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REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2016:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday April 20, 2016, in the Auditorium.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm 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:

Jason O'Hearn-Present (Mr. O'Hearn needed to leave for a family emergency before any voting occurred.)
Marie Ciufferi – Absent
Julie Grimes – Present
Megan McCabe – Present
Valarie Marcinko – Present
Kelly Dougher-Tansley – Present
Robert Notari – Present
James Hoover - Present
Deborah DeSando - Present

Non voting Board Members Mattia Krappa and Jennie Thomas were absent. Also present were Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Rinaldi, Ms. Hopkins, Mr. Gutowski and Atty. Mariotti. Mr. Thomas was excused.

Informational Items: Mrs. DeSando announced there had been an Informational Meeting on April 12, 2016 and an executive session held immediately prior to the meeting to discuss negotiations, litigation and personnel.

Discussion of Proposed Action on Business Before the Board: Motion R was tabled.

Board Committee Reports: None.

Student Representative Reports: None

Administrative Reports: Mr. Barrett gave an elementary report. Ms. Hopkins gave a special education report. Mr. Rushefski gave a high school report in Mr. Thomas' absence. Mr. Marsh gave a Technology report. Mr. Gutowski gave a Maintenance Report.

Correspondence:

Public Participation on Action on Business Before the Board: Rick Notari gave information on upcoming events in Lackawanna County.

ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Ms. Grimes 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 Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the Consent Agenda for motions "C" through "H" as follows:

- C. To approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of March 16, 2016.
- D. To approve the Treasurer's Report.
- E. To accept the resignation of Renee Cadwalder, Night Custodian.
- F. To accept the resignation of Ngao Kitonyo, Physics/Secondary math Teacher.

G. To approve Nicole Sharrow (Spec. Ed. PK-8 & Elem. PK-4), Sherri Hughes (PK-4) and Courtney Zukoski (Elem. PK-4) to the substitute teacher list and Susie Aulisio to the substitute clerical/aide list.

H. To approve Homebound Instruction for Student #491438.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by MS. Grimes to approve the Athletic Report. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mrs. DeSando voting "no".

A motion was made by Mrs. Marcinko, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the List of Bills. On a voice vote, all members present voted to "yes", with Dr. Notari voting "no".

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to accept/deny Old Forge Education Association Grievance 16-09 Union Officer Discipline. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to "deny", with Dr. Notari voting to "accept".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Grimes to approve the Second Reading of the following policies: Policy 806.2 Naloxone, 237 Electronic Devices, 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities, and 222 Tobacco. On a voice vote, all members present voted to "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the following Resolution to adopt the 2016-2017 School Calendar: BE IT RESOLVED that the Old Forge School District, in compliance with 24 P.S. Section 15-1502 and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, designates the following official local school district holidays: October 10, 2016, November 11, 2016, November 25, 2016, April 14, 2017 and April 17, 2017. On a voice vote, all members present voted to "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Ms. Grimes to approve the request of Christopher Gatto to run a field trip for the Science/Math Club to PJAS State Competition in State College from May 15, 2016 to May 17, 2016 in the amount of \$1,050.96. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the Repository Sale by Lackawanna County for 3 Old Forge properties. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the Extended School Year Program for the Life Skills Class dates for the 2015-2016 school year as follows: July 5, 2016 to August 4, 2016. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to appoint Cheryll Sulla Night Custodian at a rate of \$9.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe seconded by Ms. Grimes to appoint Christine Iacavazzi Paraprofessional for the Extended School Year Program (ESY) at her contractual rate. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Ms. Tansley to appoint Jonathan Woytach Personal Care Aide for the Extended School Year Program (ESY) at his contractual rate. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the hourly wage increase for Hall Monitors and Security Officer of \$0.50 per hour retroactively to the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mrs. DeSando abstaining.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the conference request of Jerry Marsh, Director of Technology to attend the PA Junior Academy of Science State Meet in State College

from May 15, 2016 to May 17, 2016 in the amount of \$303.80. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Dr. Notari, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the contract with Comcast for the District’s internet service at 100 Mbps at a rate of \$1,100.00 per month for a term of 3 years. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Ms. Grimes to adopt the LERTA Resolution between the Old Forge School District and Birchwood Estates Realty, LLC. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”, with Dr. Notari voting “no”.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the contract with AFT Landscaping for football field maintenance in the amount of \$7,855.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the contract with AFT Landscaping for the football field irrigation system repairs. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Ms. Grimes to adopt the Resolution RBC Capital Markets, LLC as bond underwriter, Public Financial Management Inc. as municipal advisor and Haggerty, Hinton and Cosgrove, LLP as bound counsel and proceed in the preparation of the documents required for the bond issue by the School District. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the transfer request of JoAnn Pepsin from Elementary Teacher to Secondary Special Education Teacher effective the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Old Forge School District and the Old Forge Education Association. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

Public Participation on Items Not on the Agenda: None.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

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