

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting – February 28, 2022

TIME and PLACE: The regular meeting was held on February 28, 2022 by the Board of Education of the Delaware Valley Regional High School District, Hunterdon County, in the Cafeteria of the Delaware Valley Regional High School, 19 Senator Stout Road, Frenchtown, New Jersey 08825.

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NOTICE:**

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate and electronic notice of this meeting was provided through the public notice on January 04, 2022 by:

- a. Emailing to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Express Times
- b. Posting on the District Website and the main bulletin board in the District Office
- c. Filing with the Clerks of the following municipalities: Alexandria Township, Frenchtown Borough, Holland Township, Kingwood Township and Milford Borough.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Gordon-Obal.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Ellen Gordon-Obal, President	Jonathan DeLisle, Vice President
	Gerard Bowers	Melaine Campbell
	Deborah Culberson	Amy Elphick
	JoAnne Oldenburg	George Tavernite (arrived 7:11 p.m.)

Absent: Anna Gaspari

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

Present: Daria Wasserbach, Superintendent
Teresa O'Brien, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Lorfink, Esq.

ALSO PRESENT: Approximately 25 students, staff and members of the community in attendance.

President Gordon-Obal lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Student Recognition:

- Student of the Month:
 - Ryan Neal, for his kindness Mrs. Jones
- Athletes of the Month: Mr. Deniz, Athletic Director
 - Girls Basketball: Carly Christie, Coach Haughey

- The Arts Student of the Month:
 - Grace LaGuardia and Kacper Domoslawski, Mrs. Ruppert

ADMINISTRATIVE/STAFF PRESENTATION AND REPORTS

Management Reports:

- Testing Report: Start Strong Assessment - Mike Gurysh, Director of Curriculum
- School Administration - Bill Deniz, Athletic Director, Supervisor of Health and Physical Education
- Principal's Report - Submitted by Dr. Broadus Davis, Interim Principal
- Updates to the DVRHS Health and Safety Guidelines 21/22 - Daria Wasserbach, Superintendent
 - Public questions on the Updates to the DVRHS Health and Safety Guidelines 21/22

PUBLIC COMMENT - Bylaw No. 0167 "Public Participation in Board Meetings"

- Jeanie Franzo of Alexandria Township thanked the board for working so hard on the updated health and safety guidelines. She stated that the long term effects of wearing masks for two years is not known and that the board is accountable to the students and not to the Department of Health.
- Judy Hanley of Frenchtown stated that she hopes that the track will still be installed even though the school is receiving a credit for not installing the track material.
- Autumn Sanders of Milford Township stated her concern that the students are not allowed enough opportunities for movement throughout the day, including fresh air, and that this impacts their mental health and well-being. She asked how this can be incorporated into the school day.
- Clair Wargaski of Holland Township stated that if the Department of Health and CDC are making recommendations that are not approved by the FDA, she encouraged the board to make it an option that the parents be considered in setting health policy for their children.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolved by the Board of Education of Delaware Valley Regional High School as per Chapter 231, P. L. 1975:

1. That it is hereby determined that it may be necessary to meet in Executive Session on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 8:09 p.m. to discuss: Personnel matter
2. The matter discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.
3. The length of the meeting is thought to be approximately fifteen (15) minutes. Action will be taken upon returning to open session.

The board returned to open session at 8:17 p.m. on motion by Elphick, seconded by Oldenburg. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

POST-EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOARD GOALS AND EVALUATION CALENDAR

2021/2022 District Goals

1. To develop and implement learning recovery for all students
2. To continue to foster a school culture and climate that honors our shared mission, vision and beliefs that provides a supportive educational environment for teaching and learning for all students and staff.
3. Develop community and business partnerships that provide opportunities and experience beyond the classroom for all students.

4. Develop a strategy to promote Delaware Valley Regional High School, and to retain and attract students.

2021/2022 Calendar for Board/CSA Evaluation:

Goals publicly affirmed by the Board	September 27
Action Plans presented to the Board	September 27
Updates given on progress	Monthly
Board Self-evaluation form to the Board	May 31
Goal/Leadership Evaluation (Part 1 & Part 2)	June 20
Goals/Indicators of success incorporated into goal evaluation document	
CSA completes form (goals, indicators, ratings)	April 25
Both forms returned to FSR or Board President	May 9
Analysis completed by FSR	May 16
Initial CSA Summary REport completed and distributed to Board for review	June 13
Final CSA Summary Report complete by Board President	June 20
Report given to CSA	June 20
Summary Conference (must be completed by June 30)	June 27
Final report to public on Board Goals	June 27

SUPERINTENDENT – Daria Wasserbach

Informational Items:

- Update on District Goals and Objectives
- QSAC Update
- Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Monthly Incident Report for period ending February 28, 2022:

Month/Year	# of Incidents Reported	# Identified as HIB	Remediation	Discipline & Remediation	Appealed (Y/N)
June 29 – Aug. 23	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aug 24 – Sept 27	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sept 28 – Oct 25	2	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oct 26 – Nov 29	3	2	Y	Y	N
Nov 30 – Dec 20	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dec 21 – Jan 3	1	1	Y	Y	N/A
Jan 4 – Jan 24	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jan 25 – Feb 28	5	1	Y	Y	N
Feb 29 – Mar 28					
Mar 29 – April 25					
April 26 – May 23					

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education re-approved the 2022/2023 School Calendar reflecting the date change on the NJEA Convention dates. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Elphick. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 22-270 Revised 2021/2022 School Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education revised the 2021/2022 School Calendar to reflect the cancellation of the Open Campus Learning Day. There will still be an early dismissal for students. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Elphick. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 22-271 Revised DVRHS Health and Safety Guidelines 21/22

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the revised DVRHS Health and Safety Guidelines 21/22. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Elphick. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY – Teresa O’Brien
Informational Items:

- Next Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 21, 2022
- March Bill List Review - TBD

Action 22-272 Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following meeting minutes:

*January 24, 2022 - Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2022- Executive Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022 - Special Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022 - Executive Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2022 - Special Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2022 - Executive Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022 - Special Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022 - Executive Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022 - Special Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022 - Executive Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022 - Special Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022 - Executive Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2022 - Special Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2022 - Executive Meeting Minutes*

Moved by Tavernite, seconded by Campbell. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – George Tavernite - Chairperson, Jonathan DeLisle, Ellen Gordon, JoAnne Oldenburg

Informational items:

Action 22-273 2021/2022 Field Trips

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following 2021/2022 Field Trips in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8 (c):

Organization/Department	Destination	Date
<i>Special Ed</i>	<i>Frenchtown, NJ</i>	<i>February 2022</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Flemington, NJ</i>	<i>March 2022</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Milford, NJ Wayne, NJ Bethlehem, PA</i>	<i>February 2022</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>TBD Bridgewater Township, NJ Scotch Plains, NJ</i>	<i>March 2022</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Edison, NJ</i>	<i>April 2022</i>
<i>Art</i>	<i>Frenchtown, NJ</i>	<i>March 2022</i>

Moved by Tavernite, seconded by DeLisle. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 22-274 Spring Athletic Trips

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved athletic trips in conjunction with the spring athletic schedule 3A. Moved by Tavernite, seconded by DeLisle. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 22-275 Change Order – Turf Installation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following change order to the contract with FieldTurf USA, Inc. for the Turf Installation:

Change Order #	Purpose	Amount	Total Change to Contract
<i>CO-01</i>	<i>Requested additional logos/field markings</i>	<i>\$13,275.00</i>	<i>\$13,275.00</i>

Moved by Tavernite, seconded by DeLisle. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 22-276 Change Order – Turf Project

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following change order to the contract with The Landtek Group for turf project:

Change Order #	Purpose	Amount	Total Change to Contract
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CO-01	Credit for not installing Track Material	(\$85,000.00)	(\$85,000.00)
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Moved by Tavernite, seconded by DeLisle. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 22-277 Change Order – Turf Project

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following change order to the contract allowance of \$30,000.00 with The Landtek Group for turf project:

Change Order #	Purpose	Amount	Contract Allowance Balance
PCO-04	Concrete nailer ACO drain, curbing at sand pit, and add'l surveying	(\$6,850.00)	\$23,150
PCO-06	Add'l grading & seeding	(\$8,000.00)	\$15,150

Moved by Tavernite, seconded by DeLisle. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 22-278 Vehicle Purchases

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education awarded contracts for the purchase of vehicles in accordance with the vehicle replacement schedule and paid for through the Delaware Valley Regional Transportation Consortium as follows:

Vendor	Purchasing Coop	Item	Quantity	Cost	Total
H.A. DeHart	HCESC Bid# TRANS-21-10	Thomas 54 Passenger Bus	4	\$115,677.40	\$462,709.60
Total					\$462,709.60

Moved by Tavernite, seconded by DeLisle. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Gerard Bowers - Chairperson, Jonathan DeLisle, Anna Gaspari, Ellen Gordon
Informational Items:

Action 22-279 February 28 Bill List

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the February 28, 2022 bill list as follows:

<i>General Fund 10</i>	\$2,350,924.64
<i>Special Revenue Fund 20</i>	5,985.73
<i>Technology Fund 61</i>	9,699.18
<i>Transportation Consortium Fund 62</i>	453,989.67
<i>Administrative Shared Services Fund 63</i>	14,161.79
Total	\$2,834,761.01
<i>Cafeteria (December)</i>	\$ 38,522.42

Moved by Bowers, seconded by Campbell. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays,0.

Action 22-280 Budget Transfers – January

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved line item transfers dated January 01, 2022 through January 31, 2022 in the amount of \$20,811.74. Moved by Bowers, seconded by Campbell. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays,0.

Action 22-281 January 2022 Fund Financial Report

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the monthly certification of the Board Secretary for January 2022, and after review of the Board Secretary’s and January 2022 Treasurer’s Reports, certify no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23 – 2.11(c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year and that no budgetary line-item account has been exceeded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1, and that no line-item account has encumbrances and expenditure, which in total exceed the line-item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.11(a). Moved by Bowers, seconded by Campbell. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays,0.

Action 22-282 January 2022 Other Financial Reports

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following financial reports:

<i>Game Officials Account</i>	<i>January 2022</i>
<i>Petty Cash Account</i>	<i>January 2022</i>
<i>Student Activities Account</i>	<i>January 2022</i>
<i>Scholarship Account</i>	<i>January 2022</i>
<i>Cafeteria Account</i>	<i>January 2022</i>

Moved by Bowers, seconded by Campbell. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays,0.

Action 22-283 Waiver of Requirements – SEMI Program

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following requests for employee/board member travel in accordance with the School District Accountability Act and Board of Education Policy. Only overnight stays are eligible for meal reimbursement. Mileage, meals and lodging reimbursements shall be in accordance with NJ Statute, Code and NJ Department of Treasury Guidelines. OMB Mileage Reimbursement Rate: \$0.35

<i>Employee/ BOE Member</i>	<i>Program Title/ Location</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Mileage/ Tolls</i>	<i>Lodging Total</i>	<i>Meals Total</i>
<i>Tracy Miceli</i>	<i>HCLA 2022 Winter Workshop Flemington, NJ</i>	<i>2/24</i>	<i>\$45.00</i>	<i>\$6.93</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Ashley Pritchard</i>	<i>NJSCA Spring Conference Union, NJ</i>	<i>4/1</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>	<i>\$33.67</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Arnold Stang</i>	<i>NJSBGA Expo Atlantic City, NJ</i>	<i>3/20, 3/21, 3/22 & 3/23</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>	<i>\$88.90 Tolls \$20.00</i>	<i>\$221.34</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>

Moved by Bowers, seconded by Campbell. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE - Ellen Gordon-Obal – Chairperson, Deborah Culberson, JoAnne Oldenburg, George Tavernite
Informational items:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Ellen Gordon-Obal – Chairperson, Melaine Campbell, Deborah Culberson, Jonathan DeLisle
Informational items:

IT IS NOTED THAT ALL STAFF APPOINTMENTS ARE AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND THAT ALL SALARIES ARE PRO-RATED TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF EMPLOYMENT.

Action 22-288 **Resignation – Marissa Geary**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepted the **resignation** of Marissa Geary, Mental Health Counselor/School Psychologist, with regret, effective March 10, 2022. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Elphick. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

Action 22-289 **Resignation – Denise Donnelly**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepted the **resignation** of Denise Donnelly, Principal's Secretary, with regret, effective February 25, 2022. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Elphick. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

Action 22-290 **Retirement – Donna Daku**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following Contracted **Transportation Driver** for the 2021/2022 School Year. Salary paid for by the Transportation Consortium.*

<i>NAME</i>	<i>HOURLY RATE</i>	<i>START DATE</i>
<i>Angela Giannavola</i>	\$29.00	3/1/2022

Moved by Gordon, seconded by Elphick. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0

Action 22-298 2021/2022 Co-Curricular Schedule B Coach

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the employment contract of the following Co-Curricular Schedule B Coach for the 2021/2022 school year:

<i>POSITION</i>	<i>APPLICANT</i>	<i>YEARS EXPERIENCE</i>	<i>2021/2022 SALARY</i>
<i>Lacrosse Assistant Girl's Coach</i>	<i>Allyson Scerbo</i>	0	\$5,995
<i>Set Design</i>	<i>Thomas Watson</i>	0	\$3,032

Moved by Gordon, seconded by Elphick. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0

Action 22-299 2021/2022 Teacher Substitute

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following teacher substitute for the 2021-2022 school year:

Nicholas Gerard

Moved by Gordon, seconded by Elphick. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0

Action 22-300 2021/2022 Employment Contract – Paul Tomko

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the 2021/2022 employment contract for Paul Tomko, as the System Support Specialist, at a salary of \$67,642, prorated, effective March 1, 2022. Salary to be paid from utilizing the Technology Consortium. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Elphick. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0

POLICY COMMITTEE – Amy Elphick – Chairperson, Gerard Bowers, Anna Gaspari, Ellen Gordon
Informational items:

Action 22-301 Policy & Regulations - First Reading

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the first reading:

Bylaw 0168, "Recording Board Meetings"

Moved by Elphick, seconded by Bowers. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0

EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Jonathan DeLisle - Chairperson, Melaine Campbell, Amy Elphick, Ellen Gordon
Informational items:

Community Activities Calendar:

Alexandria Township:

Township Committee Meeting (2nd Wednesday)
 Dumpster Day, March, 19th, 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Holland Township:

Township Committee Meeting (1st and 3rd Tuesday)
 Document Paper Shredding Day, April 30th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Kingwood Township:

Township Committee Meeting (1st Thursday)
 New Jersey's Changing Climate, Virtual Webinar presented by Professor David Robinson, NJ State Climatologist, March 28, 7:00pm <https://dvrhs:zoom.us/j/84332929047>

Frenchtown Borough:

Township Committee Meeting (1st Wednesday)
 Affordable Rentals in Frenchtown, waiting list deadline April 19, 2022

Milford Borough:

Township Committee Meeting (1st and 3rd Monday)

Delaware Valley Regional High School:

Winter Musical - March 3rd - 6:00pm, March 4th & 11th - 7:00 pm, March 5th & 12th - 2:00 pm
 Early Dismissal(Students only) - March 9th
 NJSGPA Testing - Grade 11, March 14th - 17th
 District Arts Festival - March 24th
 ASVAB - March 28th

Action 22-302

2022/2023 Senior Parking Fee

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education established a \$50 Senior Parking Fee for the 2022/2023 school year. All proceeds shall be used to offset budgetary graduation expenses. Moved by DeLisle, seconded by Bowers. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0

PUBLIC COMMENT – Bylaw No. 0167 “Public Participation in Board Meetings” - No comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolved by the Board of Education of Delaware Valley Regional High School as per Chapter 231, P. L. 1975:

1. That it is hereby determined that it may be necessary to meet in Executive Session on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 8:50 p.m. to discuss: Student Matters
2. The matter discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.

3. The length of the meeting is thought to be approximately twenty (20) minutes. Action may be taken upon returning to open session.

The board returned to open session at 9:11 p.m. on motion by Tavernite, seconded by Bowers. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Moved by Campbell, seconded by Bowers. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes 8; nays, 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa O'Brien, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ellen Gordon-Obal, Board President