

## **REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2013:**

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, in the LGI Room.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Deborah DeSando, leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. DeSando also asked for a moment of silence for our troops here and abroad.

On the Roll Call:

Marygrace Mailen – Present  
Katherine Stocki – Present  
Eugene Talerico – Present  
Patrick Dattilo – Present  
Gary Goodall – Present  
James Hoover – Present  
Christopher Jones – Absent  
Ronald Stacchiotti – Present  
Deborah DeSando – Present

Non-voting Board Members Brian Tomasetti and Devon Brown were present.

Also present were Mr. Jeffery, Mrs. Nee, Mrs. VanLuvender, and Atty. Mariotti. Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Krieger, Mr. Spadoni, Mr. Gutowski, and Mrs. Kurpis were excused.

**Informational Items:** Transportation Software and an Educational Foundation were discussed.

**Discussion of proposed action on business before the Board:** Motion "R" was revised to delete March 29<sup>th</sup> and Motion "S" was revised to delete the language after "K".

**Board Committee Reports:** A Policy Committee report was given by Mr. Hoover. A Financial Advisory Committee report and a Budget Committee report were read by Mrs. DeSando.

**Student Representative Reports:** A Junior Class report was given by Devon Brown and a Senior Class report was given by Brian Tomasetti.

**Administrative Reports:** Mrs. VanLuvender gave an elementary report as well as a high school report in Mr. Thomas' absence, Mrs. Nee gave a special education report, and Mr. Gutowski gave a buildings and grounds report.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public Participation on Action on Business Before the Board:** None.

**ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

A motion was made by Mr. Stacchiotti, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the agenda of action on business before the Board. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Stacchiotti to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to approve the list of bills. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Dattilo, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to approve the Treasurer's Report. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the Athletic Report. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to approve the service contract with Armillay's Finishing Touch Landscaping, in the amount of \$7,655.00 for the district's football field from May 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Talerico to grant tenure to Frank Berardelli (March 18, 2010-Present). On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Talerico, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve an extension of unpaid childrearing leave to Adrianna Rupprecht for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Goodall to appoint Kory Coyne as the Spring Olympics Coordinator at an annual stipend of \$752.36. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Talerico, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the proposed NEIU 19 Budget for the 2013-2014 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mrs. Stocki voting "no".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve Elizabeth Enlow (Social Studies 7-12) and Rebecca Healey (English 7-12) to the Substitute Teaching List. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the second reading of the following policy:

- 006 Local Board Procedures

On a roll call vote, all members present voted to "yes", with Mrs. Stocki voting "no".

A motion was made by Mr. Talerico, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to seek RFP's for the district's auditing services for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 school years. After a discussion, a motion was then made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to amend the previous motion to read: "seek RFP's for the district's auditing services for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, with the potential for renewal. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes to amend".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Talerico to approve the request of Marygrace Mailen to attend PSBA's Leadership Symposium on Advocacy and Issues in State College, Pa., April 5, 2013 to April 6, 2013, in the amount of \$495.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "no", with Mrs. Mailen abstaining and Mr. Talerico and Mrs. Stocki voting "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) Program and post for positions. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the following student teacher assignments: Chad Friend (Mr. Gatto), Jessica Norris (Mr. Berardelli), Amber Cipriani (Mr. McLane), and Lauren Thorne (Ms. Cummings), effective March 11, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- Bullying 349
- Bullying 449
- Bullying 549

On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Stacchiotti, seconded by Mr. Goodall to amend the 2012-2013 school calendar as follows:

- March 28 is now a school day due to inclement weather.

On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to accept the resignation of R. Scott Jeffery as Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2013. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mrs. Stocki and Mr. Talerico voting "yes, with regret".

**Public Participation on items not on the Agenda:** Rick Notari gave information on events in Lackawanna County. Kathy Stocki commented on Motion "N". Marygrace Mailen also read a statement regarding Motion "N".

A motion was made by Mr. Stacchiotti, seconded by Mr. Goodall to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, March 20, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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