

REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 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:

Robert Notari – Present
Christopher Jones - Absent
Jason O’Hearn – Absent
Patrick Dattilo – Absent
Marie Ciufferi – Present
Gary Goodall – Present
James Hoover – 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, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Gutowski and Atty. Mariotti. Mrs. Nee and Mr. Thomas were absent.

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

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

Board Committee Reports: Mr. Hoover gave a Negotiating Committee report.

Student Representative Reports: None.

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

Correspondence: A thank you note from Jessica Casey, newly appointed Elementary Learning Support Teacher was read.

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 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. Goodall to approve the Consent Agenda for motions “C” through “J” as follows:

- C. To approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of August 19, 2015.
- D. To approve the List of Bills.
- E. To approve the Treasurer’s Report.
- F. To approve the Athletic Report.
- G. To accept the resignation of Frank Berardelli, Jr., General Science Teacher, effective August 31, 2015.

- H. To accept the resignation of Christine Horn, Instructional Aide, effective August 31, 2015.
- I. To approve Laurie Waskiewicz to the substitute school nurse list and Danielle Castaldi to the substitute aide and clerical list, pending required paperwork.
- J. To approve Brook Benson (Elem. PK-4), Alyssa Piccoletti (Elem. PK-4, Special Ed. K-8), Kelly Boise (Elem. K-6) and James Alfano (Social Studies 7-12) to the substitute teaching list, pending required paperwork.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept/deny Old Forge Education Association Grievance 15-14 Harassment. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to “deny”, with Dr. Notari and Mrs. Ciufferi voting to “accept”.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to accept/deny Old Forge Education Association Grievance 15-17 Unilateral Change in Cheerleading/Marching Unit Advisor Positions. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to “deny”, with Dr. Notari and Mrs. Ciufferi voting to “accept”.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the contract with NHS Schools 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 Ms. Tansley to to accept/deny Old Forge Education Association Grievance 15-18 Unilateral Change in Assistant Cheerleading/Marching Unit Advisor Position. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to “deny”, with Dr. Notari and Mrs. Ciufferi voting to “accept”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to accept/deny Old Forge Education Association Grievance 16-01 Dress Code. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to “deny”, with Dr. Notari and Mrs. Ciufferi voting to “accept”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the following teacher mentors: Wendy Cummings for Ngao Kitonyo, Ann Giglio for Robert Williams and Tracie Krasulski for Jessica Casey. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Ms. Tansley to accept the resignation of Christopher Jones from the Old Forge Board of Education. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”, with Ms. Tansley voting “no”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to approve the Repository Sale of property #184-12-040-002. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “no”.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the agreement between Scranton Counseling Center and Old Forge School District for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) from September 2015 to June 2016. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Hoover to appoint Nanette Rinaldi General Science Teacher at a salary of \$44,892.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to appoint Patricia Swisher Long Term French Substitute for the remainder of quarter 1 and quarter 2 of the 2015-2016 school year, pending required paperwork. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodall, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to appoint Brittany Puckett Long Term Substitute for Kindergarten for 3 academic quarters beginning August 31, 2015 at the contractual long term substitute rate, step 1. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Ms. Tansley to appoint John Armillary Head JV Baseball Coach at an annual stipend of \$2,031.37. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to appoint John Jeffery Thomas Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball Coach at an annual stipend of \$3,197.52 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Hoover to appoint April Hannon Assistant Cross Country Coach at an annual stipend of \$900.00 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

Public Participation on Items Not on the Agenda: Jackie Hatalla asked for transportation for 7 and 8th grade students to catholic school. Elain DiAndriola questioned clearances for school volunteers. Debbie Pepsin asked questions regarding the District website, negotiations, grievances and the state audit.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Goodall to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

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