

**QUAKER VALLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**  
 March 28, 2017

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Directors	Directors Not Present
Ms. Marna Blackmer	Ms. Blackmer
Mr. Gianni Floro	Mr. Kuzma
Ms. Daniela Helkowski	Mr. Pusateri
Ms. Sarah Heres	
Mr. Jonathan Kuzma	<b>Others Present</b>
Mr. David Pusateri	Dr. Heidi Ondek, superintendent
Mr. Robert Riker	Dr. Andrew Surloff, assistant superintendent
Ms. Marianne Wagner	Mr. Scott Antoline, director of finance
Mr. Jeffrey Watters	Ms. Christine Kardong, board secretary
	Mr. Patrick J. Clair, solicitor

Ms. Amy Yurko of BrainSpaces provided to the board an update of the progress of their work to date with learning the wants and needs of a new high school.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There being a quorum present, Ms. Heres called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Executive sessions were held March 14, and March 21.**

- *The Quaker Valley School Board holds regularly scheduled work sessions for the purpose of examining proposals and recommendations made by the staff, public, legal counsel and the board. These proposals and recommendations are normally accompanied by background material, presentations and/or rationale. This process assures a thorough review of all items prior to being placed on the legislative agenda. The public is encouraged to attend these work sessions. Minutes from the most recent work sessions are available at legislative meetings. Approved minutes only are available on our web site: [www.qvsd.org](http://www.qvsd.org).*

**III. RECOGNITION**

A. That the board donate a memorial book to the Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District in honor of: Sandy Bridge, retired teacher

Motion: Mr. Floro  
 Second: Ms. Wagner  
 Unanimous voice vote

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. That the board approve the February legislative minutes and the March committee minutes.

Motion by: Mr. Riker  
 Second by: Mr. Floro  
 Unanimous voice vote.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**VI. VISITOR PARTICIPATION AS PER: 65 PA. C.S.A., sections 710 & 710.1**

- Visitors are invited to address agenda items at the time during which they are under consideration by the board. Those wishing to speak shall raise a hand to be recognized; stating their name and residence, prior to addressing the board. No discussion dealing with any personnel shall be permitted in an open board meeting. Persons may request an appointment with the superintendent or his/her designee to review such concerns.

**REPORTS**

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Ike Lagnese or Nina Johns

**VII. REPORT ON THE PARKWAY WEST CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER:** Ms. Wagner

**VIII. REPORT ON THE SEWICKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY:** Mr. Floro

**IX. REPORT FROM THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES & STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Ms. Helkowi**

A. That the board approve the 2018 eighth grade trip to Gettysburg, PA; Washington DC; and Williamsburg, VA. The cost to the district is estimated to be for two or 3 substitute teachers.

Motion: Ms. Helkowski  
Second: Mr. Riker  
Unanimous voice vote

**X. REPORT FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE: Mr. Kuzma**

**XI. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Mr. Floro**

Mr. Floro read aloud a proclamation Recognizing National Library Week, April 9 - 15, 2017.

**XII. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Riker**

A. That the board approve the capital projects fund, grant fund, general fund and food service fund financial statements for the month ending February 28, 2017.

B. That the board approve the treasurer's report and payment of general fund invoices in the amount of \$3,161,359.27

C. That the board approve payment for the food service fund in the amount of \$35,340.27.

D. That the board approve the invoices for the capital projects fund in the amount of \$48,761.08.

E. That the board approve the invoices for the grant fund in the amount of \$15,690.90.

F. That the board approve the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 2017-2018 Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,034,004. The Quaker Valley School District contribution is estimated to be \$56,002.

G. That the board approve the appeal of tax assessments on properties where the difference between the adjusted 2016 sales price and the current assessed value would result in a minimum of \$1,000.00 in lost revenue to the district.

H. That the board authorize continued participation in the Western Pennsylvania Electricity Consortium for the purchase of electricity from Direct Energy only if the price is at or below our current price. The extension to the original agreement will begin after the final meter read date in January 2018 for a one, two or three year period and the price will include all costs except distribution and other local utility charges as contained in the original agreement.

Motion: Mr. Riker  
Second: Ms. Wagner  
Unanimous voice vote

**XIII. REPORT FROM THE FACILITIES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Floro**

A. That the board authorize the administration to enter into a contract with the Eric Ryan corporation to analyze the district's telecommunication configurations and costs for possible savings. The cost will be 25% of all refunds/credits for the first 12 months of telecommunication savings, less the Internet since that is purchased through eRate with the AIU.

Motion: Mr. Floro  
Second: Ms. Wagner  
Unanimous voice vote

**XIV. REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Ms. Helkowski**

**RESIGNATIONS**

A. That the board accept the resignation of Tracy Hemwall, Osborne attendance clerk, effective March 13, 2017.

B. That the board accept the resignation of Amanda Gilmore, assistant nurse assigned to Edgeworth Elementary School, effective with the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

**APPOINTMENTS**

C. That the board appoint Amanda Gilmore a school nurse, assigned to the high school effective August 16, 2017, at a salary of \$47,552.

D. That the board appoint Austin Wolford a music teacher assigned to the high school, effective August 16, 2017, at a salary of \$49,493.

E. That the board appoint Nicole Olson an English teacher assigned to the middle school, effective August 16, 2017, at a salary of \$49,493.

F. That the board appoint Kirsten Peterson a cafeteria worker, assigned to the middle school, effective on or about March 13, 2017 at an hourly rate of \$13.17.

**RETIREMENTS**

G. That the board accept the retirement resignation of Donna Adipietro, administrative assistant, effective June 30, 2017.

H. That the board accept the retirement resignation of Cheryl Savage, administrative assistant, effective June 30, 2017.

Motion: Ms. Helkowski  
Second Mr. Floro  
Unanimous voice vote

#### **XV. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

A. That the committee minutes be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Motion: Mr. Riker  
Second: Mr. Watters  
Unanimous voice vote

#### **XVI. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **XVII. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE QUAKER VALLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Ms. Heres announced that there would be an executive session immediately following the meeting.

April 18 - All committees meet  
April 25 - Legislative meeting

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and are scheduled to be held in the Edgeworth Elementary School large group instruction room, unless otherwise noted.

*The public is invited to attend all meetings.  
However, the Personnel Committee meets in Executive Session.*

#### **XVIII. VISITOR PARTICIPATION**

#### **XIX. ADJOURNMENT: 8:46**

Motion: Mr. Riker  
Second: Ms. Wagner  
Unanimous voice vote

Respectfully submitted,

  
Christine Kardong  
Board Secretary