

REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2013:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, in the Auditorium.

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:

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

Non-voting Board Member Devon Brown was present and Robert Rinaldi was absent. Also present were Mr. Thomas, Mr. Barrett, Mrs. Nee, Mr. Rinaldi, and Mr. Marsh. Mr. Gutowski was excused.

Informational Items: Mrs. DeSando announced there had been executive session held on November 19 to discuss personnel and immediately prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and negotiations. Patty Barasse gave a Nutrition Group update.

Discussion of proposed action on business before the Board: Motions "W", "X", and "Y" were added.

Board Committee Reports: None.

Student Representative Reports: Devon Brown gave a senior class report.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Thomas gave a high school report, Mrs. Nee gave a special education report, and Mr. Barrett gave an elementary report. Mr. Gutowski's building and grounds report was accepted as written. Mr. Marsh spoke briefly about his first few days as Director of Technology.

Correspondence: A letter from Gary Propersi, Tax Collector was addressed.

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. Dattilo 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. Goodall to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Dattilo 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 approve the S.A.P. agreement between the Scranton Counseling Center and the Old Forge School District effective September 2013 to June 2014. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Talerico to approve Jill Giannacopolus (Speech/Lang. Pathology), Nadine Cole (Guidance K-12, Laura Roche (Spec. Ed. K-12), Dominique Weitz (Math 7-12), Jeffery Evans (Art, Social Studies 7-12), Sarah Gula (English 7-12), Jerica Tallo (Social Studies 7-12), Conway Rowe (Elem. K-6, Social Studies 7-9, ESL K-12), and Morgan Schreckengost, Milessa Mullen and Megan Winsor (Elem. K-6) to the substitute teaching list pending required paperwork. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to approve the job description of PIMS/Child Accounting Coordinator. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Mailen, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to appoint Robin D'Andrea PIMS/Child Accounting Coordinator at an annual stipend of \$1,500.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to appoint Donna Trotta PIMS/Child Accounting Coordinator at an annual stipend of \$1,500.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the resignation of Gene Albanese as Boys Basketball Timer and post for the position. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Goodall to accept/deny OFEA Grievance 13-04 Calendar Change. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to "deny", with Mrs. Mailen and Mrs. Stocki voting to "accept".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to accept the resignation of High School Secretary Vita Giacometti, effective December 13, 2013 and post for the position. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes". Mrs. Stocki, Mr. Stacchiotti and Mrs. DeSando thanked Mrs. Giacometti for her years of service.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the resignation of Al Semenza, Acting Superintendent effective October 31, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Talerico, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to accept the Tax Collector's Report for September 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to appoint Rick Notari volunteer coach to the Boy's Basketball team, as requested by Head Coach Jared Yanniello, pending required paperwork. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to appoint Jim DeStefano volunteer couch to the Boy's Basketball team, as requested by Head Coach Jared Yanniello, pending required paperwork. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to accept the Settlement Agreement and Release for Student #489702. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Talerico to appoint Renee Cadwalder Night Custodian at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve Ashley Opiela to the Personal Care and Instructional Aide substitute list, pending required paperwork. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve Terry Pitta, Brian Wrubel, Thomas McGuire, Jr., David Labukas, and Karl Buzza to the Maintenance substitute list, pending required paperwork. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the Settlement Agreement between the Old Forge Education Association and the Old Forge School District for the Unfair Labor Practice Case #11/0292 Bargaining Unit Representative. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Talerico to approve the transfer of Sherri Wagner from Personal Care Aide to Instructional Aide and post for her vacated position. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Mailen, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the following:

Pursuant to Section 1079 of the Public School Code, this board finds it impossible or impractical to immediately fill the vacancy occurring in the position of District Superintendent. Accordingly, the board appoints Roseann Brutico to the position of Acting Superintendent beginning as soon as she accepts the appointment until such time as the Board elects a District Superintendent, not later than one year from this date. The Board approves the appointment of Ms. Brutico pursuant to the following terms:

1. Ms. Brutico will obtain any required approvals from PDE and PSERS before reporting; and
2. Ms. Brutico will be paid the sum of \$275.00 per day for each day she reports to the District to serve in her capacity as Acting Superintendent and must be available to the district at a minimum of three days per week.

On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes" with Mrs. Stocki and Mr. Talerico abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the Settlement Agreement and Release of student #491334. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

Public Participation on items not on the Agenda: Mrs. Stocki presented awards from PSBA to outgoing board members Mrs. Mailen and Mr. Talerico. Rick Notari gave information on events in Lackawanna County.

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

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