

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

January 4, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.

Via Zoom

Minutes

- I. **President** Richard Schlameuss called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Board Secretary, Patricia Rosado called the roll.
- II. **Board Members present:** George Andrews, Rebecca Bear, Dr. Damary Bonilla (joined at 5:37 p.m.), Larry Dymond, Sharone Glasco, Debbie Kulick, Wayne Rohner, Richard Schlameuss and Lisa VanWhy.
- III. **School personnel present:** Brian Baddick, Brian Borosh, Debra Caamano, Leslie Cox, Gail Francis, Miriam Giove, Jeffrey Gonzalez, Diane Kelly, Chris Ludwig, Trenee Lurry, Catherine Malvagno, Jennifer Marmo, Thomas McIntyre, Lisa Minnichbach, William Riker, Patricia Rosado, Angelic Segond, Dana Venslosky, William Vitulli, Valerie Wickberg, and Stephen Zall. Christopher Brown, Solicitor.
- IV. **Community members present:** Jennifer Floyd, Amanda Garris, Keleisha Phillip-Stringer, Hemawatie Tagliaferri, Joseph Tardibuono and Kelly Vandervliet.
- V. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to adopt this agenda for January 4, 2021, as submitted. Motion was seconded by Rebecca Bear and carried unanimously, 8-0.

VI. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Limited to comments on this agenda by residents and taxpayers of the school district (3 min. ea.)

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

i. 002 – Authority and Powers

Mr. Dymond asked what is the difference in this plan compared to the previous one that was approved. Mr. Schlameuss said the difference is that Group C and D will move from a 5-day week to a 4-day week. No students will be in on Wednesday to allow for cleaning and teacher training as indicated in Dr. Riker’s explanation, which he provided to the Board members. Mr. Dymond asked if the changes not contain anything major and just had to do with the student scheduling. Mr. Schlameuss said as far as he knows that is correct. Mr. Andrews said the changes were for the students that had no internet and the special education students so they can come to school four days a week. Mr. Schlameuss said the change was also for the students that parents asked for them to come to school four days a week. Mr. Schlameuss asked Dr. Riker if this information that has been stated here today is correct. Dr. Riker said it is correct.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:
Motion was made by Lisa VanWhy to approve the revisions to the Health and Safety Plan for the East Stroudsburg Area School District, as presented. Motion was seconded by Sharone Glasco and carried unanimously, 9-0.

(See attached page 1-2)

Option 1 – The district will return to our hybrid model for all (non-ESACA) K-12 students for Groups A, B, C, and D. Group E will remain in ESACA. Group F and Group G will continue to have the option of attending in-person four days per week (M, T, Th, F) as they did prior to the Board’s decision to move to a fully remote instruction/learning model. Group C and Group D will move from a 5-day per week schedule to a 4-day per week schedule. All out-of-district placements, including MCTI, will continue to be in-person throughout our remote and hybrid instruction/learning model providing the facilities they attend remain in-person.

b. PERSONNEL

ACTION BY THE BOARD:
Motion was made by Lisa VanWhy to appoint Craig Neiman as the District’s Chief Financial Officer for the period February 22, 2021 – June 30, 2025, at a starting salary of \$133,000.00, and to approve the employment contract as presented. Motion was seconded by Dr. Damary Bonilla and carried unanimously, 9-0.

(See attached pages 3-14)

c. **OPERATIONS**

i. **803 – School Calendar**

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Dr. Damary Bonilla to approve the revised 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented. Motion was seconded by George Andrews and carried unanimously, 9-0.

(See attached pages 15-16)

Mrs. Bear asked if someone can state what the change on the calendar is so that the public is informed. Mr. Schlameuss said the snow date was added to the calendar. Mrs. Bear asked, according to the calendar, what is the last day of school. Dr. Riker said the last day of school, as indicated on the calendar, is Monday, June 7, 2021.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Lisa VanWhy to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dr. Damary Bonilla and carried unanimously, 9-0.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 5:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia L. Rosado
Board Secretary