

REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2017:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, in the Auditorium.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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:

Megan McCabe- Present
Jason O’Hearn- Present
Kelly Tansley – Absent
Marie Ciufferi – Present
Frank Scavo – Present
Chuck Karam – Present
Valarie Marcinko - Present
Julie Grimes - Present
Deborah DeSando - Present

Non-voting Board Members Jennie Thomas and Michael Cinamella were absent. Also present were Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Marsh, Atty. Mariotti, Mr. Schalk, Mr. Gutowski and Mr. Rinaldi. Ms. Hopkins was absent.

Informational Items: Mrs. DeSando announced there had been an Informational Meeting held on April 11, 2017 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: Motions Z and AA were added to the agenda. Motion L and N were tabled.

Board Committee Reports: None.

Student Representative Reports: None.

Administrative Reports: Ms. Hopkins gave a special education report. Mr. Rushefski gave elementary report and an athletic director report. Mr. Schalk gave a high school report. Mr. Marsh gave a Technology report. Mr. Gutowski gave a Maintenance Report.

Correspondence: None

Public Participation on Action on Business Before the Board:

ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko 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 Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the Consent Agenda for motions “C” through “J” as follows:

- C. To approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of March 22, 2017.
- D. To approve the Treasurer’s Report.
- E. To approve the List of Bills
- F. To approve the Athletic Report.

G. To approve Kim Nareski and Jacqueline Smith to the substitute clerical/aide list, pending required paperwork.

H. To approve James Freethy, Carmella DeStefano, Jacqueline Smith, Tanya Ehrets and Dorothy Taylor to the substitute maintenance list, pending required paperwork.

I. To approve Homebound Instruction for Student #8928120.

J. To approve the transfer request of Robert Williams from High School Learning Support Teacher to Social Studies Teacher.

On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mrs. Marcinko, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the following 2017-2018 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 9, 2017, November 24, 2017, January 2, 2018 March 30, 2018 and April 2, 2018, as per Appendix “E”. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mr. Scavo to approve the Science/Math Club JFAS trip from May 14, 2017 to May 16, 2017 in the amount of \$2,500.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferri, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to appoint Nicole Warnek 2016-2017 Extended School Year Elementary Life Skills Teacher at a rate of \$30.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferri, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to appoint John Warnek 2016-2017 Extended School Year High School Life Skills Teacher at a rate of \$30.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to appoint Julie Strain 2016-2017 Extended School Year Elementary Emotional Support Teacher at a rate of \$30.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferri, seconded by Mr. O’Hearn to appoint Joann Pepsin 2016-2017 Extended School Year Learning Support Teacher at a rate of \$30.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferri to appoint Christine Iacavazzi 2016-2017 Extended School Year Instructional Aide at her contractual rate. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the request of Michelle Hopkins, Supervisor of Special Education to attend the Leaders in Special Education-Every Student Succeeds Conference in Bedford, Pa. from July 24, 2017 to July 27, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Scavo to approve the request of Jerry Marsh, Director of Technology to attend the PJAS State Competition in State College, Pa. from May 14, 2017 to May 16, 2017 in the amount of \$240.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. O’Hearn, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferri to approve the 2017-2018 Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Education Services with NEIU. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”, with Mr. Scavo voting “no”.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve Pine Hills Golf Course as the home course for the Old Forge School District Golf Team starting with the Fall 2017 season. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. Karam, seconded by Mr. Scavo to approve the payment of the snow removal bill from J.Sparrow Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$32,680.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes” with Mr. O’Hearn and Mrs. Ciufferi voting “no”.

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to appoint Francis DiBiassi Day Shift Maintenance at an annual salary of \$20,000.00 prorated, pending required clearances.

A motion was made by Mrs. Marcinko, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to accept the resignation of Karen Piccolini, Elementary Secretary and post for the position. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. Karam, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to approve the contract with AFT Landscaping for football field maintenance in the amount of \$4,044.00 for the 2017 season. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”, with Mrs. Marcinko voting “no”.

Public Participation on Items Not on the Agenda: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Grimes to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, April 19, 2017. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.

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