

Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors	Directors Not Present
Mr. Gianni Floro	
Ms. Daniela Helkowski	
Ms. Sarah Heres	
Mr. Jonathan Kuzma	
Mr. David Pusateri	Others Present
Mr. Robert Riker	Dr. Heidi Ondek, superintendent
Mr. Mark Rodgers	Mr. John Sheline, director of finance & operations/school board secretary
Mrs. Marianne Wagner	Mr. Patrick J. Clair, solicitor
Mr. Jeffrey Watters	

There being a quorum present, Ms. Heres called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Executive sessions were held on October 13 and October 20 to discuss legal and personnel matters.

- 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).*

RECOGNITION: Mr. Floro

In order to celebrate the life of members of the Quaker Valley School District family, it is requested that the board make a memorial donation to the Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District:

- There are no memorial recipients this month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September legislative minutes  
October committee minutes

Moved by -	Mr. Riker
Seconded by -	Mr. Rogers (unanimous voice vote)

REPORTS

Student Representative to the Board Report: Emma Huckestein - Maker Spaces throughout Quaker Valley.

Superintendent's Report: State Audit

OLD BUSINESS

VISITOR PARTICIPATION AS PER: 65 PA. C.S.A., SECTIONS 710 AND 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 make an appointment with the superintendent or his/her designee to review such concerns.

Ms. Amy Besterman - Leet Township inquired about the position of "principal of ancillary services."

Ms. Kyra Knoll of Sewickley spoke about committee minutes. The Personnel committee meets in executive session.

REPORT ON THE PARKWAY WEST CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER: Mr. Rodgers

REPORT ON THE SEWICKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY: Mr. Floro gave a very positive report on library happenings, and the work of the board. He thanked the Friends of the Sewickley Public Library for the very successful Savoring Sewickley event.

REPORT FROM THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Mr. Watters

The board approved the Studio Life After-school Program Trip to Italy from June 23 - July 2, 2016 (dates tentative) at no cost to the district.

Moved by -	Mr. Watters
Seconded by -	Mr. Pusateri (unanimous voice vote)

The board approved the creation of middle and high school wrestling teams to exist for five consecutive wrestling seasons (under WPIAL rules). At the end of the 2020-2021 season, the school board shall re-evaluate the wrestling program to determine whether or not the wrestling program should continue. Other terms as presented in agenda proposal.

Moved by -	Mr. Watters
Seconded by -	Mr. Floro (unanimous voice vote)

REPORT FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE: Mr. Kuzma  
No item

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Mr. Floro  
No item

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Rodgers

The board approved the general fund, capital projects fund projects, and grant fund financial statements for the month ended September 30, 2015.

The board approved the athletics and student activities reports for the quarter ended September 30, 2015.

The board transferred \$423.07 from the grant account to the general fund for reimbursement of Project Zero expenditures.

The board approved the treasurer's report and general fund invoices for September and October, 2015 in the amount of \$4,118,245.76.

The board approved the capital projects fund projects fund invoices for September 2015, in the amount of \$17,395.92.

The board approved the food service fund invoices for September 2015, in the amount of \$47,519.84.

The board approved the grant fund invoices in the amount of \$5,342.82.

The board approved the transfer of \$600,000 to the capital projects fund projects fund.

The board assigned an additional \$500,000 of the 2014-2015 school year fund balance for the equipment needs of the future High School project.

Moved by -	Mr. Rogers
Seconded by -	Mr. Kuzma (unanimous voice vote)

REPORT FROM THE FACILITIES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Pusateri

The board authorized the change order of delay of schedule until next summer with Superior Asphalt at no cost to the district.

The board authorized the administration to enter into a contract with Utility Refund Agency contingent upon legal review. The cost will be 50% of any credit or refund.

The board authorized the administration to enter into a contract with Eckles Architecture and Engineering contingent upon legal review for Phase One analysis for the capacitors for the elementary and middle schools at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00 to be taken from capital projects fund.

The board authorized the administration to enter into a contract with Capri Plate Glass Company to replace the transaction window in the middle school office at a cost of \$2,625.00 to be taken from the capital projects fund.

The board authorized the administration to purchase a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor from Sewickley Borough for the sum of \$1.00, to be taken from the general fund.

The board authorized the administration to enter into a contract with Navigate Prepared for the district's All Hazard Plan. The cost will be \$14,700 and will be taken from the general fund.

The board authorized the administration to upgrade its contract with Uptime Computer Services, contingent upon contract legal review for \$11,000 per month to be taken from the general fund.

Moved by -	Mr. Pusateri
Seconded by -	Mr. Floro (unanimous voice vote)

REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mr. Riker

Resignations

The board accepted the resignation of Kelly Fernandez as ACCESS teacher at Quaker Valley Middle School, effective October 2, 2015.

The board accepted the resignation of Lisa Popadich as a paraprofessional at Quaker Valley High School, effective October 30, 2015.

Appointments with a Contract

The board appointed Nicole Wilkinson a library teacher, effective October 13, 2015, as per the QVEA contract. Her assignment for the 2015-2016 school year is Osborne Elementary School.

Long-Term Substitute/ACCESS/CRT

The board appointed Catherine Nescott a classroom size reduction teacher at Edgeworth Elementary School, effective September 8, 2015, and for the 2015-2016 school year only.

The board appointed Amber Radzicki an ACCESS teacher at Osborne Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year only, effective October 19, 2015.

The board appointed Jennifer O'Kane-Fenk a long-term substitute teacher for English as a second language in the middle and high school, effective October 13, 2015, until the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

#### Support Positions

The board appointed Jennifer Graham a paraprofessional at Edgeworth Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year, effective October 1, 2015.

The board approved the following additions to the support services substitutes list: Kelly Takus; Elizabeth Surmacz, and Leslie Romano-Toppeta.

#### Other

The board approved the addition of Sarah Homyk to the tutor list.

The board approved the assignment of Dr. Barbara Mellett to the position of Principal of Ancillary Services for the Quaker Valley School District, effective on or about October 28, 2015.

The board appointed Dr. John Bornyas as interim principal of Osborne Elementary School, effective on or about October 28, 2015, at a rate of \$450 per day until a new principal is employed.

The board approved the Act 93 plan, as presented.

Mr. Jeff Christianson of Bell Acres, Mr. Tom Huddleston of Glen Osborne, Mr. Dave Wagner of Sewickley, and Ms. Kyra Knoll of Sewickley commented regarding personnel.

Moved by -	Mr. Riker
Seconded by -	Mr. Watters (unanimous voice vote)

All committee minutes were made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Moved by -	Mrs. Wagner
Seconded by -	Mr. Riker (unanimous voice vote)

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weber of Leet commented on the Leetsdale property disposition.

Ms. Heres announced that an executive session would follow the legislative meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE QUAKER VALLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

NOVEMBER 10: WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 17: LEGISLATIVE MEETING - THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE QUAKER VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, AND ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN THE EDGEWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS. HOWEVER, THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30

Moved by -	Mr. Pusateri
Seconded by -	(unanimous voice vote)

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Sheline  
Board Secretary