

*SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 12, 2022 – Hybrid
Minutes*

The Board of School Directors of the Shaler Area School District held a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, in a hybrid format, in person at the Shaler Area School District Administrative Offices, Glenshaw, PA, and on Zoom, a virtual meeting platform, with Dr. April Kwiatkowski, School Board President, presiding. This meeting began at 7:23 p.m.

Board Members Present:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn
- Mr. James Fisher
- Mr. Tim Gapsky
- Mr. Ed Kress
- Dr. April Kwiatkowski
- Mr. Jason Machajewski
- Mrs. Jeanne Petrovich
- Mrs. Eileen Phillips
- Mr. James Tunstall

Others Present:

- Dr. Sean Aiken, Superintendent
- Dr. Bryan O'Black, Assistant Superintendent
- Mrs. Sherri Jaffee, Director of Business Affairs
- Mr. John Vogel, Solicitor
- Mr. Tim Rogers, Manager, Shaler Township
- Mr. Christopher Lovato, Manager, Shaler Township
- Mrs. Judy Kording, Assistant Township Manager
- Ms. Abbey Nilson, High School Teacher
- Avery Gallant, Student Representative
- Isabelle Dutkovic, Student Representative

Notice of this meeting was posted as required.

- Dr. Kwiatkowski called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.
- Dr. Aiken introduced Mr. Tim Rogers, Manager, Shaler Township who presented Ms. Abbey Nilson and students in the Sustainability class with a matching grant check of \$5,000 to help with fundraising efforts to preserve Girty's Woods. Mr. Rogers also introduced Mr. Christopher Lovato, newly appointed Township Manager. Mr. Lovato is a former attorney and township solicitor. Ms. Nilson thanked the township for their support and expressed how important it is to protect greenspace. She also mentioned that students are assisting with a fundraiser through which donors who give at least \$15 will receive a special mix of flower seeds which are attractive to pollinators such as Monarch butterflies. Dr. Aiken mentioned that Ms. Nilson is one of twelve finalists for the 2023 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will announce the 2023 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year during a special awards ceremony in December.

Dr. O'Black then announced the following Education Items:

<u>ITEM</u> #	<u>EDUCATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</u>	<u>SUP</u> #	<u>ACTION</u> <u>TAKEN</u>
A.1	Approve a Letter of Agreement with the Human Services Administration Organization to provide services for the Student Assistance Program throughout the 2022-23 school year.	A.1	

Dr. O’Black then announced the following Information Items:

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1. Shaler Area Education Foundation – Dr. Aiken reported that Foundation members are attending faculty meetings to talk about the foundation and to encourage teachers to write grants.
2. Student Representatives – Isabelle Dutkovic introduced herself to the board. She is the Junior Class President, a member of the track team as well as Future Teachers of America. Mr. Fisher commented that he like her resume and thought it was very well done. Avery reported that the high school play *Pride and Prejudice* is scheduled for November 19 and 20. The middle school is having their annual Veterans’ Breakfast on November 9. The elementary school plans to institute the house system much like the one at Scott Primary, as part of the school-wide positive behavior system.
3. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Aiken reported that Monday, October 10 was a professional development day for teachers. Dr. O’Black reported that the elementary school focused on social and emotional learning. The training will move to the middle and high schools then down to the primary schools. Dr. Aiken reported that a parent education night is being planned for January. DPC met last Wednesday with 20 parents in attendance. A November evening DPC meeting is being planned. The Shaler Area Golf Team will be in the WPIAL finals for the first time in over 20 years. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This year’s inductees are: Sam Bair, Jr., Bill Heinz, Victoria Soeder, Ben Yeckel, and the 1981 varsity baseball team. All board members are welcome to attend.

Mrs. Jaffee then announced the following Finance Items:

<u>ITEM</u> #	<u>FINANCE & OPERATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</u>	<u>SUP</u> #	<u>ACTION</u> <u>TAKEN</u>
C.1	APPROVE FUND PROFILES:		
A.	General Fund – Schedule of Bills and Addendum	C.1A	_____
B.	Cafeteria – Schedule of Bills	C.1B	_____
C.	2019 Bond Fund – Schedule of Bills	C.1D	_____
D.	Year-to-Date Financial Reports	C.1E	_____
E..	Fund Profiles and Investments	C.1F	_____
C.2	Approve a contract of services agreement with Carrie On Communication to provide interim communications and public relations services from October 10, 2022 to June 30, 2023	C.2	_____

C.3 Approve Tri-Cog Land Bank’s Notice of Intent to dispose a property as attached. C.3

C.4 Approval of the disposal of surplus equipment as per the attached list. C.4

C.5 Approval to award the following for the Whiteboard Project: C.5

- a. Base Bid 1 – Chalkboard Resurfacing at Burchfield, Marzolf, and Middle School - Award to Everwhite Corp in the amount of \$42,280.25.
- b. Base Bid 2 – Whiteboard installation at Marzolf and Reserve – Award to Institutional Diversified in the amount of \$2,055.00.

C.6 Approval of a directed sheriff sales agreement with Robert Casey concerning a tax delinquent property, Lot 167-G-300, Highland Avenue, owned by Albert Butler. C.6

- Mr. Fisher asked what Mr. Casey planned to do with the property in Item C.6. Mr. Vogel was unsure of his plans. Mr. Kress asked when will the sale take place. Mr. Vogel said it should take about six months.
- Dr. Kwiatkowski asked about the cleaning costs in Item C.1B. Mrs. Jaffee explained that this is for the cleaning supplies used to clean cafeteria tables and chairs between lunch periods.
- Dr. Kwiatkowski then invited the board to speak on any other business.
 - There was none
- Dr. Kwiatkowski then recognized the public to speak on any other items:
 - Keishawn Richardson, 60 Locust Street, spoke about the proposed graduation design. He feels that students should be able to wear whatever color they want and by having one gown you are taking away the students’ choice. He believes that having something chosen for us does not make us adults. He would like to go back to the traditional blue and white gowns.
 - Kendall Llewellyn, 1407 Balsam Drive, wants to wear her sister’s gown who couldn’t walk on the field during the pandemic.
 - Jacob Aigner, 219 Kleber Road, presented the board with three different petitions to bring back the blue and white gowns.
 - Jace Eswein, 1014 Saxonburg Blvd., presented a petition from the junior class who believe the choice of gown should be left up to the students.

After no further items were presented, final adjournment occurred at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri M. Jaffee
Board Secretary