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PULASKI ACADEMY AND CENTRAL SCHOOL
TOWNS OF RICHLAND, SANDY CREEK AND ALBION

Date:	September 12, 2017	Kind of Meeting:	Regular
Where Held:	High School Library	Presiding Officer:	Joel Southwell

Board Members Present:	Joel Southwell Bill Wood Tom Tighe Todd Masuicca Darcy McCarty	Absent:	Joe McGrath Travis Rice
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Others Present:

Brian Hartwell, Kristen Foland, Sarah Starbird, Pam McCrobie, Sue Lohret, Paula Brillo, Mike Bateson, Anthony Bonanno, Kaye Tarbell, Christian Jerome, Courtney O'Donnell, Lavana Frank, Jensen Banks, Chaiden Southwell, Greg Skilinski, Triston Daly, Andrea Geer, Desirae Dorling, Caleb Silsby, Stacy Cooper, Machell Jones, Christine Maneely, Katherine Chase, Brooke Cole, Olivia Sheldon, Kyerra Walker, James Atkinson, Austin Bergman, Marc Pacron, Meg Woods, Sarah McCray, Jeffrey Lavezzo, Alex Harrington, Dominique Fodora, Jill Truax, Bailey Felio, Bobbi Jo Delosh, Ashleigh Hilton, Steven Monnat

Motion made by Mr. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Masuicca to enter into Executive Session at 5:35 P.M.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Moved by Mr. Masuicca and seconded by Mr. Wood to adjourn Executive Session at 6:30 P.M.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

1. President Southwell called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reports and Comments
 - a) Public Comments – None
 - b) District News

Lura M. Sharp – Principal Sue Lohret reported:

Thank you for celebrating the news of our removal from the LAP school list. Faculty and staff enjoyed cake with Dr. Hartwell and a few BOE members on September 5th to recognize the efforts and focus towards improvement.

Over the summer, we had many volunteers who earned hours and at the same time helped us accomplish the many things needed to start our year. We wanted to thank our volunteers: Evan Jones, Tom Brodeur, Ryan Morrisette, Dan Novak, Olivia Sheldon, Emma Greulich. Thank you to Carla Soules and Justina Webb for demonstrating excellence as student cleaners in our building, and Aiden Farmer, Christian Jerome and Courtney O'Donnell for all their help as well.

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Our 4th and 5th graders who arrive at 8:15 are no longer sitting in the cafeteria, they are now walking responsibly to the auditorium to help support us in our work to empower students. We have started by setting expectations for the hallway, and they created a looks like/sounds like chart and will now teach it to our students at Morning Program. Some of our 5th graders will take on the responsibility as an indoor safety patrol during this a.m. time as well. Thank you to Mrs. Frechette in helping to develop this leadership opportunity among our 5th graders. We know they can rise the challenge.

We have had a great response from the community adjusting to our Raptor system. Visitors and parents have been patient and understanding with this new change.

September 29th Deputy Krast will be visiting 5th grade students to discuss appropriate social media use and anti-bullying.

Band rental information night with Bill Whaley is September 14th at 6:00 pm in Cafe B.

Reminder of early dismissal at 1:30 on Friday.

A look ahead: Open house is October 5th from 5:30 to 6:30.

Middle School – Principal Paula Brillo reported:

We had a great opening at PACS Middle. Our incoming 6th grade students had orientation in the morning on the first day, and have done an excellent job of getting into the established flow of middle school.

On September 29th we have Deputy Kristy Crast coming in to present to our 8th grade students on Cyberbullying, as well as other forms of bullying, Kindness and Respect. Kristy, or another Deputy will also be present at our Open House on Tuesday, October 3rd with information for families.

Early dismissal for the MS/HS this Friday, September 15th at 12:30.

High School – Principal Mike Bateson reported:

- Building Updates
 - Thank you to Paul Etz and his crew for getting the building ready to open.
 - Thank you to Dennis Jerome for getting us new vending machines for after school snacks.
- August Regents, 2017
 - Went well. Kudos to Ian Stine, Sue Smith, Sue Clark who provided review classes.
 - We tested approximately 104 students in the areas of Chemistry, Earth Science, ELA, Geometry, Algebra, Algebra II, and Living Environment.
 - Also, thank you to our department chairs, teachers and TA's that came in to proctor and to score the August Regents.
- Fall Sports
 - Are underway and our teams are doing well at the onset of the season.

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- Kudos to Mr. Monnat and Mr. Shirley for figuring out a way for our students to compete with football. Numbers of athletes were too low, and we opted to join the newly formed 8-man football league.
- Pulaski HS Course Catalogue: Thank you to Kristin Foland for organizing and constructing the document.
 - Document is in its proofing stage.
- College Programs / Concurrent Courses:
 - OCC Program: We have 10 students enrolled in the OCC Early College High School Program.
 - Students taking between 12-16 credits
 - OCC / CCC – Distance Learning and on-line courses
 - 7 in the Fall Dist. Learning; 4 in the Fall On-line {8 and 4 offered in the Spring}
 - Approx. 16 students now enrolled
 - 34 credits offered
 - JCC Courses: 7 Courses
 - 26 credits offered
 - Total College Credits Offered: 72 – 76
 - Thanks To Bryan Philips for working out the transportation kinks and for getting our OCC college / students athletes to and from contests.
- Opening Days: Staff Development Day and Student Assemblies
 - Thank you to Laura Nellis, Deana Peter, Sue Evans, Evan Tambs, and Sandi Krebs for assisting with scheduling and for getting out our district mailings.
 - Opening Day went well with Staff
 - District theme was developed by Alan Woods – “Our Choices, Our Futures”. This year’s mantra is well received.
 - Information was shared with regard to:
 - Building Expectations and Vision
 - Student Assemblies have been conducted:
 - Grade Level Assemblies
 - Building Expectations and Vision
 - Study Halls / Behavior / Academic / Work Ethic
 - Review of Key points of the Code of Conduct were shared.
 - Thanks To Alyson Tighe for presenting about Allergens
- Upcoming Events:
 - Open House October 3rd 6:00 – 7:30
 - Spirit Week has been moved due to the change with our football program.
 - Spirit week will now be October 2nd - 6th

4. Minutes

a) August 22, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Moved by Mr. Tighe, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the Minutes as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5

No: 0

Motion: Carried

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5. Personnel Items

a) Employee Resignations

Name	Position	Effective Date
Sabrina Dettmer	English Teacher	10/7/17
Anne Tate	Cleaner	9/13/17
Leah Ford	Girls Varsity Softball Coach	9/13/17

Moved by Mr. Tighe, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the Employee Resignations as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

b) Non-Instructional Appointments

Name	Position	Effective Date
Michael Lowery	Seasonal Grounds Worker	9/13/17

Moved by Mr. Masuicca, seconded by Ms. McCarty to approve the Non-Instructional Appointment as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

c) Extra-Assignment Appointments

Name	Position	Effective Date
Kristen Tambs	CSE Chair - K through 4 Gr.	7/1/17
Rachel Olsen	CSE Chair - 5 Gr. through 8 Gr.	7/1/17
Evan Tambs	CSE Chair – 9 Gr. Through 12 Gr.	7/1/17

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Tighe to approve the Extra-Assignment Appointments as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

d) Extra-Curricular Appointments

Name	Position	Effective Date
Susan Smith	MS Science Club Co-Advisor	17-18
Melisa Jennings	MS Science Club Co-Advisor	17-18
Jamie Hefti	Modified Boys Basketball Coach	17-18

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Jamie Hefti	Modified Track Coach	17-18
Ray Archer	Boys Modified Baseball Coach	17-18
Sally Wise	Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach	17-18
Jack Jennings	Jazz Band	17-18
John Gosek	Student Council	17-18

Moved by Ms. McCarty, seconded by Mr. Masuccia to approve the Extra-Curricular Appointments as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

e) Substitute Appointments

Name	Position	Effective
Mari Lee	Instructional-Teacher/TA	9/13/17
Scott Chrisman	Instructional – Teacher	9/13/17
Taylor Hitchcock	Instructional – TA/Aide	9/13/17
Jenny Walke	Non Instructional – FS/Cleaner	9/13/17
Bonnie House	Non Instructional – Clearner	9/13/17

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. McCarty to approved the Substitute Appointments as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

6. Special Education Items

- a) CPSE Recommendation
- b) CSE Recommendation

Moved by Mr. Masuccia, seconded by Mr. Tighe to approve the Special Education Items as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

7. Financial Items

- a) Warrant Report
- b) Treasurer's Report
- c) Extracurricular Treasurer's Report
- d) Appropriation Report (Budget to Actual)

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Tighe to approve the Financial Items as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

8. Discussion Items

- a) NYSSBA Travel

Travel arrangements were discussed for the NYSSBA Convention that will be held on October 12 through October 14 in Lake Placid, New York.

- b) February Board Meeting

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The February Board Meeting originally scheduled for February 15, 2018 will be changed to February 8, 2018.

c) Strive for Success Meeting

Mr. Southwell stated that the first Strive for Success meeting took place today (September 12th). He said the committee had a great conversation and will be focusing on culture, morale, and communication within the district. He said that the committee will be collecting information to work towards better communication.

d) Team Building

Dr. Hartwell stated that PACS was off to a great start. There will be an early release for students on September 15th to allow for a district wide team building event. Board members are welcome to attend. It will be at 2:00 P.M. on Fireman Field.

9. Superintendents Report

a) Policy Review (BOE Goals)

Mr. Southwell discussed the 2017-2018 Board Goal referring to Policy. Now that the district policy book is updated and in place, the board would like to focus on any policies that they feel need more attention and work to refine them. The Board discussed current policies that they would like to see reviewed.

10. Adjourn

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Masucca to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Vote: Yes: 5

No: 0

Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela J. McCrobie
District Clerk