

REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2015:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, in the Auditorium.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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:

Christopher Jones– Present
Jason O’Hearn – Present
Patrick Dattilo – Absent
Marie Ciufferri – Present
Gary Goodall – Present
James Hoover – Present
Robert Notari – Present
Kelly Tansley – Present
Deborah DeSando - Present

Non-voting Board Members Robert Rinaldi and Mattia Krappa were absent. Also present were Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Rinaldi, Mrs. Nee, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Thomas, and Atty. Mariotti. Mr. Gutowski was excused.

Informational Items: None.

Discussion of proposed action on business before the Board: Motion F was amended.

Board Committee Reports: None.

Student Representative Reports: None.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Barrett gave an elementary report. Mr. Marsh gave a Technology report. Mrs. Nee gave a special education report. Mr. Thomas gave a high school report and a curriculum presentation.

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 Ms. Tansley 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. Jones, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the Consent Agenda for motions "C" through "H" as follows:

C. To approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2014 and the Reorganization meeting of December 3, 2014.

D. To approve the Treasurer's Report for November & December 2014.

E. To approve the Athletic Report for November & December 2014.

F. To approve Kim Gumaer (Elem. K-6/Science 7-8) and Ashley Schwartz (Spanish K-12/Social Studies 7-12) to the Substitute Teacher list and Christopher Gaidos to the Substitute Maintenance/Personal Care Aide list, pending required paperwork.

G. To approve homebound instruction for Student # 490147, 490759, 492206, 491438, & 491126.

H. To approve the Tax Collector's Report for October and November 2014. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the List of Bills. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mr. O'Hearn and Dr. Notari voting "no".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to amend the 2014/2015 School Calendar as follows: May 15 and May 22, 2015 are now school days due to inclement weather cancellations. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Tansley to accept the snow removal proposal from Komensky Enterprises, LLC for the 2014/2015 school year. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. O'Hearn to approve the transfer of Ashley Opiela-Pelosi from her current Personal Care Aide assignment to Personal Care Aide for a third grade student. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to accept the resignation of Jennifer Hawker, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach and ratify the posting. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferri, seconded by Ms. Tansley to appoint Stacey Herne Assistant Varsity Softball Coach at an annual salary of \$2,319.77 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Jones to appoint Suzanne O'Donnell Night Custodian at a salary of \$9.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Mr. Jones to appoint Kristin Jenkins Personal Care Aide for an elementary student at an annual salary of \$9,471.42, prorated. On a roll call vote, all members voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to appoint James Hehn Long Term Social Studies Substitute on an intermittent basis effective November 3, 2014 through January 23, 2015. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the request of Donna Trotta and Robin D'Andrea (PIMS Coordinators) and Kathy Franceschelli (Guidance Secretary) to attend the PDE Data Summit in Hershey, Pa. from March 22, 2015 to March 25, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$1000.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes"

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the general obligation note with Fidelity Bank. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes" with Mr. O'Hearn and Dr. Notari voting "no".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to approve the request of Laura O'Hearn, Ski Club Advisor, to organize and charter a ski trip to Killington, Vermont from February 27, 2015 to March 1, 2015. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the new IRS Standard Mileage Rate to 57.5 cents per mile for business travel effective January 1, 2015. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by -----, seconded by ----- to adopt the Resolution under Special Session, Act 1 of 2006 311 (d)(1) indicating that the Old Forge School District will not raise taxes by more than the index of 2.4% for the 2015-2016 school year (2.9578).
RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Old Forge School District, Lackawanna County, shall levy a tax of no more than 126.2012 mills per each \$1,000 assessed value based on a 50,844,793 market value and the following taxes under authority of Act 511: ½% wage and real estate transfer tax and emergency municipal service tax of \$5.00 to provide the necessary revenue for same. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "no", with Mr. O'Hearn and Dr. Notari voting "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the Times-Tribune Economic Questionnaire of Students in Lackawanna County to be distributed to students in Diane Smith's Business Class. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the posting for a Night Shift Custodian. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 21, 2015. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

Public Participation on items not on the Agenda: Rick Notari gave information on upcoming events in Lackawanna County.

A motion was made by Mr. Dattilo, seconded by Mr. Goodall to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, November 19, 2014. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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