

# QUAKER VALLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

May 30, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: There being a quorum present, Ms. Heres called the meeting to order at 7:20.

Directors	Directors Not Present
Ms. Marna Blackmer	
Mr. Gianni Floro	
Ms. Daniela Helkowski	
Ms. Sarah Heres	
Mr. Jonathan Kuzma	Others Present
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

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. RECOGNITION

School Board Memorial Books - there were no memorial recipients.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April legislative and May committee minutes

Motion: Mr. Floro  
Second: Mr. Pusateri  
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: No report

VII. REPORT ON THE PARKWAY WEST CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER: No report

VIII. REPORT ON THE SEWICKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. Kuzma was appointed to take the library trustee position of Mr. Floro, who is completing his third term.

IX. REPORT FROM THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES & STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Dr. Surloff introduced the students who excelled this year in the National History Bee and the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science.
- Mr. Vanatta recognized the students on their completion of the first year of the "peer jury" program at the high school.

Dr. Ondek presented the Superintendent's Citizenship Awards to:

Osborne Elementary School - Bennett Haas  
Edgeworth Elementary School - Hannah Fetterolf  
Quaker Valley Middle School - Zahra Udaipurwala

Quaker Valley High School - Zoe Fishter

A. The board approved the field trip request to New Orleans. It is consistent with prior Spring Break trips to depart a day or two prior to the start of the break to ensure student return before the Easter Holiday weekend. There is a potential cost to the district for substitute teachers.

B. The board approved the Settlement Agreement and Release pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Motion: Mr. Watters  
Second: Ms. Blackmer  
Unanimous voice vote

X. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Floro presented the School Board Graduating Senior Award to: Delaney Morrow

XI. REPORT FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

A. The board revised Policy 219.02 - *Student Wellness*.

B. The board revised Policy 211.00 - *Student Records*

C. The board revised Policy 404.00 - *Public Visitations*

Motion: Mr. Kuzma  
Second: Mr. Floro  
Unanimous voice vote

XII. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. The board approved the capital projects fund, grant fund, general fund and food service fund financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2017.

B. The board ratified and approved the treasurer's report and payment of general fund invoices in the amount of \$3,291,539.79.

C. The board approved the invoices for the food service fund in the amount of \$26,600.44.

D. The board approved the invoices for the capital projects fund in the amount of \$47,152.85.

E. The board approved the invoices for the grant fund in the amount of \$3,205.92.

F. The board approved All Sports, Catastrophic and Voluntary Student Accident Insurance programs for the 2017-18 school year with United States Fire Insurance Company and A.G. Administrators at a cost of \$6,400.00.

G. The board approved and ratified Jordan Tax Service as Deputy Tax Collector for the appointed Tax Collector for the Borough of Glen Osborne, effective February 21, 2017 for the balance of the term ending December 31, 2017.

H. The board approved Jordan Tax Service as Deputy Tax Collector for the appointed Tax Collector for the Borough of Sewickley, for the balance of the term ending December 31, 2017.

I. The board approved and ratified the First Amendment to the PowerSupply Coordination Service Agreement with Direct Energy Business, LLC as authorized and recommended by the Western Pennsylvania Electricity Consortium for the purchase of electricity at a price of 6.124 cents for each kilowatt-hour from the facilities meter read date in January 2018 and continuing through the facilities meter read date in January 2021. This extension to the original agreement will include all costs except distribution and other local utility charges as contained in the original agreement.

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

J. The board approved the resolution # 2017-2 authorizing Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for real estate tax reductions for the school year beginning July 1, 2017.

K. The board adopted the final General Fund Budget (PDE-2028) in the amount of \$49,259,326.00 and the approved resolution # 2017-3 to levy/re-enact the supporting tax basis. The real estate tax levy will total 18.4009 mills (0.6620 increase in millage) and would allocate \$525,000.00 to support the Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District.

Motion: Mr. Riker  
Second: Mr. Kuzma  
Voice vote: 8-1 with Mrs. Wagner dissenting.

L. The board appointed Jeffrey Watters the treasurer of the Quaker Valley Board of School Directors for a term of one year, ending May, 2018.

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

#### XIII. REPORT FROM THE FACILITIES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

A. The board authorized the administration to increase the daily student lunch price to \$2.90 with no increase to the breakfast price of \$1.50 and the premium meal price of \$3.75 effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

B. The board approved proposal from McCurley Houston to install the capacitor bank as specified in the Middle School at a total cost of \$16,795.00 to be taken from the capital fund.

C. The board approved the proposal from Spartan Athletic Equipment to install a safety barrier net at the Middle School Field at a total cost of \$5,683.00 to be taken from the general operating fund.

D. The board approved and ratify the emergency work by Brubach Plumbing to install hot water mixing valves at Osborne Elementary at a total cost of \$18,300.00 to be taken from the capital fund.

E. The board authorized the administration to enter into a one year plus one month service contract with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Service effective on or about August 1, 2017 for maintenance of the district's elevators at a total cost of \$12,600.00 to be taken from the general operating fund.

Motion: Mr. Pusateri  
Second: Mr. Floro  
Unanimous voice vote

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: History and future of Quaker Valley High School. The board was prepared to entertain an agreement of purchase. The following experts also provided important information:

- Hanna, Langholz, Wilson and Ellis Real Estate
- Phillips & Associates Engineers
- Mr. Don Palmer, solicitor

F. The board approved an agreement of Sale between the District and Three Rivers Trust, in substantially the form attached, whereby the District will acquire from the Trust 128.74 acres of land, more or less, located in Leet Township and Edgeworth and Leetsdale Boroughs, for the sum of \$7,500,000, subject to the conditions and contingencies set forth in the Agreement, all in connection with continued evaluation and planning for a new QV High School.

G. The board approved the engagement of Phillips and Associates as consulting engineers to assist in the District's Due Diligence evaluation of the suitability of the Three Rivers Trust property for use as a high school development site, in accordance with the terms of agreement presented, pending legal analysis by the solicitor.

Motion: Mr. Pusateri  
Second: Mr. Floro  
Voice vote: 8-1 with Mrs. Wagner dissenting.

The following citizens commented on agenda items F & G, concerning the high school project: Ms. Murdoch of Aleppo; Mr. Morrow of Sewickley Heights, and Ms. Napolitano of Leetsdale.

#### XIV. REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

A. The board approved the substitute support services personnel hourly pay scale, as presented, effective June 12, 2017.

B. That the board grant tenure to the following teachers: Julie Lebovitz; Jerry Veshio, Jr.; Ryan Kelly; Danielle Schultz; Christine Peduzzi; Theresa Thompson; Kristen McKnight

C. The board accepted the resignation of Joe Vistein as a C-4A events custodian, effective May 7.

D. The board accepted the resignation of Rich Winkler as a C-7a cleaner effective on or about May 19.

E. The board accepted the resignation of Denise Petrosky as a C-7 cleaner, effective on or about May 19.

F. The board accepted the resignation of Candice Porto as a Saturday custodian, effective on or about May 19.

G. The board accepted the resignation of Steven Causey as an on call C-9 cleaner, effective on or about May 19.

H. The board accepted the resignation of Patti Gilmore as a clerk, effective on or about June 15.

I. The board appointed Patti Gilmore a 214-day administrative assistant, currently assigned to the high school, effective on or about August 14, at a salary of \$38,863.

J. The board appointed Rose Ann Bergandy a short-term counselor, assigned to Osborne, on or about April 19, for approximately 34 days, at a rate of \$250 per day.

K. The board appointed Nicole Weaver a homebound instructor, effective May 22 - June 6. It is requested that she also be added to the current approved tutor list.

L. The board re-appointed Christine Kardong school board secretary for a four-year term, ending June 30, 2021.

M. The board appointed Pabitra Baral a C-7a cleaner, currently assigned to the middle, effective on or about May 22, at an hourly wage of \$18.16.

N. The board appointed Rich Winkler a C-4 custodian, currently assigned to the middle school effective on or about May 22, at an hourly rate of \$21.78.

O. The board appointed Nadine Toliver a C-4 custodian, currently assigned to Edgeworth effective on or about May 22, at an hourly rate of \$21.78.

P. The board appointed Denise Petrosky a C-7a cleaner, currently assigned to Edgeworth effective on or about May 22, at an hourly rate of \$18.16

Q. The board appointed Candice Porto a C-7a cleaner effective on or about May 22, at an hourly rate of \$21.78.

R. The board appointed Steven Causey a C-4a events custodian, effective on or about May 22, at an hourly rate of \$21.78.

S. The board appointed Laurie Youngblood a head custodian, effective May 8, at an hourly rate of \$22.78.

T. The board appointed Joe Vistein head custodian, currently assigned to the middle school, at an hourly rate of \$22.78.

Motion: Ms. Helkowski

Second: Mr. Riker

Unanimous voice vote

#### XV. COMMITTEE MINUTES

Action: Joining committee minutes to legislative minutes

Motion: Mr. Riker

Second: Mr. Kuzma

Unanimous voice vote

#### XVI. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Information: Upcoming Meetings

#### XVIII. VISITOR PARTICIPATION

Mr. Kain of Sewickley commented on the high school project.

#### XIX. ADJOURNMENT: 9:43 PM

Motion: Mr. Riker

Second: Ms. Blackmer

Unanimous voice vote

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Kardong  
Board Secretary