

May 6, 2020
Board of Education Meeting

Debra Barbiani: This board meeting will be recorded. So we're going to start the board meeting. Welcome everyone.

Arlene Hussey: Welcome.

Debra Barbiani: At one moment. Just try. Okay. I'll call the meeting to order. It's 7:02 p.m. And I like to. Request a motion to approve the May 6th board agenda as presented.

Mike Weiner: motion

Fiorella Muscia: second

Debra Barbiani: Mike fiorella discussion on the motion hearing none

Arlene Hussey: I don't know why I'm using it.

Debra Barbiani: It's okay all in favor.

Mike Weiner: Hi.

Debra Barbiani: Okay.

Renee Kates: G

Debra Barbiani: Let me just go around.

Mike Weiner: please mute her

Debra Barbiani: Okay, so Mike you're yes, Arlene is a yes, Joe is a yes. Fiorella.

Fiorella Muscia: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Fiorella, Renee and myself motion carries. Okay, we're moving on to. Public recognition Sarah I don't believe we had any. And so when we don't have any public comment and then student board members are student board member here tonight. No, okay moving on to the superintendent's report Ivan.

Ivan Katz: Thank you.

Debra Barbiani: Thank you.

Ivan Katz: We have a lot of great stuff going on. It's a very busy part of the year right now under normal circumstances that the covid-19 closure and it just accentuates that a hundredfold first. I'd like to recognize our teachers. This is teacher appreciation week. It's also today's nurse appreciation week and I am so proud to have a group of Teachers were doing yeoman's work

daily under circumstances. They haven't prepared for and by the feedback that I've gotten things are going very well in and out of the virtual classroom and on behalf of the district. I am so proud of our teachers. I'm proud of our nursing staff and a nice way to start the report knowing that we're recognizing the folks who are in the trenches metaphor. Actually doing great work for us daily. We're in the middle of a budget season as you know, the new budget vote will take place on June 9th, and we're preparing for the budget for the board to approve later this month and ultimately by the voters in June details of that will be going out in our advertisement and Sarah is putting that together along with the information for The board election. There are a lot of you know, one of the things that's heartbreaking for. The closure is the effect that has on all kids. But specifically our senior class they are losing out on all kinds of things due to the closure like Proms and graduation ceremony fell in talking with principal atoms of the Junior/Senior High School. I just want to give you a little bit of an update on what's taking place to honor our seniors. First of all, the principals meeting using Google meet with those are with our seniors and advisor on a regular basis to talk through what we're doing. They're putting their putting together. What I think is going to be a beautiful virtual graduation ceremony where kids are going to come in and actually walk across the stage and have that video taped with Couple of family members there to see that and then we're going to stitch all those small videos together to create a virtual graduation ceremony. We're going to pre-record the speeches like the board presidents mine the class officers salutatorian valedictorian and then we're going to put together what I think will be a very nice tribute to the seniors. It may not be exactly the same as having a full Auditorium and balloons. But it'll be it'll be very nice. Additionally. They're compiling a senior spot lights which are going to be shared on social media and on the school website that will have a photo of our senior photo of our seniors a brief bio and their future plans. I'm also going to put a graduation message on the Marquee in front of the junior senior high school as well as a banner to recognize our kids understand the principles also. Working the yearbook advisor to publish some poems that students wrote in their English classes relative to their feelings on the school closure. The senior class is also looking at purchasing mementos t-shirts backpacks to be given to students to commemorate this year. And we're also looking at getting lawn signs to so for parents that'll have the comment logo on it. And the And the message seniors 2020 and so a lot of good stuff happening for the the scene of a mic job question.

Debra Barbiani: Okay.

Mike Weiner: Yes, you said the individual students will be able to come in and then they'll be able to march across the stage, correct?

Ivan Katz: wrecked

Mike Weiner: Would their parents be able to come in at the same time?

Ivan Katz: yeah be there each each of these students are going to have are going to be able to bring to people who will sit in the auditorium socially distanced and for the

Mike Weiner: It broke it broke. I couldn't hear I'm sorry.

Ivan Katz: Yeah, the answers yet the the work to bring their parents.

Mike Weiner: Okay.

Ivan Katz: They can bring up to two people who can watch them do that little video clip as they're walking across the stage.

Debra Barbiani: Okay.

Ivan Katz: And are there any other questions

Debra Barbiani: Look.

Ivan Katz: on that?

Debra Barbiani: I think Arlene has a question Ivan. She's muted. Arlene

Ivan Katz: You're muted Arlene.

Arlene Hussey: Do you hear me now?

Ivan Katz: Yes now we can hear you.

Debra Barbiani: yes, go ahead. Can't hear you.

Ivan Katz: You've muted yourself Arlene. Good now you're good.

Arlene Hussey: Now I'm good.

Debra Barbiani: Yes.

Ivan Katz: Yes.

Arlene Hussey: If I'm not if I'm not good, it's not me. I'm not even near that thing. Anyway, I was am I muted.

Ivan Katz: now you

Debra Barbiani: now

Arlene Hussey: Okay, I was questioned on this and what I was told was. And of course, you know word of mouth. I was told that and I know that this is so because I got something from Tri-Valley they have all over their lawns. They have placards with the names of the students and it's not only try Valley as a couple of other schools to and I had asked I don't know if I

Ivan Katz: Who?

Arlene Hussey: ask you why that all right? Yes you Deb why couldn't we do

Debra Barbiani: Yeah, you did.

Arlene Hussey: something like that, but I see you're going to do some other things so

Ivan Katz: We got a bunch of other things. We are going to be placards which will have the Fallsburg comment logo and the title seniors 2020. They looked at a bunch of ideas. Unfortunately, we can't do everything but we do want to do a number of things and it looks like they have a nice menu of items here to recognize the seniors and I'm sure if there are any additional requests from the senior class and the advisor that principle atoms will consider those night thing between you know to just dismiss We should video alone is going to be quite an Endeavor because we have 80 graduates. We got speeches and we want to put something together that will be a audio and visual Memento for the years to come and I know

Arlene Hussey: I'm where is going to go

Ivan Katz: Well, we would put it on the website

Arlene Hussey: speakers at?

Ivan Katz: We put it on Facebook. So we would we would have links available. There hasn't been a date chosen yet

Arlene Hussey: and

Ivan Katz: We're not tied to the regular graduation date because the cancellation of school so but it will be made available.

Arlene Hussey: Okay, and the the poems where the psycho?

Ivan Katz: That's just this at the discussion stage right now. I know that they're working on that not know at this point where they're going to appear but I'm sure we consider the videos that we put out that have been on Facebook there. They'll be available will make sure that they're spotlighted appropriately and and stay tuned. There's information comes out. I'll share it with you.

Arlene Hussey: You are right. Okay, thank you. It's so sad for them. It's so sad for them. They are so many of them have been in that school 12 years, you know, and it's it's so sad, but what are we going to do? This is what exists

Debra Barbiani: And Mike has a question 2.

Mike Weiner: Yeah, I know to is the number you were talking about, but wouldn't it be a good thing to have like a brother or sister allowed in there as well?

Ivan Katz: I'm going to leave those details to the Junior/Senior High School, mr.

Mike Weiner: Okay, I appreciate that.

Ivan Katz: Winter.

Mike Weiner: It's just I know with my family it would have been nice to have all my daughters together there.

Ivan Katz: You know, there's no way to accommodate the regular numbers as you know that we'd have I think that because we can't have more than really right now ten people gathered and you're going to have a videographer and other folks were actually doing the video. We're cutting it close. Just getting the student and two others at the same time. We don't want to put anyone In Harm's Way.

Mike Weiner: I'm just thinking you got to go to Mm. Tori. You could have four people in there may be but okay, we'll leave it up to the school itself. All right.

Ivan Katz: Thank you.

Mike Weiner:

Arlene Hussey: How many graduates are there?

Ivan Katz: Amy

Arlene Hussey:

Ivan Katz: and that President Barbie on E is the

Arlene Hussey: Okay.

Ivan Katz: report that was

Debra Barbiani: Okay, I appreciate that.

Arlene Hussey: Thank you Ivan.

Debra Barbiani: Okay, and we'll move down to our administrators report. If there was anything there. can I And next is the business report. Mr. Greco.

Dan Grecco: Good evening, everyone.

Debra Barbiani: Good evening.

Arlene Hussey: Good evening.

Dan Grecco: Right now we're working hard to complete the final version of the the final version of the budget for 2021. The board of education is scheduled to adopt the budget at the next board meeting and advance of the June's budget vote. We are also currently working on having the district be able to have Employee Self Serve. This would allow employees to access their pay stubs and W-2s online. It's an online system. That's Sure, and it would be put out by wind cap.

Debra Barbiani: Oh.

Dan Grecco: On the construction front construction continues in the high school mainly the heat in the pool area the site contractor has finished the work and demobilized. We're waiting for the grass to grow. We're going to start a bait asbestos at the high school. We are scheduled to start on our around May 18th, and it should take up to four weeks to complete the abatement any questions Alright, well, thank you.

Debra Barbiani: Mr. Greco. Thank you. Okay, moving down to the minutes. I have a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21st meeting of submitted.

Mike Weiner: motion

Debra Barbiani: Mike

Fiorella Muscia: second

Debra Barbiani: fiorella discussion on the motion Hearing none Mike.

Mike Weiner: yes.

Debra Barbiani: orally Yes, Renee. Okay, fiorella and Joe.

Fiorella Muscia: Yes.

Joe: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: And I'll me yes. Okay moving down to action items may have a motion to approve the Hold on one second the consent agenda. Items L2 through I15 as presented.

Mike Weiner: motion

Debra Barbiani: Mike Joe any discussions on those items in the consent agenda You're on mute Arlene. You have to unmute yourself.

Arlene Hussey: Hello.

Joe: call

Debra Barbiani: Okay, you're there now, go ahead.

Arlene Hussey: Yeah, I don't know why they're keeps going off. I'm not anywhere near it. It keeps turning into the red. Do you hear me?

Debra Barbiani: Yes, we hear you.

Arlene Hussey: Okay. I wanted to ask something just a curious question on number 14 on the agenda. There's two peopleThe 1/6 social studies workers and their let go what is that about,

you know?

Debra Barbiani: It's Ivan. Do you want to answer that?

Ivan Katz: Sure we we we had a need initially

Arlene Hussey: number 14

Ivan Katz: before the closure for two x to the sixth position no longer need.

Arlene Hussey: Okay, and why is that? Is there somebody in their place?

Ivan Katz: Yeah, we have somebody who was out and that person has been recalled.

Arlene Hussey: Okay, that's the guidance person.

Ivan Katz: That is a social worker position.

Arlene Hussey: Okay.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. All right any other questions? Hearing none. I'll I'll do the roll call for Sarah Mike.

Mike Weiner: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Arlene

Arlene Hussey: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Renee That's a yes fiorella.

Fiorella Muscia: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: and Joe

Joe: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: and I'm a yes the motion carries. And we're down to other action items.

Ivan Katz: If I make your safe for a moment Arlene, the reason that you're being shut off is you're not doing it. Jane is doing it. So you're absolutely normal. What she was James trying to do is to mute us when we're not supposed to be talking. So that's why the mute comes on some can control it as well. time so she can control it and you

Arlene Hussey: Okay. Okay. Well, I want talk.

Debra Barbiani: No, well, you will but you know, that's the reason.

Arlene Hussey: Uh-huh.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. All right, so we're down to other

Arlene Hussey: Okay.

Debra Barbiani: So we're down to other action items and this is subject is a tenure motion resolve that in compliance with the provisions of section 30 12 of the education law and part 30.3 of Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, the Board of Education of holmesburg Central School District, hereby grants tenure to Dana clear who holds initial certification and music K-12 and the music tenure area.

Fiorella Muscia: 20

Debra Barbiani: Of August 29th, 2020 and as presented.

Mike Weiner: motion

Debra Barbiani: Mike

Fiorella Muscia: Okay.

Debra Barbiani: fiorella discussion Hearing none Mike.

Mike Weiner: yes.

Debra Barbiani: Arlene

Arlene Hussey: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Renee okay. Fiorella.

Fiorella Muscia: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Joe

Joe: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: and I'm a yes and motion carries and congratulations to Dana clear. Down to public recognition. I do not have a recognition public recognition submitted we go down to board time committee reports. I'll start with Joe.

Joe: Don't have anything Deb.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. Thank you, Joe. Fiorella.

Fiorella Muscia: No, I don't have anything.

Debra Barbiani: Renee just have to unmute yourself.

Arlene Hussey: Hello.

Renee Kates: Okay, can you hear me now?

Arlene Hussey: I have something. Okay.

Debra Barbiani: Yes, I can Renee.

Renee Kates: Okay, I don't have anything to report but I try to make some comments, but obviously I couldn't get it. I just want to comment on two things if I may one is I'm reading the administrators reports. I am so totally impressed with our administrators and what they are doing to reach out to the students to the families to the visits. I think that's absolutely incredible. We are really blessed. Have such people on our staff and I like to tell mr. Greco that I he had an excellent plan. And if he wants you to have another He probably could do that as well. job. I liked his plan that he went.

Fiorella Muscia:

Renee Kates: that did that video or absolutely terrific. So those are all my comments for

Arlene Hussey: Oh wonderful.

Renee Kates: better or worse.

Debra Barbiani: No, that's

Renee Kates: Thanks.

Arlene Hussey: I'd like to make a comment.

Joe:

Debra Barbiani: Sure. Go ahead Arlene Go ahead.

Arlene Hussey: You talking to me Deb?

Debra Barbiani: Yes, Arlene, I'm sorry.

Arlene Hussey: Okay. I just wanted to say that I

Debra Barbiani: Go ahead.

Arlene Hussey: been I don't know why I knew that Jim McDermott and Marty Van Vliet were nominated for the Hall of Fame, but I really didn't for the whole wall of

Mike Weiner: awesome

Arlene Hussey: fame for the coaches. But I just want to say this. I want to remind Mike I think you're aware. I received the letter Y the number of years ago. It could be. To ten, maybe eight nine years ago. I received a letter from Jim McDermott. I still have the letter and he do such a recitation on my TV. I'm really asking that we put Marty them wait on the hall of fame or named the gym after him at that point. That's what they were asking and I just want to say how happy I am that these are the first two people. I think they are right the first few people on our Hall of Fame so certain things come to fruition after much discussion and much, you know thinking about it. So I thank everybody.

Debra Barbiani: Yeah, it's a wonderful that that's a great recognition. Thanks for sharing that Arlene. I appreciate that. Okay, Mike.

Mike Weiner: I think mr. Greco soul. My phones are on budget and buildings and grounds. So really, the only thing I'd like to ask is down the line that class senior classes are getting a little bit larger and it's getting harder and harder to get it the families in to the auditorium. Maybe down the line. We can look at another venue either maybe the College gym or Monticello Raceway. So you can fit everyone in there, but it's just a thought at this point.

Debra Barbiani: Can I thank you. Okay. Thank you everyone. Okay old new business. None, do we need a need for executive session?

Arlene Hussey: No, but I want I'd like to ask isn't

Mike Weiner: No.

Arlene Hussey: Sue giving the report to the board on the wellness policy.

Debra Barbiani: No, not today.

Arlene Hussey: I wanted to achieve was because I thought you were going to ask me if you know it's about having attended the meeting and I was going to turn it over to her.

Debra Barbiani: Yeah, not not that this meeting.

Arlene Hussey: not what

+1 845-***-**11: I am

Debra Barbiani: Not at this meet.

Ivan Katz: Are we are leading the way the policy works is that before? It's presented to the board. It has to be reviewed by the policy committee right now Sue is in the

Arlene Hussey: right

Ivan Katz: process of updating the policy so that when it goes to the policy committee, they'll be able to see what the old language was and what the new language is and then the policy

committee will then recommend it to the board for a first reading so We're we're getting there.

Arlene Hussey: Yeah, no, and I thought I was going to be questioned on having gone to the the meeting. You know, I'm on that committee. So I was just going to say that I'm not going to be redundant. I'm going to let her do the speech because it was all about nutrition physical activity and you know other things that she's going to talk about so I wasn't going to Be redundant. I thought you were asleep tonight.

Ivan Katz: doing that until the first reading comes forward to the board. And when that happens Ms. Lenzian will be able to do a presentation at that time and discuss them describe them. I'm looking forward to that. I think the wellness committee has done a great job in updating. I would say that the wellness policy of any policy that is that we have in the school district is Most updated the most attended to of any policy because it's been revised and revised and revised probably at least since 2006 and now the committee is more involved than ever. So I think that when the board gets to the point of seeing that first reading they'll see the kinds of changes that reflect the kinds of recognitions that the school district and the wellness committee has gotten in large part because of the work of the Wellness committee so all of that and more yet to come.

Arlene Hussey: Right, and I when we have some great people on there, we have some very experienced people in the nutrition field in the health field and and it's a learning experience for me when I go, you know.

Ivan Katz: I would say that our Wellness committee is probably the showcase for the county

Arlene Hussey: Okay.

Debra Barbiani: Mike

Mike Weiner: Yeah, sorry, I'm back, I guess

+1 845-***-**11: certainly

Mike Weiner: I guess either in january/february asked about it update for the ineligibility policy. I realize we're going through the pandemic and whatever else that's going on is a lot of things going on. Will we still be able to have something new by the first day of school?

Ivan Katz: the discipline committee at the Junior/Senior High School continues to meet the eligibility policy is one of the items on the agenda that they've been meeting and discussing we have shared the concerns that have come up not only from at the board level but also at the administrative level so that's being reviewed and we can expect to see some changes in the Junior Senior High School student handbook that would be effective for the next school year and that the board would ultimately see when they receive the and books at the reorg meeting for their review.

Mike Weiner: Okay.

Debra Barbiani: fiorella

Fiorella Muscia: I just want to say one last thing that that it is teacher appreciation week and I really wanted to just say a big shout out to all our teachers and all the wonderful things that you know, they do throughout the whole year. But especially during this time that many of them have one above and beyond and me personally as a parent you don't have seen that and I really appreciate it and I just really wanted to say thank you to all of them. They're doing an awesome job.

Arlene Hussey: Thank you for noting that.

Mike Weiner: hear hear

Debra Barbiani: Yes agreed. Thank you. Thank you teaching staff. Okay. Can I have a motion to adjourn?

Mike Weiner: motion

Debra Barbiani: second?

Fiorella Muscia: second

Debra Barbiani: fiorella discussion hearing none Mike

Mike Weiner: Thank you, everyone.

Debra Barbiani:

Arlene Hussey: Okay. Good to see you on screen.

Matt Evans: Have a good night. Everyone stay well.

Arlene Hussey: You too.

Joe: Good night.

Debra Barbiani: good night. Thank you.