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## **REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2017:**

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, in the Auditorium.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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:

Chuck Karam- Absent  
Valarie Marcinko- Present  
Megan McCabe – Present  
Jason O’Hearn – Present  
Kelly Tansley – Present  
Marie Ciufferi – Present  
Frank Scavo - Present  
Julie Grimes - Present  
Deborah DeSando - Present

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

**Informational Items:** Mrs. DeSando announced there had been an Informational Meeting held on June 13, 2017 and an executive session held immediately prior to the meeting to discuss negotiations, litigation and personnel.

### **Discussion of Proposed Action on Business Before the Board:**

**Board Committee Reports:** None.

**Student Representative Reports:** None.

**Administrative Reports:** Mr. Rushefski gave elementary report, a special education report and an athletic director report. Mr. Schalk gave a high school report. Mr. Marsh gave a Technology report. Mr. Gutowski gave a Maintenance Report.

**Correspondence:** A letter from commencement speaker Matthew Rakauskas thanking the Board for the opportunity to speak at graduation was read. A letter from Lori Nalaschi, parent of a CTC graduate, to the Board was read expressing her dismay on the lack of district administration representation at CTC graduation.

### **Public Participation on Action on Business Before the Board:**

### **ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

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

- C. To approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of May 17, 2017.
- D. To approve the Treasurer’s Report.
- E. To approve the List of Bills

- F. To approve the Athletic Report.
- G. To accept the resignation of Tanya Kuckla as Assistant Spirit Squad Advisor.
- H. To accept the resignation of Jack Schalk High School Principal.
- I. To accept the resignation of Tyson Kelley Assistant Varsity Football Coach.
- J. To approve the revised 2017-2018 school calendar.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Ms. Tansley, seconded by Ms. Grimes to approve the agreement between the Old Forge School District and the Friendship House for Mental Health Counseling and Consulting services for the 2017-2018 school year in an amount not to exceed \$59,400.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the dual enrollment agreement with Lackawanna College from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Ms. Grimes to approve the book purchase from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in an amount not to exceed \$290,000.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the book purchase from Pearson in an amount not to exceed \$8,900.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the book purchase from McGraw Hill in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the book purchase from Masterton Hurley Neth in an amount not to exceed \$4,900.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 246: Student Wellness. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the contract with Computer Visionaries, Inc. for computer hardware and installation in the amount of \$285,189.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Scavo to approve the contract with Zen Web Design for design and maintenance of the District Website in the amount of \$4,000.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Grime to approve the Chromebook purchase from Second Gear in the amount of \$35,593.22. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the software purchase from IU 13 in the amount of \$21,310.00 for a 2 year agreement. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. O'Hearn to approve the basketball rim purchase from Miller Flooring in an amount not to exceed \$24,570.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to approve the First Reading of the following policies: 626.1 Travel Reimbursement, 627 Allowability of Costs, 628 Cash Management and 629 Conflict of Interest. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to appoint Catherine Rich Personal Care Aide beginning with the 2017-2018 school year at an annual salary of \$9,471.42. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the contract with DeHey McAndrew for COBRA Administration at a cost of \$600.00 and 2% of premiums. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to approve the contract with CSIU for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$9,988.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the contract between the Old Forge School District and Parlopiano Maddock Insurance Agency for Interscholastic Sports Insurance in the amount of \$18,353.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the TAN proposal from People's Security Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00 at a rate of .99%. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the proposal from Joyce Insurance Group for the District's Property and Casualty Insurance in the amount of \$100,853.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to appoint Tammy Ferraro Elementary Secretary at an annual salary of \$13,100.00 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Ms. Tansley to approve the donation to the Old Forge Borough for the 2017 Annual Summer Program in the amount of \$3,000.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mr. O'Hearn 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 2017/2018 school year and levy a tax of 126.2434 mills per each \$1,000, assessed value based on \$50,901,700 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 2017/2018 fiscal year to a total expenditure sum of \$13,081,534 as read, a copy be inserted into the Minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko for a tax of 0 mills.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Hearn, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi for a tax of 2 mills.

On a roll call vote, Mrs. Marcinko, Ms. Tansley, Ms. Grimes and Mrs. DeSando voted for 0 mills, Mrs. Ciufferi and Mr. O'Hearn voted for 2 mills, and Mr. Scavo and Mrs. McCabe voted for 1 mill.

A motion was then made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mrs. McCabe for a tax of 1 mill.

On a roll call vote, Mrs. Marcinko, Ms. Tansley, Ms. Grimes and Mrs. DeSando voted for 0 mills, Mrs. Ciufferi, Mrs. McCabe, Mr. O'Hearn and Mr. Scavo voted for 1 mill.

Another vote on the 1 mill increase was taken. On a roll call vote, Mrs. Marcinko, Ms. Tansley, Mr. Scavo, Mrs. DeSando and Ms. Grimes voted for 0 mills and Mrs. Ciufferi, Mrs. McCabe and Mr. O'Hearn voted for 1 mill. A 0 mill increase was accepted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Marcinko, seconded by Mr. Scavo to appoint Kim Havard Personal Care Aide for the 2016-2017 Extended School Year at a rate of \$7.25 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to appoint A.J. McKenna Assistant Varsity Football Coach at an annual salary of \$2,933.24 prorated pending required paperwork. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mr. Scavo to appoint Tiffany Sabuto Assistant Spirit Squad Advisor at an annual salary of \$2,199.78 prorated pending required paperwork. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to authorize the Business Manager to commit \$35,500.00 of our fund balance to the purchase of Special Education Textbooks in the 2018-2019 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to appoint Therese Viera Personal Care Aide for the 2016-2017 Extended School Year at a rate of \$7.25 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to appoint April Burti Personal Care Aide for the 2016-2017 Extended School Year at a rate of \$7.25 per hour. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

**Public Participation on Items Not on the Agenda:** Joan Wilk.

A motion was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Grimes to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 21, 2017. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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## **SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 5, 2017:**

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, in the Auditorium.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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:**

Frank Scavo- Absent

Chuck Karam- Absent

Valarie Marcinko – Present

Megan McCabe – Present

Jason O’Hearn – Present

Kelly Tansley – Absent

Marie Ciufferi - Present

Julie Grimes - Present

Deborah DeSando - Present

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

**Informational Items:** None

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

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

### **ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

A motion was made by Mr. O’Hearn, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi 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 Mrs. Marcinko, seconded by Mr. O’Hearn to accept/deny the Fact Finder’s decision for SEIU 668 Clerical employees. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to “accept”, with Mrs. Ciufferi voting to “deny”.

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to accept/deny the Fact Finder’s decision for SEIU 668 Instructional Aide employees. On a roll call vote, all members present voted to “deny”, with Mr. O’Hearn voting to “accept”.

A motion was made by Mrs. Marcinko, seconded by Mr. O’Hearn to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Special Meeting of Wednesday, July 5, 2017. On a voice vote, all members present voted “yes”.