

Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors	Directors Not Present
Mr. Gianni Floro	Mr. Jeffrey Watters
Ms. Daniela Helkowski <i>arrived at 7:17 p.m.</i>	
Ms. Sarah Heres	
Mr. Jonathan Kuzma	
Mr. David Pusateri	Others Present
Mr. Robert Riker	Dr. Heidi Ondek, superintendent
Mr. Mark Rodgers	Mr. Andrew Surloff, assistant superintendent
Mrs. Marianne Wagner	Mr. John Sheline, director of finance & operations/school board secretary
	Mr. Patrick J. Clair, solicitor

The swimming and diving team was recognized for their exceptional season performance.

There being a quorum present, Ms. Heres called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

An executive session was held on March 17 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.qvdsd.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 were no memorial donations this month.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February legislative minutes
 March committee minutes

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

REPORTS

Educational Focus: *Project Zero Classroom* - Dr. Evancho outlined for the board the work being done with the Project Zero Classroom. A new grant of \$100,000 from the Grable Foundation will help fund the project's continuation.

Student Representative to the Board Report: At the Educational Services and Strategic Planning Committee meeting Ciara Henschke and Julia Poppenberg provided an overview of the Chinese exchange students and their experiences at Quaker Valley High School

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 request an appointment with the superintendent or his/her designee to review such concerns.

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

New lockers will be installed, and a new entryway will be built. The first adult education classes will soon begin.

REPORT ON THE SEWICKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY: Mr. Floro commented on the successful fundraiser recently held at Art Space 616.

REPORT FROM THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Ms. Helkowski

The board approved the traditional outing of the juggling camp at Grove City College outing club cabin. The date is June 11, 2015, and there is no cost to the district.

The board approved a high school trip to Montreal and Quebec, March 19, 2016 - March 23, 2016, at no cost to the district, except that for substitute teacher(s).

The board approved an 8th grade trip to Gettysburg, PA; Washington, D.C.; and Williamsburg, VA. The dates proposed are May 18 - 21, 2016. There will be no cost to the district except that for substitute teachers.

The board approved the purchase of new textbooks, as presented, at a total cost of \$46,892.32 to be taken from the general fund.

Moved by -	Ms. Helkowski
Seconded by -	Mr. Floro seconded the motion (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 appeal of those properties whose difference between the 2014 purchase price and the current assessed value will result in, at minimum \$1,500.00 in lost revenue to the district.

Moved by -	Mr. Rodgers
Seconded by -	Mr. Floro (Roll call vote 6-2 with Mr. Kuzma and Mr. Riker voting against)

The board approved the Parkway West Career and Technology Center 2015-2016 general operating and jointure budgets with the estimated Quaker Valley School District’s share as \$230,899.31 and \$27,751.28 respectively.

The board approved the capital projects fund, grant fund, general fund and cafeteria fund financial statements for the month ending February 28, 2015.

The board approved payment of the February and March, 2015, general fund invoices in the amount of \$3,294,895.56.

The board approved payment of the February, 2015, food service fund invoices in the amount of \$31,210.85.

The board approved payment of the capital projects fund invoices in the amount of \$2,824.25.

The board approved the invoices for the grant fund in the amount of \$1,500.00.

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

REPORT FROM THE FACILITIES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Pusateri

The board approved an easement on a section of the Bell Acres property at the sharp bend that is located south of Camp Meeting Road adjacent to Fern Hollow Road so that the county can build a proper retaining wall to correct the road failure; contingent upon final legal approval.

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

REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mr. Riker

Resignations & Retirements

The board approved the retirement of Charles Kipilo, maintenance employee on or about June 10, 2015.

The board approved the retirement of Gene Klein as social studies teacher, and soccer coach, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the retirement of Rose Ann Bergandy as school counselor effective June 30, 2015.

The board approved the retirement of Susan Brutout as elementary school librarian effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Appointments

The board approved the appointment of Olivia Magnuson as a language arts teacher, effective with the 2015-2016 school year.

The board approved the appointment of Julie Lebovitz as a special education teacher, effective with the 2015-2016 school year.

Contracts

The board approved the agreement with ASSET for Sandra Calgario to serve as an on-loan resource teacher for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE QUAKER VALLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

APRIL 14: WORK SESSION

APRIL 21: LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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.

Ms. Here announced that the board would meet in executive session after the legislative meeting adjourned.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT 8:38

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

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Sheline
Board Secretary