

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Meeting

February 17, 2021 – Hybrid

Minutes

The Board of School Directors of the Shaler Area School District held a Voting Meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, in a hybrid format, in person at the Shaler Area Middle School library, 1810 Mt. Royal Blvd, and on Zoom, a virtual meeting platform, with Mr. Jim Tunstall, School Board President, presiding. This meeting began at 7:26 p.m.

Board Members Present:

- Mrs. Suzanna Donahue
- Mr. James Fisher
- Mr. Tim Gapsky
- Dr. April Kwiatkowski
- Mr. Jason Machajewski
- Mrs. Jeanne Petrovich
- Mrs. Eileen Phillips
- Mr. Steve Romac
- Mr. James Tunstall

Others Present:

- Dr. Sean Aiken, Superintendent
- Dr. Bryan O'Black, Assistant Superintendent
- Ms. Sherri Ludwig, Director of Business Affairs
- Mr. Matt Hoffman, Solicitor

Notice of this meeting was posted as required.

- Mr. Tunstall opened the meeting at 7:26 p.m.
- Mr. Tunstall said the board would recognize the Public to Speak on Agenda Items following a presentation by Dr. Aiken and Dr. O'Black regarding the district's transition to 4-day instruction.
- Mr. Tunstall then called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. and invited all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Dr. Aiken and Dr. O'Black then presented information about the parent/guardian survey results as well as the administration's recommendations for moving forward. Dr. Aiken began the discussion by outlining the district's goals in transitioning to 4-day instruction. Dr. O'Black reviewed the survey results from the parent/guardian survey. Dr. Aiken talked about why the district wanted to move to 4-day instruction, the 14-day trend of positive cases in the district, discussed the dashboard, and stressed that Cohort C, the 100% virtual option, is still available to families. Dr. O'Black outlined the altered mitigation strategies and transportation changes. Dr. Aiken spoke of the cleaning procedures during 4-day instruction, the face covering requirement, symptom screening, and attestation agreement. Dr. O'Black reviewed the guidelines for case counts in schools and the possibility for sporadic school closures. He also explained the COVID-19 dashboard and explained which cases appear in the dashboard. Dr. Aiken then presented the proposed transition timeline.
- Dr. Kwiatkowski asked if students would be assigned seating on the bus. Dr. Aiken said the district would try to use assigned seating and load the buses from back to front. Close to 55% of families said they would need district transportation. Dr. Kwiatkowski also asked about adequate supplies. Dr. Aiken said the district has all of the cleaning supplies necessary and the primary principals are working together to get tables for the cafeterias. Dr. Kwiatkowski said the district's model is designed for students to transition in and out of in-person instruction, will families be required to give notice if a student chooses to move to Cohort C? Dr. Aiken said the flexibility is nice but it's also a challenge for teachers. He encourages families to stick with the model they choose to provide stability for students. Mr. Fisher asked about the Town Hall meetings and starting the transition on March 8 instead of March 1. Dr. Aiken said engaging in discussion and dialogue with families has been beneficial in the past. Not everyone can

attend the evening's school board meeting and hear the information, so the Town Hall meetings will provide another opportunity to share the information and address concerns. The decision to start the transition on March 8 was to provide time to assemble the additional furniture to be used in the cafeterias and to take advantage of the March 5 clerical day for teachers to prepare their classrooms. Mr. Tunstall asked how the school closure guidance changes if the county is in moderate transmission. Dr. O'Black said it changes some but not dramatically. Mr. Machajewski asked what the current guidance is from the Department of Education for school models. Dr. Aiken said with the Attestation Agreement, the district is able to offer in-person instruction while the county is in substantial transmission while attesting to following the Department of Health and Department of Education guidance for universal face coverings and school closure guidance. Dr. Aiken said 25 of the 42 districts in the county are in some kind of 4 or 5-day in-person instruction model. Mrs. Phillips asked if any new measures have been put into place to ensure everyone is abiding by the universal face covering order. Dr. Aiken said he followed up with all of the principals. There are no new procedures in place at that time. Mr. Gapsky asked that administration reach out to the student representative who expressed concern last week to follow up. Dr. Aiken said he'd be happy to do that. Dr. Kwiatkowski said three weeks seems like a long time but wanted to know if it was adequate to get the rooms ready. Dr. Aiken said the additional week by starting on March 8 will give the district enough time. Dr. Kwiatkowski asked that the district thank the school nurses on behalf of the board.

- Mr. Tunstall then recognized the Public to Speak on Agenda Items.
 - Kelley Iezzi, of East Undercliff, said her concern is the senior class that has roughly 35 days left to their senior year. Her son, who is in Cohort A, has only had 16 days of in-person instruction. She said the younger grades have more time, but for the seniors, this is it. She also argued that all teachers should be teaching their entire period. Students should be getting the same education in school or at home. Everyone should be working 8 hours a day. She asked why the seniors can't choose to be in school four days per week.
 - Keely Sidick, of Wetzel Road, thanked the district for the survey opportunity. She said she has a sophomore student who is never going to get the school time back and asked why parents weren't given the option for 5 days of in-person instruction.
 - Flo Grejda, of Magnolia Drive, asked what the difference is between four days and five days of in-person instruction. She said her child is in primary school and failed his first math class. She also expressed concern about the amount of "nonsense" that occurs in the virtual classroom because students are not in a school environment and asked why Wednesdays were free days. She said she is a nurse and her place of employment had to figure out how to implement safety protocols without the option for patients to be remote. She also argued that if you are a healthy individual that you're not going to get severely ill.
 - Dr. Aiken said the district has transitioned from virtual to hybrid and feels strongly that 4-day in-person instruction is the next progression. He said that Wednesdays are not free days and that with 30% of students participating in Cohort C, there is a significant amount of time teachers need to plan for those students and connect with them. He explained that the district's instruction model was created for the flexibility to move between cohorts and not send students to an external cyber program. He said the district wants to have success at each progression before moving forward and a lot of planning and professional development goes into the instruction models. He said he hopes to see the district get to a 5-day model, but the district is looking at the natural progression and stepping through the transitions safely and intentionally.
 - Mr. Tunstall pointed out that the district recently had to close schools because of case counts and the district cannot throw students back into school without a plan. Dr. Aiken said the transmission rates in schools have been low but they are starting to see transmissions in school. He said there is nothing more that the district would love than to flip a switch and return to normal.
 - Ms. Grejda said she feels they've been failed by the school district. If there is an outbreak in her facility, it still cares for its patients. It can't close. She argued that the school district has had four months to figure out how to get students back. Dr. Kwiatkowski argued that that the district created a plan over the summer and it has been following that plan closely since then.
 - Crystal Lehmeier, of Hillwood Road, said she understands the presentation is the district's proposal and while people are upset it's only 4 days per week, she pointed out that the families don't officially have that yet. She said she understands families' frustrations, especially with seniors, and said she has two children in primary school who are struggling. She said she is a social worker and she doesn't know how to help them fulfill their academic needs.

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- Sarah Nelson, of Oakmoor Drive, said in Butler the school operated Monday to Thursday and cleaned on Fridays. She asked if that was considered at Shaler Area. Dr. Aiken said it was not considered. He explained that up until this point in the year, families have secured childcare for Wednesdays. He said for that reason, the district was hesitant to change that day because of how it may impact families. He said they recognize any change impacts families, students and staff.
- Diane Siford, of Redstone Drive, has a Class of 2020 graduate and a current sophomore. She said she feels there is no accountability at the high school with regards to Wednesday instruction. She claimed that on the virtual snow day, many teachers didn't teach because it was optional. She also asked if Shaler Area has reached out to the other school districts that are in person more. Dr. Aiken said they do work closely with other school districts and some are in person but not at the secondary level. He thanked her for sharing her other concerns.
- Michelle Craig, of Gerard Drive, thanked the district for its proposal for educational and emotional purposes. She asked the board when it goes through its voting process to think about the kids and the added stress parents, who are also trying to balance working from home, are putting on their kids.
- Melissa Ravas, of Seavey Road, said she was in agreement with the district and the way it was. Three schools have closed and two more met the threshold for closure. For parents who are trying to stress the CDC guidelines, the district is talking about going against them. She asked how the district can say this is a good idea. She asked that the district not forget about the other parents who do care about social distancing and decreasing the population of students in school.
- Maria Eshelman, of Topaz Drive, said her daughter is a senior and takes AP and College in High School courses. She is getting instruction from her teachers in real time every day. She is learning and they are not brushing her off. She said she can only speak to her experiences. As a nurse, she said that it is very important that everyone as a community do what they're supposed to do outside of school so that students and teachers and go to school safely. It's a two-way street.
- Katie Grzybowski, of Wible Run Road, said the district is handling everything great. The custodians are working hard. And her child, who has an IEP, is doing great at home. She agreed that the community needs to do its part. She said the district is doing great to make sure students and staff are safe.
- Natalie Juzwick, of Zeno Lane, said she wants to get kids in school and her student is a senior. She argued that the teachers who don't teach on Wednesdays wouldn't teach in school either. She said parents need to teach their students not to feel sorry for themselves. Life isn't fair. Everyone is in a pandemic and unfortunately this is where everyone is. Adults need to be the role models.
- Meghan Schwab, a senior, said she is in Honors and AP courses and some teachers do not teach on Wednesdays, but not all teachers. She said that she has had some of her worst grades this year. She believes the district should look at doing something different with Wednesdays.
- Erin Hollenbaugh, of Balsam Drive, said she works at Franklin Regional in Westmoreland County which is a little smaller than Shaler Area. The district has been in 5 days for K-8 since September. There has been no transmission in school but they have had to close schools, and many of the large quarantines have been because of sports teams. She said she is a middle school learning support teacher and has never been exposed. Shaler Area students need to be in 4 days and as a community everyone needs to stay away.
- Pat Murray, of McElheny Road, asked if there was any discussion of a separate cyber academy so there is the option to have 5 days of in-person instruction without teachers having to teach two groups of students. Dr. Aiken said the district has been planning and thinking of ways to make it work but it doesn't want to break up the relationship between teacher and student. However, for the 2021-22 school year that is something the district is planning for.
- Lisa Pierce, of Morewood Road, asked if there was any way to make public the rates for the high school and middle to return to additional in-person instruction. Dr. Aiken said the first step is to see the numbers go down—the county is very close to moving to moderate level of transmission. He said the administration is in favor of seeing 4-day instruction 7-12 but most important is for the infection rate to go down. The goal is to make a recommendation to the school board in the month of March. Ms. Pierce asked when a school closes if it is closed to all students and staff. Dr. Aiken said yes.
- Chris Luka, of Mary Ann Drive, asked for clarification about the 14-day rolling timeframe and when it starts. Dr. O'Black explained that the date recorded is the date that the individual tests positive. He said that

- often the student or employee doesn't know the onset of their symptoms so the date of the positive test is a consistent date for the district to use.
- Matt Urban, of Horizon Drive, asked why there are different start dates for the transition to 4-day instruction. Dr. Aiken said one of the reasons is because the elementary school had to close recently, so they want to stabilize that building. He said K-3 has been least impacted by transmission. He said there was some discussion about starting K-6 at the same time, but the cases in the last week impacted that decision. There also is additional planning that has to take place in that building.
 - Dr. Kwiatkowski asked for the administration to remind everyone about the March 3 virtual event "Managing Stress During Stressful Times."
 - Stephany Lang, of Rose Drive, said she wanted to commend high school teacher Hilary Domencic who has been helping students, especially those in Cohort C. Ms. Lang said her concern was with the suspension of athletics during a school closure. She argued that many are not conducted on school property and many of the student athletes are in Cohort C and not in school. She said the girls bowling team had their WPIBL championship canceled due to the school closure. She said she wishes the district would look at the situation team by team and take into consideration cohorts. The team has done everything they were supposed to do and are being punished. She asked the district to reconsider. Dr. Aiken thanked her for her comments and said the decision was heart-wrenching for everyone involved. He said the district has to look at mitigation efforts and what happens if it opens that door for one team. Ms. Lang said it's easier to make a blanket statement. She asked the district to look at each sport, each class and each building.
 - Alexandra Pilyih, a sophomore, is on the bowling team and said she finds it unfair that they can't compete tomorrow and outlined many of the safety and mitigation efforts that the team follows.
 - Sydney Lang, a junior, argued that bowling is a noncontact sport and said it wasn't fair that they weren't even given the chance to compete.
 - Meghan Schwab, a senior, said she is co-captain and the WPIBL organization has taken many precautions. None of the team has been in school for the last 7 days. She said as a senior, this is her last chance to go to states and make it back to WPIBL championships. The team has a good chance to make it to regionals. She said the team is always masked, the boys and girls are split, and the teams are spread out on the lanes. Alexandra Pilyih offered for the team to take a rapid test tomorrow and the next day if that would allow them to compete. Meghan Schwab said they are open to quarantining when they return.
 - Mr. Tunstall asked what they as a group should say to families who can't compete. Dr. Kwiatkowski asked if there is room for case by case guidelines. She said the team is a member of the high school and the high school is shut down. Mr. Romas said he was torn.
 - Heather Schneider, of Wimar Circle, said that in the last week's COVID notification emails, the last day the student was in the building was while the students were in virtual, so there must have been exceptions that were less safe than the bowling team is suggesting. Dr. Aiken said after consulting the Allegheny County Health Department, they informed the district that it shouldn't be having any activities while the school is shut down. The state Department of Education guidelines weren't as specific. He said the district is trying to be consistent.
 - Mr. Gapsky said he feels bad for all of the student athletes that are missing out on end-of-season contests, but he said it seems like it would be possible for the bowling team to compete safely. Dr. Kwiatkowski said her child wasn't able to compete in a lacrosse tournament because the high school was shut down. She said the administration is going to face backlash from other sports if it allows an exception. Ms. Schwab argued that many sports require athletes to be close to one another to compete however in bowling, it's just the SASD team and each athlete has their own equipment and they spread out.
 - Dr. Aiken asked that the team give the administration time to think about their request, talk to the athletic director, and health officials, and respond the next day. He thanked the athletes for participating in the board meeting.
 - Shawn Pilyih, bowling coach, said he is very proud of the students who organized on their own to address the school board with their request. He thanked the district for its consideration.

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- On a motion by Mr. Gapsky and a second by Mrs. Phillips, the following Minutes were approved by all in attendance:
 - Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 13, 2021
 - Voting Meeting – January 20, 2021

- On a motion by Mr. Fisher and a second by Dr. Kwiatkowski, the following motion was approved by all in attendance:
 - Motion to suspend any applicable Shaler Area School District policies in order to authorize the conduct of this special voting meeting of the Board of School Directors via telephone conference in consideration of the public health concerns and governmental directives arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Notice of such action, along with information as to how members of the public may access the telephone conference meeting, previously was posted at the District Administration office and to the District website.

- Mr. Tunstall then announced items tabled or removed from the agenda:
 - There were none.

- On a motion by Mrs. Petrovich and a second by Mrs. Donahue, the agenda was approved by all Board members in attendance.

Dr. O’Black then presented the following Education Items for approval:

<u>ITEM</u> #	<u>EDUCATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</u>	<u>SUP</u> #	<u>ACTION</u> <u>TAKEN</u>
A.1	Approve the Shaler Area School District Calendar for the 2021-22 school year.	A.1	<u>2021-22 School Year Calendar</u>
A.2	Approve the PA School Code, Section 1502 Resolution – Official Local School District Holidays for the 2021-22 school year as follows: <div style="text-align: center;"> November 26, 2021 December 24, 2021 December 27, 2021 April 15, 2022 </div>	A.2	<u>Official School District Holidays for 2021-22</u>
A.3	Amend the 2020-21 school calendar as follows: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 Primary Elections (Act 80) no school for students. (This will replace the previously approved date of Tuesday, May 25, 2021.)		<u>Amend 2020-21 School Calendar</u>
A.4	Approve the district transition to 4-day per week instruction for students in Grades K-12 (per the discussed timeline) following the guidelines of the PA Department of Education and PA Department of Health regarding the Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19. Dates are tentative and subject to change based on the positivity rates within Allegheny County and the Shaler Area School District.	A.4	<u>Transition to 4-day In-person Instruction</u>

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| <p>A.5 Approve the Lease Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to lease space at Burchfield Primary School for the operation of a DART program for early intervention services to preschool age children with disabilities beginning on July 1, 2021 ending June 30, 2022.</p> | <p>A.5 <u>Lease Agreement with the AIU for DART</u></p> |
| <p>A.6 Approve the first reading of the following revised policy:
 a. Policy No. 331 – Job Related Expenses</p> | <p>A.6 <u>Revised Policy – 1st Reading</u></p> |
| <p>A.7 Approve the second reading of the following new policies:
 a. Policy No. 218.3 – Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault
 b. Policy No. 253 – Dating Violence</p> | <p>A.7 <u>New Policies – 2nd Reading</u></p> |

- Dr. Kwiatkowski asked if Item A.4 needed to be reworded in any way. Dr. O’Black said in March, the administration and school board will revisit the timeline for transitioning the secondary level.
- Mrs. Iezzi asked for clarification on the reimbursement policy and if it includes internet connectivity and phone services if the district is in remote. Dr. O’Black said the policy does not address temporary transitions to virtual. The intent was for staff who have a medical reason that requires remote work. Mr. Tunstall said it would be reviewed on a case by case basis. Mr. Romac asked if language should be added to indicate that it is on a case by case basis. Dr. Aiken pointed out that the first reading of a policy still allows for policy changes to be made before final approval. He said the district can make necessary revisions for the following month. Mr. Hoffman confirmed that the first reading on the agenda allows the board to make revisions before final adoption.
- Mr. Fisher asked if Cohort A will use any additional Wednesdays to make up for missed in-person instruction since the district’s 4-day transition will start March 8. Dr. Aiken said the only additional in-person instruction day for Cohort A is Wednesday, Feb. 24. He said they didn’t feel it was necessary to add any additional days because the district is transitioning to 4 days per week. Mr. Fisher said he didn’t agree with that decision.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher with a second by Mr. Romac, to approve Items A.1-3, A. 5-7.

After no further discussion, these items were then approved by a roll call vote.

Motion Carried: 9 aye; 0 nay

ACTION:
Approved
Items A.1-3,
A.5-7

Donahue	Fisher	Gapsky	Kwiatkowski	Machajewski	Petrovich	Phillips	Romac	Tunstall
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

A motion was made by Mr. Gapsky with a second by Mrs. Petrovich, to approve Item A.4.

Mr. Romac said he did not agree with the timeline and therefore would vote against the motion. After no further discussion, this item was then approved by a roll call vote.

Motion Carried: 7 aye; 2 nay

ACTION:
Approved
Item A.4

Donahue	Fisher	Gapsky	Kwiatkowski	Machajewski	Petrovich	Phillips	Romac	Tunstall
Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y

B.6 Approve the following Supplemental Contracts for **Coaches** for the **2020-21** school year. Compensation will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

BASEBALL (Spring)

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| a. | Head Varsity | Brian Junker |
| b. | Assistant Varsity | Tom Galewski |
| c. | Head JV | Ben Yeckel |
| d. | Assistant JV | Dean Mosesso |
| e. | Head 9 th | Joseph Laslavic |
| f. | Assistant 9 th | Robert Ravenstahl |
| g. | Head 8 th | William Ament |
| h. | Assistant 8 th | Allan Tinkey |

LACROSSE (Spring)

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| i. | Girls Head Varsity | Alessandra Nicholas |
| j. | Girls Varsity Assistant | Robert Heinrich |
| k. | Girls JV | Nellie Phillips |
| l. | Boys JV | Edward Monahan |
| m. | Boys JV | James McKee |
| n. | Boys Volunteer Assistant | Matthew Jaspert |

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SOFTBALL (Spring)

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| o. | Head Varsity | Thomas Sorce |
| p. | Assistant Varsity | Kevin Keenan |
| q. | Head JV | Jenna Grogan |
| r. | Assistant JV | Jordan Zinsmeister |
| s. | Head 9 th | Anthony Sorce |
| t. | Assistant 9 th | Jack Stout |
| u. | Head 7-8 | Olivia Sorce |

TENNIS (Spring)

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| v. | Boys Head Varsity | Brian Duermeyer |
| w. | Boys Assistant | David DiPasquale |

TRACK (Spring)

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| x. | Boys Head Varsity | Shawn Ryan |
| y. | Girls Head Varsity | Tim Storino |
| z. | Boys Assistant Varsity | James Ryan |
| aa. | Boys Assistant Varsity | Jason Filo |
| bb. | Boys/Girls Head 7 th – 8 th – 9 th | Rachel Webb |
| cc. | Boys/Girls Assistant 7 th – 8 th – 9 th | Merrit McDaniel |
| dd. | Boys/Girls Assistant 7 th – 8 th – 9 th | James Hellinger |
| ee. | Boys/Girls Assistant 7 th – 8 th – 9 th | Frank Bacco |
| ff. | Boys/Girls Assistant 7 th – 8 th – 9 th | Ron McAdams |
| gg. | Girls Assistant Varsity | Michael Steinmetz |
| hh. | Girls Assistant Varsity | Gavin Hohn |
| ii. | Boys Head Varsity | Paul Stadelman |
| jj. | Boys Assistant Varsity | Annie Bozzo |
| kk. | Boys Assistant Varsity | Jonathan Ramsey |
| ll. | Boys 9 th | Andy Schrom |
| mm. | Boys 7 th – 8 th | Owen Freiss |

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B.7 Approve the following Supplemental Contract for **Building Support Coaches-Technology** for the 2020-21 school year. Compensation will be in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Supplemental Contract – Building Support

- a. Reserve Primary - Technology Janel Biagiarelli (retro to the start of the 2nd semester -50%)

B.8 Approve the following Day-to-Day **Substitute Teacher** for the 2020-21 school year:

Day-to-Day Substitute – Teacher

- a. Jennifer Fritsch, PK-4, Spec Ed PK-8 and Special Ed, 7-12 (retro to 2/2/21)
- b. Brittany Kachline, Speech & Language Impaired PK-12 (retro to 2/11/21)
- c. Jessica Sirianni, Gr. PK-4, Gr.4-8 (All Subjs. 4-6, ELA, Rdg., Math, Science, & Soc. St. 7-8) (retro to 1/26/21)

B.9 Approve the following Day-to-Day **Substitute Clerical** for the 2020-21 school year:

Day-to-Day Substitute – Clerical

- a. Tanya Gillespie (retro to 2/16/21)
- b. Kimberly Decort

➤ Dr. Kwiatkowski asked, with regards to Item B.8, if the district has taken steps to ensure substitute teachers have google classroom passwords and are prepared to teach in a virtual or hybrid environment. Dr. O’Black said the process is not seamless, but there are grade-level chairs that have been attentive to those details. For the long-term substitutes, there often is overlap with the teachers that they will be covering. For the day-to-day substitute needs there are coverages. He said the district is very proud of the substitute teachers it has secured this year. Several did their student teaching in Shaler Area

A motion was made by Mr. Roma with a second by Dr. Kwiatkowski, to approve Items B.1-9.

After no further discussion, these items were then approved by a roll call vote.

ACTION:
Approved
Items B.1-9

Motion Carried: 9 aye; 0 nay

Donahue	Fisher	Gapsky	Kwiatkowski	Machajewski	Petrovich	Phillips	Romac	Tunstall
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Ms. Ludwig then presented the following Finance items for approval:

<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	<u>Fund Profiles</u>
	B. Cafeteria Fund – Schedule of Bills	C.1B	
	C. Bond Proceeds – Schedule of Bills	C.1C	
	D. Budget Transfers	C.1D	
	E. Year-to-Date Financial Reports	C.1E	
	F. Fund Profiles and Investments	C.1F	
	G. Student Activity Funds & Investments – High School, Middle School and Elementary School – October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020	C.1G	
C.2	Cafeteria Fund Operating Statement	C.2	<u>Cafeteria Operating Statement</u>
C.3	Approve the Shaler Area School District's Audit Report and Financial Statements for year ending June 30, 2020 as prepared by Maher Duessel.	C.3	<u>Audit Report</u>
C.4	Approve additional ABC Transit personnel.	C.4	<u>ABC Transit Personnel</u>
C.5	Approval to dispose of surplus equipment from the Building & Grounds Department.	C.5	<u>Disposal of Surplus Equipment</u>
C.6	Approve the proposed 2021/2022 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,161,057.00. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school district's total contribution to the budget is \$1,811,545.00. The Shaler Area School District contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$60,746.00 and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ration and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).	C.6	<u>AIU Program of Services Budget</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher with a second by Mrs. Petrovich, to approve Items C.1a-f, C.2-6.

Mr. Romac clarified a payment in the Fund Profiles. Dr. Kwiatkowski thanked Ms. Ludwig and her team for working with Maher Duessel and for the changes the department has made. After no further discussion, these items were then approved by a roll call vote.

ACTION:
Approved
Items C.1a-
f, C.2-6

Motion Carried: 9 aye; 0 nay

Donahue	Fisher	Gapsky	Kwiatkowski	Machajewski	Petrovich	Phillips	Romac	Tunstall
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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A motion was made by Mr. Fisher with a second by Mr. Gapsky, to approve Items C.1g.

After no further discussion, these items were then approved by a roll call vote.

ACTION:
Approved
Item C.1g

Motion Carried: 8 aye; 1 nay

Donahue	Fisher	Gapsky	Kwiatkowski	Machajewski	Petrovich	Phillips	Romac	Tunstall
Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

- Mr. Tunstall then announced the following upcoming meetings:
 - Wednesday, March 3, 2021
 - 6:00 p.m. – Buildings & Grounds Committee
 - Wednesday, March 10, 2021
 - 6:00 p.m. – Executive Session
 - 7:15 p.m. – Committee of the Whole Meeting
 - Wednesday, March 17, 2021
 - 6:15 p.m. – Executive Session
 - 7:15 p.m. – Voting Meeting

- Announcement of Past Executive Sessions was made by Mr. Tunstall.

- Mr. Tunstall then asked if there was any other business to come before the board.
 - Dr. Kwiatkowski asked if lunches will continue to be free and if the grab-n-go program will continue when the district transitions to 4-day instruction. Dr. Aiken confirmed that lunches would be free for the remainder of the year and that the administration will meet with The Nutrition Group regarding what the grab-n-go program will look like.

After no further items were presented, on a motion by Mr. Gapsky and second by Mr. Romac, the Business Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

- Mr. Tunstall then recognized the public to speak on any non-agenda item:
- Sue Rost, of Circle Drive, said there were recently two articles that appeared in the news regarding the sale of Jeffery Primary. She said that she feels it is an important piece of property that should stay within the district. She said she believes the whole area should remain the way it is and that to sell the property to a developer is wrong. She said to sell the property to Mt. Alvernia for a day care also is a concern because of what might happen in the future. She said she'd love to see a community park or a community center with pavilions be on the site.
 - Keely Sidick, of Wetzel Road, said she moved to Shaler from the South Hills in 1997 and one of the reasons the area is great is the roots. She said her children are the 5th generation to live on their property. She said Kiwanis Park is great and she never met anyone that wouldn't want a community center. She said that the rumors that Jeffery Primary would become a community center if it ever ceased being a school were going on in the early 2000s when her child started kindergarten. She asked the school board to reconsider selling the property because all municipalities would benefit from a community center. While selling the property seems like a benefit to taxpayers, it is really just a small portion of the district's annual budget. She said that many years ago the district gave the ballfield to Etna Borough and giving Jeffery Primary to Shaler Township would be similarly generous. She said that it was always the Kiwanis Club's intent for the district to return the school to the township. And that

action is required to even make the community center a possibility. Dr. Kwiatkowski pointed out that there is no guarantee from the township that it would become a community center. Mr. Gapsky said that if the township would present an offer to the school district it would vote on it. Dr. Aiken said on three different occasions, the district has been approached by three different groups interested in the property being a community center. He said the district has been open to the idea since the beginning, however, it's never been entertained on the township side to make that a possibility. Dr. Aiken said if it were to be a community center, it would be a great asset and no one in the district would be opposed to that idea. Unfortunately, the idea has never come to fruition and he challenged the concerned public to ask why. Ms. Sidick said they want a community center but unless the township has the property, they can't go to the township and ask them to do anything. Mr. Romac said the township has to take the step to make a written offer, and that there has been a lot of talk but no action on the township's end to make anything happen. He said that a community center isn't going to happen either. The district is selling a piece of property. What happens to it after that, the board can't control. Dr. Kwiatkowski said the newspaper articles were very one-sided. She said that the district is four communities and has been since 1971. She said their tax dollars have paid for the upkeep of the building too. Mr. Gapsky said the sale of the property doesn't mean the park isn't going to still be there.

- Ms. Rost said an apartment building would be terrible and the entire property should be park. Mr. Romac asked what if the township put something in the park that wasn't for a park such as a salt dome. He said the district had a school, the students were moved and the school became vacant. The district has had the property for three years, and only contracted with a realtor less than one year ago. The district put the property on the market and it goes up for sale. The use is a township building and zoning issue.
- Ms. Rost asked why she sensed animosity. Dr. Aiken said the feeling is frustration because the sale of Jeffery has been a one-sided story. The district wants to do the right thing for the school district and the taxpayers of the school district. ANG terminated their contract, so the property is back on the market. The district wants to find the right purchaser. The township can provide an offer and Mt. Alvernia has expressed interest. The district is not in it just to make money, the district is open to the best use of the property, but the district has to see what offers come in. Ms. Rost said she hopes that the district and township can work together to do what is right for everyone. Mr. Gapsky said over the last 50 years, the district has been consistent that when a school closes it is sold. Ms. Rost argued that Jeffery is different because of the setting.
- Ms. Sidick argued that the Kiwanis Club sold the property to the district and mistakenly left out of the deed the intent for the property to return to the township. She said that it is written in the township deed that the property goes back to the Kiwanis Club. They had the same request to the school district and asked what the public needed to do to make that happen. Dr. Aiken said the district can't comment on the intentions of people decades ago. He said the township or Mt. Alvernia needs to make an offer to the school district. Mr. Romac said if the district doesn't have an offer from someone who knows it's been available for sale for three years, what is their real intent.

When no one else approached to speak, the meeting's Final Adjournment occurred at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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