

REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2015:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in the LGI.

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 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:

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

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

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

Discussion of proposed action on business before the Board: None.

Board Committee Reports: Mrs. DeSando gave budget, policy, and education/technology meeting reports.

Student Representative Reports: None.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Barrett gave an elementary and high school report. Mr. Gutowski gave a buildings and grounds report and Mr. Marsh gave a technology report. Mrs. Nee gave a special education presentation. Mr. Rushefski and Mr. Rinaldi gave a report detailing the budget and district costs.

Correspondence: A thank you letter from Senator Casey was read.

Public Participation on Action on Business Before the Board: Sherri Wagner questioned why Cross Country was not on the agenda to be approved as a Varsity Sport instead of a club.

ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, 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. Goodall, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to approve the Consent Agenda for motions "C" through "G" as follows:

C. To approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2015.

D. To approve the Treasurer's Report.

E. To approve the Athletic Report.

F. To approve Susan Rother (Art K-12) and Thomas Harrington (Art K-12) to the Substitute Teacher List and Wayne Frutchey to the substitute Custodian List, pending required paperwork.

G. To approve Homebound Instruction for Student #494192.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the List of Bills. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. O'Hearn, seconded by Ms. Tansley to adopt the Resolution Urging the General Assembly to Establish a New Funding Formula for Basic Education. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the NEIU 19 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "no".

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Mr. O'Hearn to appoint Christopher Thomas 2009 Yearbook Advisor at a stipend of \$1,742.96 to be paid upon its completion, no later than August 2015. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mr. Jones voting "no".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the Tuition Agreement with New Story for the 2014-2015 School Year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Jones to accept/deny OFEA Grievance #15-01 Letter of Reprimand. On a voice vote, all members present voted to "deny".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Tansley to accept/deny OFEA Grievance 15-02 Lunch Times. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to "deny", with Mr. O'Hearn voting to "accept".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to accept/deny OFEA Grievance 15-05 Bereavement Leave. On a voice vote, all members present voted to "deny".

A motion was made Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to accept/deny OFEA Grievance 15-06 Extracurricular Coach Payment. On a voice vote, all members present voted to "deny".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to adjust the school calendar as follows: April 2, 2015 and June 15 & 16, 2015 are now school days and May 1, 2015 will now be a full Act 80 day district wide due to inclement weather cancellations. 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. Jones, seconded by Mr. Goodall to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, March 18, 2015. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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