

REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2013:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 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:

Patrick Dattilo - Present
Gary Goodall - Present
James Hoover - Present
Christopher Jones - Present
Marygrace Mailen - Present
Katherine Stocki – Present via telephone (representing OFSD at PSBA)
Eugene Talerico - Present
Ronald Stacchiotti- Present
Deborah DeSando- Present

Non-voting Board Members Devon Brown and Robert Rinaldi were absent. Also present were Mr. Semenza, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Nee, Mr. Rinaldi, Atty. Mariotti, and Mr. Gutowski.

Informational Items: Mrs. DeSando announced there had been an executive session held on October 8, 2013 to discuss negotiations and an executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and negotiations.

Discussion of proposed action on business before the Board: Motion "F" was revised, Motion "G" was amended, and Motion "T" was added.

Board Committee Reports: None.

Student Representative Reports: None.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Thomas gave a high school report, Mrs. Nee gave a special education report, and Mr. Gutowski gave a building and grounds report. Mr. Rinaldi announced that the auditors were in to start on their yearly audit for the 2012/2013 school year and that the Auditor General's office would be in on October 23 to audit the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 school years.

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. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Mailen, 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 approve the revised agreement between the Old Forge School District and the Riverside School District for Shared Services of a School Occupational Therapist. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Goodall to adjust the school calendar as follows: The following are now school days due to teacher strike: October 14, December 2, January 20, April 14 & 15, May 27, June 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept/deny grievance #13-03 filed by OFEA. 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 grievance #13-01 filed by SEIU 668. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to "deny".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the Tax Collector's report for August 2013. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Jones to eliminate the position of Assistant High School Principal. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Goodall to eliminate the position of Elementary School Principal. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to eliminate the position of High School Principal. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the job description of K-12 Principal, Director of Curriculum. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the job description of K-12 Principal, Director of Discipline. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hoover to appoint Christopher Thomas, K-12 Principal/Director of Curriculum at an annual salary of \$78,000.00 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to appoint Nathan Barrett, K-12 Principal/Director of Discipline, at an annual salary of \$70,000.00 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Goodall to appoint Jerry Marsh, Director of Technology, at an annual salary of \$55,000.00 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mrs. Mailen, Mrs. Stocki, and Mr. Stacchiotti voting "no".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to appoint Diane Smith to the position of Mock Trial Advisor at a prorated stipend of \$576.81, according to the terms of the executed Memorandum of Understanding. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to contract with NEIU for technical support services at a rate of \$35.00 per hour for a maximum of 100 hours of service. On a roll call vote all members present voted "yes".

Public Participation on items not on the Agenda: Rick Notari gave information on events in Lackawanna County. Rob Notari asked for the dates that were amended on the school calendar.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Goodall to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday October 16, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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