

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2017:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2017, in the Auditorium.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Board President Joan Wilk leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Wilk also asked for a moment of silence for our troops here and abroad.

On the Roll Call:

Christopher Thomas- Present
Marie Ciufferri- Present
Julie Grimes– Present
Alisha Marmo – Present
Megan McCabe – Present
Frank Scavo – Present
Patrick Aulisio - Present
Joan Wilk - Present

Non-voting Board Members Michael Cinamella and Anna Kuckla were absent. Also present were Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Marsh, Mrs. Egan, Mr. Gutowski, Ms. Hopkins, Mr. Gatto, Mr. Rinaldi and Atty. Audi. Atty. Mariotti was absent

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

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

Board Committee Reports: None.

Student Representative Reports: None.

Administrative Reports: Ms. Hopkins gave a special education report. Mr. Gatto gave a high school report. Mrs. Egan gave an elementary report. Mr. Marsh gave a technology report. Mr. Gutowski gave a maintenance report. Mr. Rushefski discussed a classroom visitation policy, board member vacancy interest, the comprehensive plan and early dismissals with lunch. Mr. Rinaldi discussed the presented annual audit and projected increases in healthcare costs and retirement contributions.

Correspondence: None.

Public Participation on Action on Business Before the Board: Bob Hughes asked the Board about District settlements.

ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

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

C. To approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 15, 2017 and the Reorganization meeting of December 6, 2017.

D. To approve the Treasurer’s Report.

E. To approve the List of Bills

F. To approve the Athletic Report.

G. To approve the Tax Collector’s Report.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Ms. Marmo appoint Rick Notari Junior High Boys Basketball Coach at an annual salary of \$1,999.94 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Child Rearing request of Melissa St. Ledger from December 11, 2017 through December 10, 2018. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to appoint Alisha Marmo to the NEIU Board to represent the Old Forge School District to fill the unexpired term of Kelly Dougher-Tansley. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mr. Aulisio to accept/deny Old Forge Education Association Grievance #17-2 Confidentiality Violation of Resignation and Settlement Agreement. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “deny,” with Mr. Thomas abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Marmo to establish the Informational Meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning in January 2018 (with the exception of August which will be the 1st Tuesday) at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium as the Informational monthly meeting for the conduct of board business. Meetings will be advertised as per School Code. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes”.

A motion was then made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to authorize the resumption of paid Dress Down Days for students and staff by the Old Forge Education Association.

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mrs. Grimes to table Motion M. On a roll call vote, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Ciufferi, Ms. Marmo, Mr. Aulisio and Mrs. Wilk voted “no” with Ms. Grimes, Mrs. McCabe and Mr. Scavo voted “yes”. Motion to table Motion M failed.

At this time Mr. Thomas amended Motion M to read “to authorize the resumption of paid Dress Down Days for students and staff by the Old Forge Education Association”. On a roll call vote, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Ciufferri, Ms. Marmo, Mr. Aulisio and Mrs. Wilk voted “yes” with Ms. Grimes, Mrs. McCabe and Mr. Scavo voted “no”. Motion carried 5-3.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferri to appoint Jenna Jones Shotwell to the Old Forge Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of Deborah DeSando.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mrs. McCabe to close nomination for the Board seat. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.

On a roll call vote, all members present voted “yes” for Jenna Jones Shotwell.

At this time, the Oath of Office was administered to Jenna Jones Shotwell by Board President Wilk and notarized by Alice Azzarelli, Notary Public.

Public Participation on Items Not on the Agenda: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Thursday, December 14, 2017. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.