

REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2013:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, in the LGI Room.

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:

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

Non-voting Board Member Devon Brown was present and Robert Rinaldi was absent.

Also present were Mr. Jeffery, Mrs. Nee, Mrs. VanLuvender, Mr. Gutowski, Mrs. Kurpis, and Atty. Mariotti. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Spadoni were excused and Mrs. Krieger was absent.

Informational Items: Mrs. DeSando announced there had been executive sessions held June 6, 11, and 18 to discuss personnel.

Discussion of proposed action on business before the Board: Motion "Y" was tabled.

Board Committee Reports: Mr. Dattilo gave a Student Activities Committee report.

Student Representative Reports: Devon Brown gave a Senior Class report.

Administrative Reports: Mrs. VanLuvender gave an elementary report, Mrs. Nee gave a special education report, and Mr. Gutowski gave a buildings and grounds report. Mrs. DeSando gave a high school report in Mr. Thomas' absence.

Correspondence: None.

Public Participation on Action on Business Before the Board: Robert Hughes commented on a past newspaper article regarding taxes and questioned Mr. Jones as to whether he was employed by Mr. Semenza. Laureen Cummings questioned the salary difference of the current and incoming Superintendents, PSERS contributions and it's effect on taxes, and the proposed new boiler purchase. Frank Scavo commented on PSERS, exterior cameras, and the tax increase.

ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Mailen 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. Dattilo, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 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. Talerico, 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 Kristen Pstrak, Gabrielle Thomas & Briana Klug (Elem., Special Ed. K-8), Diane Figuar (English 7-12, Elem.), Ross Merieski (Science, Chemistry, Math 7-9), Brittany Sheehan (Gen. Science 7-12), Jared Yanniello (Speical Ed. K-12), Sarah Hannick (English 9-12), Kelly Pacelli (Math 7-12) and John Grimes & Licia Olivetti (Social Studies 7-12) to the substitute teacher list, pending required paperwork. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Jones to appoint Christopher Gatto Assistant Varsity Golf Coach at a salary of \$900.00 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to appoint John Mucciolo Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach at a salary of \$2,319.77 prorated, pending required paperwork. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to approve a Tax Anticipation Note with Franklin Security Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Stacchiotti to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Old Forge School District, Lackawanna County, hereby authorize the expenditures set forth during the 2013/2014 school year and levy a tax of 118.2434 mills per each \$1,000, assessed value based on \$50,547,053 market value and the following taxes under authority of Act 511; ½% wage and real estate transfer tax and occupational privilege tax of \$5.00 to provide the necessary revenue for same.

Adopt the final budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year to a total sum of \$11,747,037 as read, a copy be inserted in the Minutes. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mrs. Stocki and Mr. Talerico voting "no".

A motion was made by Mr. Dattilo, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the recommendation of the Student Activities Committee to renew the following clubs/activities for the 2013/2014 school year:

- Senior Class (2014)
- Student Council
- Science/Math Club
- SADD
- Mock Trial
- Peer Mediators
- French Club
- OFHS Cheerleaders
- Junior Class (2015)
- Leo Club
- OFHS Marching Untis
- Trout Club
- Business Club
- National Honor Society
- OFSD Ski Club

On a voice vote, all members present voted to "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Dattilo, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to approve the recommendation of the Student Activities Committee to establish a pilot chorus program in the high school for the 2013/2014 school year. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Hoover to renew the agreement with PA Treatment and Healing (PATH) for the 2013-2014 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Stacchiotti, seconded by Mr. Goodall to accept/deny OFEA Grievance 13-02: Sick Day Transfer. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to "deny", with Mrs. Mailen, Mrs. Stocki and Mr. Talerico voting to "accept".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Stacchiotti to approve the agreement with Environmental Abatement Associates, to comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Stacchiotti, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the agreement for computer services with Governmental Software Services, Inc. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Dattilo, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to approve the New Story tuition rates for the 2013 Extended School Year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Stacchiotti, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to accept the bid for photography services from Karin Dorman for the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mrs. Mailen to approve the request for homebound instruction for student #490363. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hoover to appoint Emily Miller Paraprofessional for the 2013 Extended School Year (ESY) at a rate of \$7.75 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to appoint Renae Gondella and Marissa Laibinis Personal Care Assistants for the 2013 Extended School Year (ESY) at a rate of \$7.75 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion made by Mr. Talerico, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to approve the renewal of the PSBA membership for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$4,744.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Stacchiotti, seconded by Mrs. Stocki to appoint Roxanne Riviello Speech Language Pathologist for the 2013 Extended School Year (ESY) at a rate of \$30.00 per hour, pending required paperwork. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Stocki, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the MMS/One Call Now Proposal in the amount of \$1,715.39 per year to provide the district wide communication service. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the donation of \$3,000.00 to the Old Forge Borough to be used specifically for the Summer Youth Recreation Program. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Dattilo, seconded by Mr. Jones to appoint Alphonso Semenza Acting Superintendent of the Old Forge School District for the 2013-2014 school year at a salary of \$76,000.00 effective July 1, 2013 per the following Resolution:

Old Forge School District Resolution

Authorizing the Appointment of an Acting Superintendent

WHEREAS, THE Old Forge School District (OFSD) wishes to temporarily fill the vacant position of superintendent with an acting superintendent. In doing so, the District has undertaken a superintendent search that has not produced a candidate satisfactory to the Board of Education and the various criteria it has set for appointment to the position of full time superintendent of schools;

WHEREAS, being aware of the requirements of the PA School Code of 1949 and its amendments, as well as applicable Pennsylvania law, the District RESOLVES to appoint Alfonso P. Semenza as acting Superintendent until June 30, 2014 and set forth the parameters, terms and conditions of employment in a written agreement.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the District will seek approvals as required by the PA Department of Education for the appointment of the Acting Superintendent, and will continue to endeavor in its search for a suitable candidate to appoint as full time superintendent of schools no later than June 30, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Old Forge Board of School Directors, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the Acting Superintendent per the terms and conditions agreed by the Board of Education.

On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mrs. Stocki and Mr. Talerico voting "no".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Stacchiotti to approve the Annual Public Performance Site License with Movie Licensing USA, for 5 years in the amount of \$2,938.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Stacchiotti to accept the resignation of Joann Casey as District Substitute Caller effective June 30, 2013 and post for the position. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hoover to appoint Brian Rinaldi Business Manager at a salary of \$55,000.00 effective July 1, 2013. 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. Robert Hughes asked if Mr. Semenza had a superintendent certificate and asked about Mr. Rinaldi's duties as Business Manager.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mailen, seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 18, 2013. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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