

United School District
Special Board Meeting
June 5, 2018

The Special Board Meeting of the United School Directors was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School Board Room, for general purposes including but not limited to the following:

Members Present: Eric Matava, Dan Henning, Sandra Mack (via telephone), Gary Arblaster, Trudy DeRubis, James Fry, Tommey Heming, Ronald Moyer, Leah Skedel

Others Present: Dr. Barbara L. Parkins, Superintendent
Patricia Berezansky, Director of Education
Lewis Kindja, Elementary Principal
Michael Worthington, High School Principal
Francine Ressler, Supervisor of Special Education
Clay Skedel, Supervisor of Maintenance
Ronald Saffron, Solicitor
G. Thomas Kalinyak, Director of Finance/Board Secretary
Barbara Turner, Recording Secretary

Welcome to Visitors/Public Comment: Janie Short, Robin Davis, and Todd Surloff addressed their concerns of the furlough of the Junior High School Guidance and Gifted Coordinator position and the detrimental effects that it may have on the students. They asked the Board to value the position and put the well-being of the student's needs first. Mr. Thomas McNutt also stated that a guidance counselor helped his daughter acquire a full scholarship and was a positive interaction for her during her school years.

PERSONNEL: James Fry moved to approve the following items (A – B):

Eliminate/
Furlough
Gifted
Coordinator/
Jr. High School
Guidance
Counselor:

A. To adopt the recommendation of the District Superintendent, in accordance with Section 1124.2 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, in order to promote a more effective and efficient educational system, to conform with standards of reorganization and to conform with the standards of educational activities of the Department of Education, approve the alteration/curtailment of the educational program by eliminating (furlough/suspension) the Junior High School Guidance and Gifted Coordinator position effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year and to adopt the resolution further explaining this personnel action, a complete copy of which has been provided to the Board, and is incorporated herein. The affected individual is Todd Surloff, the least senior secondary guidance counselor.

Personnel continued:

Eliminate/
Furlough
Two Aides: B. To adopt the recommendation of the District Superintendent, to eliminate two aide positions, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year, one Elementary School and one Junior/Senior High School, for reasons of economy. The affected individuals are Abigail Felton and Heather Joseph, the least senior aides.

Tommey Heming seconded the motion. Roll Call was as follows: YEA, all voted yes; except for Trudy DeRubis and Leah Skedel who voted NAY to both motions A & B. Also, Ronald Moyer and Gary Arblaster who voted YEA to Motion A and NAY to Motion B; and Dan Henning who voted NAY to Motion A and YEA to Motion B. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Will be given at the Work Session

ARIN Report - Ronald Moyer (Representative)
Legislative Representative Report - Eric Matava (Representative)
Technology Center - Tommey Heming (Representative) - Dan Henning (Alternate Representative)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Executive Session was held at 6:00 p.m. for personnel and legal reasons.
Executive Session was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

