

REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2015:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 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:

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

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

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

Discussion of Proposed Action on Business Before the Board: None.

Board Committee Reports: None.

Student Representative Reports: Mattia Krappa gave a Senior Class Report and Jennie Thomas gave a Junior Class Report.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Barrett gave an elementary report. Mr. Rushefski gave a special education report in Mrs. Nee’s absence. Mr. Thomas gave a high school report. Mr. Marsh gave a Technology report. Mr. Gutowski gave a maintenance report.

Correspondence:

Public Participation on Action on Business Before the Board: None.

ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo 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. Goodall to approve the Consent Agenda for motions “C” through “K” as follows:

C. To approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 21, 2015.

D. To approve the Treasurer’s Report.

E. To approve the Athletic Report.

- F.. To accept the resignation of Wendy Cummings as Teacher Mentor.
- G. To accept the resignation of Ann Giglio as Teacher Mentor.
- H. To approve Julie Strain (Early Childhood N-3, Spec. Ed. PK-8) to the substitute teacher list.
- I. To approve homebound instruction for Student #491126.
- J. Motion to appoint Daniel Holland Teacher Mentor for Robert Williams.
- K. Motion to accept the resignation of Marissa Stacchiotti as Special Education Teacher.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. O’Hearn to approve the List of Bills. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes” with Dr. Notari voting “no”.

A motion was made by Mr. Dattilo, seconded by Ms. Tansley to appoint Craig Grochowski Head Jr. High Baseball Coach at an annual salary of \$2,031.37 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Old Forge Education Association and the Old Forge School District. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to appoint Michelle Hopkins Supervisor of Special Education at a salary of \$70,000.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to accept/deny Old Forge Education Association Grievance 16-02: Long Term Sub Pay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to “deny”, with Dr. Notari voting to “accept”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to accept/deny Old Forge Education Association Grievance 16-04: Teacher Discipline. On a roll call vote, all members present to “accept”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to appoint Ashley Mehall Head Spirit Squad Advisor beginning with the 2015-2016 Winter Basketball Season at an annual salary of \$3,074.39 prorated. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”, with Dr. Notari, Mr. O’Hearn and Mrs. Ciufferri voting “no”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the transfer request of Ashley Pelosi from Personal Care Aide for an elementary student to Instructional Aide. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. O’Hearn to accept the waiver of expulsion hearing and Expulsion Agreement for student #490345. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

Public Participation on Items Not on the Agenda: Shawn Nee asked about OFEA and School Board negotiations. Christopher Thomas thanked Vanessa Nee for her years of service.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Dattilo to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, November 18, 2015.