

REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2015:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in the LGI.

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:

Patrick Dattilo – Present
Marie Ciufferi - Present
Gary Goodall – Present
James Hoover – Present
Robert Notari – Present
Christopher Jones – Present
Jason O’Hearn – Present
Kelly Dougher-Tansley – Present
Deborah DeSando – Present

Non voting Board Members Mattia Krappa and Jennie Thomas were absent. Also present were Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Rinaldi, Mr. Barrett, Mrs. Nee, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Gutowski, and Atty. Mariotti. Mr. Thomas arrived later in the meeting.

Informational Items: Mrs. DeSando announced there had been an executive session held immediately prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation. She also announced that the next regular board meeting would be changed from July 15, 2015 to July 8, 2015.

Discussion of Proposed Action on Business Before the Board: Motions J and K were tabled.

Student Representative Reports: None.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Barrett gave an elementary report. Mrs. Nee gave a special education report. Mr. Marsh gave a Technology report.

Correspondence: None.

Public Participation on Action on Business Before the Board: Jeff Dorunda asked about the hiring process of the Cross Country Coach. April Hannon spoke in support of Ms. Rasieleski for Cross Country Coach. Robert Hughes asked questions about cyber school, Athletic Director salary and taxes. Aimee Thomas asked about the proposed elimination of Cheer and Marching Unit Advisors as well as the consolidation of the two programs.

ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley 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 Mr. Jones to approve the Consent Agenda for motions "C" through "G" as follows:

- C. To approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of May 20, 2015.
- D. To approve the Treasurer's Report.
- E. To approve the Athletic Report.
- F. To approve Jessica Casey (Elem. PK-4, Special Ed. PK-8) to the substitute teacher list.
- G. To accept the letter of resignation of Kim Scalse as Marching Unit Director.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to approve the List of Bills. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to appoint Dave Marsico Cross Country Coach at an annual stipend of \$1,880.59. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Dr. Notari and Mr. O'Hearn voting "no".

A motion was made by Dr. Notari, seconded by Mr. O'Hearn to approve the transfer of Jared Yanniello from High School Learning Support to Elementary Emotional Support. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to renew the annual membership with Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$4,826.53. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Ms. Tansley to appoint Roxanne Riviello Speech Language Pathologist for the 2014-2015 Extended School Year at a rate of \$30.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to appoint Kevin Nickolaus Physics/Secondary Math Teacher at an annual salary of \$43,380.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to approve the donation to the Old Forge Borough Summer Youth Program in the amount of \$3,000.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to approve the agreement with Pa. Treatment & Healing (PATH) for Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth for the 2015-2016 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Dattilo, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the contract between Kim Scalse, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent, and the Old Forge School District. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the conference request of John Rushefski, Superintendent, to attend the Safe Crisis Management Instructor's Recertification Program from August 13, 2015 to August 14, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$588.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to appoint Kati Heebner PCA for the Extended School Year Program at a rate of \$7.25 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to adopt the following Resolution to pay off outstanding debt to NEIU 19 for special education expenses:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Old Forge School District, Lackawanna County, hereby increases the indebtedness of the Old Forge School District, Lackawanna County, Pa. by issue of a general obligation note in the amount of \$250,000.00 at an interest rate of 2.64% for the term of no more than 5 years. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Dr. Notari and Mr. O'Hearn voting "no".

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferri, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the extension of the contract with Nutrition Group for Food Services for the Old Forge School District for the 2015-2016 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. O'Hearn to approve the increase in cost for the Elementary/High School Lunch beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. On a roll call vote, all members voted "yes".

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting to discuss Motions "Y" and "AA". On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

The meeting was reconvened, and Motions "Y" and "AA" were tabled.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo 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 2015/2016 school year and levy a tax of 126.2434 per each \$1,000, assessed value based on \$50,844,962 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 2015-2016 fiscal year to a total sum of \$12,3256,229 as read, a copy be inserted in the Minutes.

On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mrs. Ciufferri, Dr. Notari, and Mr. O'Hearn voting "no".

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferri, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the transfer of JoAnn Pepsin from Elementary Learning Support Teacher to Elementary Regular Education Teacher. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to approve the transfer of Nicole Warnek from Elementary Life Skills Teacher to High School Life Skills Teacher. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the Tax Anticipation note with Fidelity Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00 at an interest rate of 1.39% for a term of 12 months to mature no later than June 30, 2016. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Dr. Notari voting "no".

Public Participation on Items Not on the Agenda: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 17, 2015. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.

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