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REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2017:

The Old Forge Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 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:

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

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

Informational Items: Mrs. DeSando announced there had been an Informational Meeting held on February 6, 2017 and an executive session held immediately prior to the meeting to discuss negotiations, litigation and personnel. Ms. Hopkins gave a Special Education update.

Discussion of Proposed Action on Business Before the Board: Motion S was added to the agenda.

Board Committee Reports: None.

Student Representative Reports: None.

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

Correspondence: None

Public Participation on Action on Business Before the Board:

ACTION ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

A motion was made by Mrs. Marcinko, seconded by Mr. O’Hearn 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 “L” as follows:

- C. To approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of January 18, 2017.
- D. To approve the Treasurer’s Report.
- E. To approve the List of Bills
- F. To approve the Athletic Report.
- G. To Candice Gad to the substitute clerical/aide list.

- H. To approve the transfer request of Samantha Krenitsky from Instructional Aide to Personal Care Aide.
- I. To approve the transfer of Danielle Castaldi to Instructional Aide assigned to the High School.
- J. To approve the transfer request of Donna Trotta from Secretary to the Supervisor of Special Education to High School Secretary.
- K. To approve the transfer of Eric Allegrucci from Night Shift Maintenance Supervisor to Day Shift Maintenance.
- L. To accept the resignation of Cheryl Sulla, Night Shift Maintenance.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to approve the NEIU Budget. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mr. O'Hearn, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferri to appoint Jeff Jenkins to the Old Forge Board of Education to fill Christopher Jones' unexpired term.

A motion was made by Mrs. Marcinko to appoint Alison Stack, with no second.

A motion was made by Chuck Karam to appoint Joan Wilk, with no second.

A motion was made by Megan McCabe, seconded by Kelly Tansley to appoint Frank Scavo.

On a roll call vote, Ms. Tansley voted Mr. Scavo, Mrs. Ciufferri voted Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Karam voted Mr. Scavo, Mrs. Marcinko voted Mr. Scavo, Mrs. McCabe voted Mr. Scavo, Mr. O'Hearn voted Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Grimes voted Mr. Jenkins, and Mrs. DeSando voted Mr. Scavo.
Mr. Scavo was appointed to the Old Forge Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of Christopher Jones.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to approve the Elementary Principal Stipend for John Rushefski at \$35,000.00 prorated for 180 days. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes", with Mrs. Ciufferr, Mrs. McCabe and Mr. O'Hearn voting "no".

A motion was made by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to adopt the Resolution Approving the Preliminary Budget and Authorizing Referendum Exception and Final Budget Notice:

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of Old Forge School District, as follows:

1. The Proposed Preliminary Budget of the School District for the 2017-2018 fiscal year on form PDE 2028 as presented to the School Board is adopted as a Preliminary Budget Proposal for the School District General Fund. The Administration and School Board will continue review of budget components, and the Preliminary Budget may be revised prior to adoption of a Final Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
2. The Act 1 index applicable to the School District as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education is 3.2%. The Preliminary Budget Proposal assumes that the School District will receive approval for use of one or more Act 1 real estate tax referendum exceptions. The School District shall take all steps required to obtain approval for the referendum exceptions contemplated in the Preliminary Budget Proposal, including advertising once in a newspaper of general circulation and placing on the School District internet website **Act 1 Referendum Exception Notice** in substantially the form as presented to the School Board.
3. The School District shall continue to make the Preliminary Budget Proposal available for public inspection, and shall make the Proposed Final Budget in its then current form available for public inspection at least 20 days before the date scheduled for adoption of the Final Budget.
4. At least 10 days before the date scheduled for adoption of the Final Budget, the Secretary shall advertise **Final Budget Notice** in substantially the form as presented to the School Board. The notice shall be advertised once in a newspaper of general circulation and shall be posted conspicuously at the School District offices.
5. School District officials shall take all action necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Mrs. McCabe, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to approve the contract with Miller Flooring Company, Inc. for the renovation of the gymnasium floor in the amount of \$162,128.00. 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 revised 2016-2017 General Fund Budget. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mr. Karam to appoint Susan Aulisio Secreatry to the Special Education Supervisor at a salary of \$13,100.00 prorated. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to terminate the employment of employee #512. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "yes".

Public Participation on Items Not on the Agenda: Gerard Evans from the Lackawanna County Commissioners' Office gave information on upcoming events in Lackawanna County.

A motion was made by Ms. Tansley, seconded by Mrs. Marcinko to adjourn the Old Forge Board of Education Regular Meeting of Wednesday, February 15, 2017. On a voice vote, all members present voted "yes".

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