



REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2016:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, in the Auditorium.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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:

Marie Ciufferi- Present
Julie Grimes- Present
Megan McCabe – Present
Valarie Marcinko – Present
Kelly Dougher-Tansley – Present
Robert Notari – Present
Jason O’Hearn – Present
James Hoover - Absent
Deborah DeSando - Present

Non-voting Board Member Jennie Thomas was present, Michael Cinamella was absent. Also present were Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Marsh, Ms. Hopkins, Atty. Mariotti, Mr. Rinaldi and Mr. Gutowski.

Informational Items: Mrs. DeSando announced there had been an Informational Meeting held on October 11, 2016 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: None.

Board Committee Reports: None.

Student Representative Reports: None

Administrative Reports: Mr. Barrett gave an elementary report. Ms. Hopkins gave a special education report. Mr. Rushefski gave a high school report and athletic director report. Mr. Marsh gave a Technology report. Mr. Gutowski gave a Maintenance Report.

Correspondence: Mr. Rinaldi discussed a letter from DKB Transportation (formerly Propst) requesting an extension of their bussing contract with no increase in cost.

Public Participation on Action on Business Before the Board: The Nutrition Group introduced Tara Carol, Old Forge School District’s new food service director. Brian Guida and Tom Gatto spoke on behalf of Christopher Gatto regarding the vacant principal position.

ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

A motion was made by Mrs. Marcinko, seconded by Ms. Grimes 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 “I” as follows:

C. To approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 21, 2016.

D. To approve the Treasurer's Report.

E. To approve the Athletic Report.

F. To approve Erin Mordan and Debra Grochowski to the substitute clerical/aide list, David Smith to the substitute night custodian list and Kellene Cappellini (Elem. 4/8) and Aubrey McClintock (Elem. K-6) to the substitute teacher list, all pending required paperwork.

G. To approve the following Teacher Mentors:

- Terry DiGiovine for Joseph Terry
- Patricia Warunek for Brittany Puckett
- Melissa St. Ledger for Diana Morris
- Wendy Cummings for Chelsea Colarusso
- Gina Aldrich for John Warnek

H. To accept the Tax Collector's Report for August 2016.

I. To accept the resignation of John Armillay as Junior High Basketball Coach.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to accept the resignation of James Hoover from the Board of Education effective October 11, 2016. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

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

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to eliminate the position of K-12 Principal/Director of Curriculum. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Ms. Grimes to reinstitute the position of High School Principal. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to appoint John Schalk High School Principal at an annual salary of \$74,000.00 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mrs. Ciufferi, Dr. Notari and Mr. O'Hearn voting "no".

A motion was made by Mr. Marcinko, seconded by Ms. Grimes to approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement between the Old Forge School District and the University of Scranton for the 2016-2017 School Year.. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. Marcinko, seconded by Ms. Grimes to accept the quote of CVI for the camera system upgrade in the amount of \$16,812.00. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Ms. Tansley to accept the proposal of JDF Concrete Services, LLC for snowplowing services for the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$60.00 an hour per truck and \$75.00 per hour for a skid loader. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to approve the request of Pat Revello, Head Softball Coach to run a trip for the Softball team to Virginia to play in PIAA exhibition games from March 23, 2017 to march 26, 2017. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. McCabe to approve the update to Policy 916 School Volunteers. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

Public Participation on Items Not on the Agenda: Brian Guida, again questioned the process of hiring the new principal. John Schalk thanked the Board and expressed his eagerness to start as High School Principal. Shawn Nee remarked that administration was untruthful about their principal recommendations. Tom Gatto demanded the names of each administrator's top 3 picks for the principal position. Jamie Armillay questioned the cost of the snow removal contract.

A motion was made by Mrs. Marcinko, seconded by Ms. Tansley to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, October 19, 2016.

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