

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2013:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, in the Auditorium.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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- Absent
Deborah DeSando- Present

Non-voting Board Member Devon Brown was present and Robert Rinaldi was absent.

Also present were Mr. Semenza, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Krieger, Mrs. Nee, Mr. Rinaldi, Atty. Mariotti, and Mr. Gutowski. Mrs. VanLuvender and Mrs. Kurpis were absent.

Informational Items: Mrs. DeSando announced there had been executive session held immediately prior to the meeting to discuss personnel.

Discussion of proposed action on business before the Board: Motion F was amended to include Emily Miller. Motion GG was tabled.

Board Committee Reports: A Personnel Committee report was given by Mrs. DeSando and a Policy Committee report was given by Mr. Hoover.

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

Administrative Reports: Mr. Thomas gave a high school report, Mrs. Nee gave a special education report, Mr. Gutowski gave a building and grounds report, and Mrs. Krieger gave an elementary report in Mrs. VanLuvender's absence.

Correspondence: None.

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

ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Jones 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. Dattilo, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 17, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Talerico, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to grant tenure to the following teachers: William Butler, Christopher Guida, Tanya Kuckla, Emily Miller, Lori Nalaschi, Marissa Stacchiotti, Joann Pepsin, Rachel Stevens, Catherine Toraldo, Erica Cascio-Leiva, Ann Giglio, Paul McGloin, Jennifer Wyandt, Kathleen Ncyz, and Paula Torwich (all 8/30/10 to present). On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Mailen, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the District's job description for "Head Coach". On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Mailen, seconded by Mr. Jones to appoint Armando Sallavanti, Sr. Football Announcer at a rate of \$37.59 per game. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to approve the District's job description for "Chorus Director". On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Goodall to appoint Jonathan Woytach Paraprofessional for the Elementary Life Skills Class at a salary of \$9,471.42 annually. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Mailen, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to appoint Jared Yanniello Head Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach, per the recommendation of the interview committee, in the amount of \$5,517.29 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to appoint Kerry Gregory High School Chorus Director at a stipend of \$1,200.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to appoint Robert Galetti Day Shift Skilled Mechanic, per the recommendation of the interview committee, at a salary of \$29,000.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Jones to renew the annual subscription with IMPACT Applications for Baseline and Post Injury Tests in the amount of \$530.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the athletic insurance for the 2013/2014 school year serviced by Parlopiano Insurance Agency in the amount of \$18,706.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to approve the Shelter Facility Agreement with the Old Forge School District and the American Red Cross. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to approve the tuition agreement with New Story for the 2013/2014 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the agreement with Children's Service Center for the 2013/2014 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Talerico, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to approve the Mine Subsidence Insurance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from August 27, 2013 to August 26, 2014 in the amount of \$94.85 to bring coverage up to \$174,700. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the maintenance service agreement for the emergency generating equipment with Mechanical Service Company from August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014 in the amount of \$535.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the preventative maintenance contract with Troy Mechanical, Inc. from September 24, 2013 through September 23, 2014 in the amount of \$4,000.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mr. Talerico abstaining from the vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to approve Jenny Wilczak (Speech Pathologist/ESY), Breanne Cole (Elem. K-6), Eric Garnett (Biology 7-12), Lindsey Kovalik (Math 7-12)m and Evonne Gorgol (Special Education K-12) to the substitute teaching list pending required paperwork. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the high school and elementary student handbook revisions for the 2013/2014 school year. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mrs. Stocki voting "no".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the resignation of Nicole VanLuvender, Elementary Principal. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the resignation of Regina Krieger, High School Assistant Principal. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Jones to accept the resignation of Jamee Ruddy, Personal Care Aide. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Goodall to accept the resignation of Kristen Kurpis, Instructional Technology Specialist. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the contract with Edmentum for Study Island Software for the 2013/2014 school year in the amount of \$11,725.40. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Talerico to approve the request for child rearing leave by Melissa St. Ledger, School Psychologist, from September 23, 2013 to December 16, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the request for FMLA leave by Jillian DeStefano from August 26, 2013 to November 18, 2013. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that:

Old Forge School District, Lackawanna County hereby appoints Business Manager, Brian Rindaldi, as its authorized representative to make requests upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer, relative to the collection of taxes for Client, as desired and deemed necessary by Client, to be used for official purposes only: and Berkheimer is hereby directed to provide and/or transmit any and all tax information and records, or any portion thereof, relating to the collection of taxes for the Client, upon request, to Brian Rinaldi as the authorized contact representative for it.

Client, County hereby saves harmless, indemnifies and/or absolves Berkheimer from and against any and all liability in connection with the release of said confidential information.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Talerico to table motion "GG". On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

Public Participation on items not on the Agenda: Rick Notari gave information on upcoming events in Lackawanna County. Karen Walker questioned class sizes and staffing for the kindergarten classrooms, inquired about funding and suggested fund raising activities.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday August 21, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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