

THE REGULAR MEETING of September 23, 2020:

The Old Forge School District Board of Education held the regular meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 by virtual communication that was recorded and open to the public in the Large Group Instruction Room.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Board President Alisha Hudak.

On the roll call:

Patrick Aulisio	Present	Dr. Robert Notari	Present
Roseann Brutico	Present	Christopher Thomas	Present
Marie Ciufferi	Present	Alisha Hudak	Present
Brian Guida	Present		
Vanessa Nee	Present		

Administrators present: Dr. Keating, Mrs. Egan, and Mrs. Hopkins and Messrs. Rinaldi, Gatto, and Gutowski.

Solicitor Noah Katz, Esq. was present.

Board Secretary Jenna Shotwell was present.

Student School Board Non-Voting Members: Carolyn Aversa was absent.

Mrs. Hudak welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone that they were being recorded and archived.

Mrs. Hudak announced Executive Sessions were held on Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 regarding Litigation, Negotiations, and Personnel, Thursday, September 17th, 2020 regarding School Safety, Personnel, and Litigation, and Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 regarding Personnel, Litigation, and Negotiations.

The Superintendent reported the following:

Thank you to district staff for their dedication in the start to a challenging new school year, with additional thanks to Mr. Gutowski and his maintenance staff for their work in keeping the building sanitized. There are a few concerns at present that we are working through: Student/Teacher movement in the Elementary, Chromebooks still have not been delivered and this is a widespread issue, Driftnet Systems has an ETA on installation next week.

Administrative reports were presented at the informational meeting.

Student representative reports will be attached.

At this point, John Petrini Jr., being the sole applicant for the vacant board seat made a statement reflecting his interest in being appointed to The Board.

Public Participation on Agenda Items: None

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to add the name John Petrini, Jr. to Motion PP.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Aulisio to approve the agenda of action on business before the Board.

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferri to approve the Consent Agenda for Motions "C" through "W," as written.

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Guida, seconded by Mr. Aulisio to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, as per Appendix "V."

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Brutico, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Treasurer's Report, as per Appendix "W."

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Guida, seconded by Mr. Aulisio to approve the List of Bills, as per Appendix "X."

On a roll call vote:

Brian Guida	YES	Marie Ciufferri	YES
Vanessa Nee	YES	Dr. Robert Notari	YES
Christopher Thomas	YES	Alisha Hudak	YES
Patrick Aulisio	YES		
Roseann Brutico	YES		

Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferri, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Athletic Report, as per Appendix "Y."

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Guida to approve the Tax Collector's Report, as per Appendix "Z."

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Guida, seconded by Ms. Brutico to appoint Michelle Zaykowski to Curriculum Council, salary via the CBA.

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to appoint Susan Reilly, effective September 4th, 2020, with a start date to be determined, as Library/STEM Teacher, Masters, Step 1, salary and benefits as per the CBA.

On a roll call vote:

Brian Guida	YES	Marie Ciufferi	YES
Vanessa Nee	YES	Dr. Robert Notari	YES
Christopher Thomas	YES	Alisha Hudak	YES
Patrick Aulisio	YES		
Roseann Brutico	YES		

Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Mr. Guida to appoint Dana Pezzuti, effective September 21st, 2020, as Paraeducator/PCA, salary and benefits as per the CBA.

On a roll call vote:

Brian Guida	YES	Marie Ciufferi	YES
Vanessa Nee	YES	Dr. Robert Notari	YES
Christopher Thomas	YES	Alisha Hudak	YES
Patrick Aulisio	YES		
Roseann Brutico	YES		

Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to appoint Jonathan Herrera, effective September 8th, 2020 to Temporary Daytime Maintenance position, due to COVID-19, salary and benefits as per the CBA.

On a roll call vote:

Brian Guida	YES	Marie Ciufferi	YES
Vanessa Nee	YES	Dr. Robert Notari	YES
Christopher Thomas	YES	Alisha Hudak	YES
Patrick Aulisio	YES		
Roseann Brutico	YES		

Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Guida to grant tenure to Caitlin Pisa.
On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to grant tenure to Arianne Adessa.

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Nee, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Backpack Program through CEO/Weinberg.

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Brutico, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve Scranton Counseling Center Student Assistance Program (SAP) Agreement, as per Appendix "AA."

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Aulisio to approve Agreement with Scranton School District for ESY services with Monticello, as per Appendix "BB."

On a voice vote, 7 were in favor; one was opposed. Motion carried 7-1.

Brian Guida	YES	Marie Ciufferi	YES
Vanessa Nee	NO	Dr. Robert Notari	YES
Christopher Thomas	YES	Alisha Hudak	YES
Patrick Aulisio	YES		
Roseann Brutico	YES		

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the OFEA for the ELL position, as per Appendix "CC."

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mrs. Nee to accept the resignation of Tanya Kuckla, as Cheerleading Advisor, effective September 11th, 2020, as per Appendix "DD."

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferi, seconded by Mrs. Nee to amend the date of retirement for Lynne Marianelli from October 26th, 2020 to November 6th, 2020, as per Appendix "EE."

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Guida, seconded by Mr. Aulisio to grant the Superintendent permission to begin the process for acquiring the land known as the "The Pit" from the Old Forge Borough.

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to appoint John Petrini, Jr. to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education, expiring December 1, 2021.

On a roll call vote:

Brian Guida	YES	Marie Ciufferi	YES
Vanessa Nee	YES	Dr. Robert Notari	YES
Christopher Thomas	YES	Alisha Hudak	YES
Patrick Aulisio	YES		
Roseann Brutico	YES		

Motion carried 8-0.

At this point, Magistrate George Seig administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Petrini.

Public Participation on Items not on the Agenda: Karen Schaffer asked, via the Google Chat about the posting of the Paraeducator/PCA position.

New Business:

The District is still in need of an EL teacher, no applicants at this time.

Regarding spectators at games, The Board and administration are monitoring the situation and will make a formal decision in the coming weeks.

There will be no conditioning for winter sports allowed at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 23, 2020. On a voice vote, all members present voted "YES." The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mrs. Shotwell on September 24, 2020.

Minutes Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board on 10/28/20.

Jana Jones Hotwell

Secretary of the Board

10/28/20

Date