, 2020 BOARD ACTION MEETING

Board Special–General Business Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2020

The Special–General Business Meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Public Notice

All or a portion of this meeting is being recorded for the purpose of public broadcast and/or internet posting.

B. Call to Order

Mr. Kannan, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kannan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Executive Session Statement

There was no Executive Session held prior to this meeting.

E. Roll Call (Mr. Berdnik)

Board Members Present: Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Toy-Dragoni, Mrs. Wachspress, Mr. Waldorf and Mr. Kannan

Administrators Present: Dr. Gretzula, Mr. Berdnik, Mrs. Langtry, Mr. McCormick, Mrs. Rarrick, Dr. Ricci, Mrs. Spack and Ms. Zedalis

Administrators Absent: Dr. Aldridge and Mr. Dumin

Others Present: Mr. Amuso, Solicitor

E. Roll Call (Mr. Berdnik) (continued)

Others Absent: Mr. Turner and Ms. Lee, Student Representatives

Mr. Berdnik reported changes to the Agenda:

Under New Business

Item A – Appointment of Board Member ~ adding the name Michael Pallotta for the Region 2 appointment

Item B – Appointment of Board Member ~ adding the name Howard Goldberg for the Region 3 appointment

F. Resolution of Appreciation

The Board takes this opportunity to recognize Nancy Lawson upon her departure as a member of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors.

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, Nancy Lawson served the Pennsbury School District as a Board member from December, 2017 to January, 2020; and

WHEREAS, she contributed her services, time and expertise to the Board Policy Committee, Board Education Committee, and as an alternate to the Bucks County Technical High School Joint Board Committee; and

WHEREAS, she worked with her fellow Board members and the administration to move the District forward through two years of strategic planning, implementation of the District-wide 1:1 Chromebook initiative, and the introduction of the elementary SPARK program, while containing costs in an efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, she collaborated with fellow Board members and administrators to oversee extensive building renovations at Pennwood Middle School in addition to upgrading security measures District-wide; and

WHEREAS, she has fulfilled her responsibilities with courage, conviction, honor, and loyalty to Pennsbury; and

WHEREAS, her regard for the importance of education of all students, and for the work of the Board, has been reflected in her efforts as a School Director; and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors and the communities we represent, are pleased to acknowledge her contributions to education and to commend her service to this School District; therefore it is

RESOLVED that Nancy Lawson be formally recognized with true appreciation and that best wishes be extended to her for all of her future endeavors; and further it is

F. Resolution of Appreciation (continued)

RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the minutes of the February 6th meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors, and that a copy be presented to Ms. Lawson.

Board President Comments

Mr. Kannan presented the PSBA Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Sanderson for his twelve years of service as a Pennsbury School Board Director.

Mr. Kannan shared that as a father of a student in the marching band and also as School Board President, he has been actively involved in many conversations over the last several weeks regarding the band's trip to China. He shared that given the uncertainty of the current medical situation in China and taking into account the travel advisory and travel bans, the e-board and the music department have been working hard to find alternate options. Today, Mr. Mazzeo, Director of Pennsbury Bands, will speak to us during Public Comment. Each Board Member has a proposal at their place for their consideration. There is no motion on this tonight. Mr. Kannan thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kannan opened the floor to public comment at 7:06 p.m. The following people came forward and public comment was closed at 7:24 p.m.

Nic Fallacaro, Pennsbury High School Senior	Pennsbury High School Drama
Frank Mazzeo, Director of Pennsbury Bands	Pennsbury Marching Band trip
Vicky Brunozzi, Music Boosters President	
Matt South, Vocal Music Teacher	PHS Theater

All questions were addressed by Mr. Mazzeo regarding the Pennsbury Marching Band trip regarding location change and costs.

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Waldorf and unanimously approved with no abstentions that the Board approve Item A under New Business – Consent Items.

3. NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT ITEMS

A. Appointment of Board Member

MOTION: Move that Michael Pallotta be appointed as School Director of the Pennsbury School District – Region Two to fill the vacant seat, effective February 6, 2020.

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Waldorf and unanimously approved with no abstentions that the Board approve Item B under New Business – Consent Items.

B. Appointment of Board Member

MOTION: Move that Howard Goldberg be appointed as School Director of the Pennsbury School District – Region Three to fill the vacant seat, effective February 6, 2020.

C. Oath of Office

Mr. Kannan, Board President, called upon The Honorable Jan Vislosky to administer the Oath of Office to Michael Pallotta and Howard Goldberg. The newly appointed School Directors were sworn in and seated.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Meetings

- Board Education Committee
7:30 p.m., February 6, 2020 – Superintendent’s Conference Room
- Board Facilities Committee
5:00 p.m., February 13, 2020 – Superintendent’s Conference Room
- Board Finance/Partnerships Committee
6:30 p.m., February 13, 2020 – Superintendent’s Conference Room
- Board Policy Committee
4:30 p.m., February 18, 2020 – Superintendent’s Conference Room
- Action Board Meeting
7:30 p.m., February 20, 2020–Fallsington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

B. Board Committees and Representation

Mr. Kannan announced that Mr. Pallotta will be joining the Board Facilities Committee and Mr. Goldberg will be joining the Board Finance/Partnerships Committee. Mr. Sanderson will serve as Board Liaison to Falls Township.

The Board Committees and Representation list is posted on BoardDocs.

5. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kannan opened the floor to a second public comment at 7:32 p.m. The following person came forward and public comment was closed at 7:41 p.m.

Frank Carr, Falls Township

Robert Abrams, Lower Makefield Township

Board Responsibility

Tech School Money; Budget and
Tech Switches

6. BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

The two newly appointed Board Directors were welcomed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Waldorf and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher M. Berdnik
Board Secretary