

May 30, 2018 Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Norwin School District was called to order by Board President Robert J. Perkins at 7:27 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Norwin Middle School.

An Executive Session for personnel matters was held tonight (May 30, 2018) prior to the Special Meeting. Another Executive Session for personnel matters was also held during a recess that occurred during the Special Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian S. Carlton

Darlene J. Ciocca, Vice President Donald W. Rhodes, Jr.

Tracey L. Czajkowski Dennis J. Rittenhouse

Raymond Kocak Barbara A. Viola

Robert J. Perkins, President

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Shawn N. Petrisko

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

William H. Kerr

Thomas H. Wroblewski

Timothy J. Kotch

Stacey A. Snyder

Natalie A. McCracken

Ryan P. Kirsch

SOLICITOR: Falco Muscante, Esq.

OTHERS PRESENT: Several hundred parents, community members, and Norwin teachers.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS: None this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ms. Annette Barbera, Adele Drive, North Huntingdon (Impact of Proposed Budget)
- Mr. Owen Prutz, Norwin Middle School Student (Impact of Proposed Budget)
- Ms. Victoria Barone, Norwin High School Student (Impact of Proposed Budget)
- Ms. Tiffany Haraburda, Rustic Dr., North Huntingdon (Hillcrest Assistant Principal Position)
- Ms. Pamela Rikstad, Roberta Dr., North Huntingdon (Hillcrest Assistant Principal Position)
- Mr. Derek Lust, Norwin High School Student Council Representative (11th Grade Physical Education and Foods classes)

RECESS / EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board recessed for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at approximately 8:24 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session to resume the Special Meeting at approximately 9:12 p.m.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mr. Perkins announced the following:

- The Board will reassess the gifted program and will discuss it further at a Workshop to be held on Monday, June 25, 2018. (There will be no Board Workshop on Monday, June 11, 2018, as was previously scheduled.)
- The Board has decided not to move Ms. Harris to become Assistant Principal at Hillcrest Intermediate School. Mrs. Banasick will remain as Assistant Principal of Hillcrest Intermediate School.
- A series of Board motions will need to be completed at a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, June 25th.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ms. Katarina Garvin, Norwin High School Student (Art and Family and Consumer Science program)
- Mrs. Sue Mihalov, Norwin Education Association (Art, Physical Education, and Family and Consumer Science program)
- Mr. Stephen Halza, Adele Dr., North Huntingdon (Gifted Program)
- Ms. Lisa Lio, Northview Dr., North Huntingdon (Quality Educational Program Offerings)
- Ms. Cara Meedes, Norwin Class of 1992 (*speaker did not provide spelling of name or address*) (Assistant Principal position at Hillcrest Intermediate School)
- Ms. Kris Horvath, Colonial Manor Rd. (Art and Family and Consumer Science program; Norwin Public Library Tax / Referendum)
- Ms. Emily Sheffler, Norwin Class of 2018 (School Safety)
- Ms. Lydia Berger, Norwin High School Student (Budget and Program Offerings)
- Ms. Cecilia Fidler, Norwin High School Student (Gifted Program)
- Mrs. Lauren Gomez, Oak St., Westmoreland City (Gifted Program)
- Ms. Jessica Welch-Mussori, Norwin High School Student (Adaptive Physical Education)
- Mr. Heath Shrum, Peregrine Dr., North Huntingdon (Physical Education Program; Assistant Principal Position at Hillcrest Intermediate School)

FINANCE:

Director Kocak moved and Director Rittenhouse seconded the motion to approve the adoption of a proposed final budget for the school year ending June 30, 2019, in the amount of \$71,100,931; that it be made available for inspection prior to the final adoption at the School Board meeting to be held on June 29, 2018; and that the necessary advertisement concerning adoption of the budget be authorized. (Attachment #1)

Note: The vote on the millage rate for 2018-2019 is scheduled with the final budget adoption at the June 29, 2018 School Board meeting. The millage rate for the proposed final budget reflects a 3.1% increase, which is the increase allowed under the Act 1 limit without exceptions. This increase equates to a 2.4-mill increase in real estate taxes in Westmoreland County and a 0.32-mill increase in real estate taxes in Allegheny County due to State Tax Equalization Board variations among county assessment rates.

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| Carlton, Nay | Kocak, Yea | Rhodes, Yea |
| Ciocca, Yea | Perkins, Yea | Rittenhouse, Yea |
| Czajkowski, Nay | Petrisko, Absent | Viola, Nay |

On a roll call vote, there being 5 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 absent, President Perkins declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Director Kocak moved and Director Rittenhouse seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

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| Carlton, Yea | Kocak, Yea | Rhodes, Yea |
| Ciocca, Yea | Perkins, Yea | Rittenhouse, Yea |
| Czajkowski, Yea | Petrisko, Yea | Viola, Yea |

On a roll call vote, there being 9 yeas, President Perkins declared the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan D. Szish, Board Secretary