

REGULAR MEETING OF December 19, 2012:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 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 – Present
Ronald Stacchiotti – Present
Deborah DeSando – Present

Non-voting Board Member Brian Tomasetti was absent and Devon Brown was present.

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

Informational Items: An executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting. Personnel and labor relations were discussed.

Discussion of proposed action on business before the Board: Mr. Mariotti was asked to research the Education Foundation and to discuss Merchandising Agreements. The meeting for the Student Activity Committee was set.

Board Committee Reports: None.

Student Representative Reports: Devon Brown gave a Junior and Senior Class report.

Administrative Reports: Mrs. VanLuvender gave an elementary report, Mr. Thomas gave a high school report and Mrs. Nee gave a special education 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. Jones, 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. Talerico, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2012 and of the Reorganization Meeting of December 5, 2012. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Talerico to approve homebound instruction for student #489889. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Mailen, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to approve the request for unpaid leave by April Cieslak, Elementary Instructional Aide, effective November 29, 2012 to December 21, 2012. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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

- 249 Bullying
- 347 Workers Compensation Transitional Return to Work Program
- 447 Workers Compensation Transitional Return to Work Program
- 547 Workers Compensation Transitional Return to Work Program

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to approve the IRS Standard Mileage Rate beginning January 1, 2013 of 56.5 cents per mile. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Talerico, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve John Nebzydoski (Secondary Guidance) to the Substitute Teacher List. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to approve the Affiliation Agreement for a Counseling Internship Site with Marywood University. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve Jennifer Rojek and Nina Pero as Guidance Interns beginning January 2, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Stacchiotti, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the renewal of the following student clubs/activities for the 2012-2013 school year.

- Ski Club

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to approve the Ski Club trip to Killington, Vermont February 8, 2013 to February 9, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Talerico, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the Tax Collector's Monthly Report for the month of November 2012. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to accept/deny OFEA Grievance 12-03: Classroom Observation. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to "deny".

A motion was made by Mr. Stacchiotti, seconded by Mr. Jones to accept/deny OFEA Grievance 12-04: Constitution and Bylaws. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to "deny".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to accept/deny OFEA Grievance 12-05: Comprehensive Planning. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to "deny".

A motion was made by Mr. Stacchiotti, seconded by Mr. Hoover to unilaterally implement the Districts' last best offer, dated October 25, 2012, effective December 20, 2012, after the OFEA commences a strike, pursuant to its' strike notice. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

Public Participation on items not on the Agenda:

Vito Cusumano stated his concerns on school safety and suggested having a police officer in the school.

Kristine Lenceski also stated her concerns regarding school safety, agreeing with Mr. Cusumano.

Karen Walker discussed school safety as well as her concerns over the teacher's strike notice. She questioned the cost of the new contract. Mr. Audi addressed her concerns.

Shawn Nee stated he feels the district misstates figures regarding the teacher's contract.

Rob Notari asked what the cost savings would be by implementing the Districts' last best offer.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mailen, seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

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