

General Meeting
January 24, 2019

New Kensington-Arnold School District
General Board Meeting
Valley Jr. Sr. High School Board Room
703 Stevenson Boulevard
New Kensington, PA 15068
<http://www.nkasd.com>

January 24, 2019
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Moment of Silence

IV. Roll Call

V. Announcement of Executive Session:

An executive session was held on January 24, 2019 for personnel and real estate matters.

VI. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the board meeting of December 20, 2018.

VII. Adoption of Agenda

RESOLVED: To adopt the Agenda as printed.

VIII. Committee Reports/Meetings

- A. Education Committee- Kathleen Clarke
- B. Building and Grounds Committee – Rob Fusia
- C. Personnel Committee – Rob Fusia
- D. Finance Committee- Scott Bussard
- E. Policy Committee – Kristin O’Sullivan
- F. Community Liaison Committee –Ellyse Williams
- G. Negotiating Committee-Ad Hoc- Rob Fusia, Ellyse Williams
- H. WIU Representative Report – Rob Fusia
- I. Vo-Tech Representative Report –Kristin O’Sullivan/Rob Fusia
- J. Legislative Update – Ellyse Williams
- K. Transportation Committee- Eric Doult
- L. Athletic Committee – Robert Pallone

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M. Cafeteria Committee- Eric Doutt
N. Board Secretary Update

IX. Communications

X. Superintendent Report-

XI. Audience

Citizens may now bring to the Board's attention any items which the Board has agreed to place on the Agenda for this Regular Meeting. All other items may be brought to the Board's attention at the conclusion of the Board Meeting. All questions will be directed to the Board President. Any citizen wishing to address the Board, please raise your hand for recognition and state your name and address. Each speaker will be allowed up to three (3) minutes with time allowed for follow-up questions.

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XII. Motions

I. RESCIND RESOLUTION 1812046. REJECT BID

RESOLVED: To rescind resolution 181046 Rejection of Fire Suppression/Waterline Replacement Bid.

II. FINANCIAL MOTIONS

RESOLVED: APPROVE financial items as listed:

- i. AUTHORIZE payment of the January 2019 payroll. December 2018 payroll was \$1,193,238.16.**
- ii. AUTHORIZE payment of all properly approved bills received in the amount of \$2,323,099.56.**
- iii. ACCEPT the reports for Student Activities, Student Bank and the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2018**
Cash balances are as follows:

	12/31/18
General Fund	\$11,253,638.09
Food Service	196,362.41
Valley Student Activities	34,082.00
NKA Student Bank	37,934.69
Capital Reserve #95003014	512,572.30
2017 Capital Projects	2,074,214.59
- iv. ADOPT the IRS standard mileage rate of \$.58 cents per mile to be**

used for district reimbursable mileage rate for 2019 effective January 1, 2019.

- v. **APPROVE** the proposed preliminary budget as presented as per Act I of 2006 requirements.
- v. **AUTHORIZE** Jeff McVey, Director of Administrative Services to apply for referendum exceptions for the fiscal 2019-2020 year.

III. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ITEMS

RESOLVED: To approve the personnel items as follows:

- i. **GRANT FMLA** to Erica O'Donnell to begin on or about February 1, 2019 not to exceed sixty days.
- ii. **GRANT FMLA** to Dariyn Peluso to begin on or about December 31, 2018 not to exceed sixty days.
- iii. **GRANT FMLA** to Lisa Rubendall to begin on or about February 21, 2019 not to exceed sixty days.
- iv. **EXTEND** Elizabeth Basista unpaid leave through June, 2019.
- v. **HIRE** _____ as cafeteria Server, \$13.49 per hour, 5.5 hours per day, 181 days prorated for the 2018-19 school year, effective February 1, 2019.
- vi. **HIRE** _____ as PCA, currently located at Roy A. Hunt, 179 days (prorated for 2018-19), seven hours a day, \$14.39 an hour, terms and conditions as delineated in ESPA collective bargaining agreement, effective February 16, 2019.
- vii. **ADD** Ramone Thomas as a qualified substitute School Nurse.
- viii. **TRANSFER** _____ as per bid, from Aide to ten-month secretary, 217 days per year (prorated for 2018-19 year), 8 hours per day, terms and conditions as per Education Support Professionals collective bargaining agreement, start date February 16, 2019.
- ix. **TRANSFER** _____ as per bid, to PCA position currently at Martin Elementary effective February 1, 2019.

IV. APPROVE ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTALS

RESOLVED: To approve the following athletic items:

Bids were opened and publicly read on December 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. the bidders were as follows:

Company	A. 6"	B 8"	Bond
Costa Contracting	440,736	478,254	Yes
D & M Contracting, Inc.	397,000	421,000	Yes
Glenn Johnston	395,856	416,196	Yes
Guyer Brothers	367,772	394,630	Yes
Jet Jack Inc.	321,000	367,160	Yes
Ligonier Construction	326,930	359,530	Yes
Mark Torgent Mechanical	449,500	489,500	Yes
Pollard Land Services	405,900	419,480	Yes
RJF Development Corp	397,160	415,960	Yes
Tedesco	535,410	605,290	Yes
Vrabel Plumbing	348,930	382,010	Yes
W.A. Petrakis	368,365	390,165	Yes

V. AWARD BID FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION/WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

Resolved: To Award Bid for Fire Suppression/Waterline Replacement to _____ as the lowest responsible bidder.

VI. PURCHASE 3,000 LED LIGHTS FROM KEYSTONE PURCHASING NETWORK

RESOLVED: Authorize the upgrade to existing classroom and building lighting from fluorescent T-8 bulbs to LED bulbs through the purchase of 3,000 Ballast Free LED 15 Watt Lamps, 4000 Lumens with GrayBar at a cost of \$34,900 under their Keystone Purchasing Network Contract. To be paid for through the Capital Projects Fund.

VII. ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE FIBER

RESOLVED: ENTER into new 60-month agreement with Crown Castle Fiber (formerly Sunesys) the current provider for our fiber optic local district network connections as per e-rate 470 bid response, at a monthly cost of \$4,000.00 less e-rate funding, pending Solicitor approval of the contracts.

**VIII. ACT 1 CERTIFICATION OF TAXES RAISED BELOW OR
WITHIN THE INDEX**

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2006, the Pennsylvania legislature passed Act 1 of Special Session 2006, entitled the “Taxpayer Relief Act” (hereinafter “Act 1”);

WHEREAS, Act 1 requires school districts to limit tax increases to the level set by an inflation index unless the tax increase is approved by voters in a referendum or the school district obtains from the Department of Education or a court of common pleas certain referendum exceptions;

WHEREAS, Act 1 does, however, allow a board of school directors to elect to adopt a resolution indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index, provided this resolution must be adopted no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the New Kensington-Arnold School District index for the 2019-2020 fiscal year is 3.4%;

WHEREAS, the New Kensington-Arnold School District Board of Directors has made the decision that it shall not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the New Kensington-Arnold School District for the 2019-2020 fiscal year by more than its index.

AND NOW, on this 24th day of January 2019 it is hereby RESOLVED by the New Kensington-Arnold School District (hereinafter “District”) Board of Directors (hereinafter “Board”) the following:

1. The Board certifies that it will not increase any school district tax for the 2019-2020 school year at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
2. The Board certifies that it will comply with the procedures set forth in Section 687, of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (hereinafter “School Code”), 24 P.S. §6-687, for the adoption of its proposed and final budget.
3. The Board certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the index will be sufficient to balance its final budget of the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
4. The Administration of the District will submit the District’s information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the District to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the uniform form prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board’s adoption of this Resolution.
5. The Administration of the District will send a copy of this Resolution to the

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Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.

6. The Board understands and agrees that by passing this Resolution it is not eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333(f) of Act 1 and is not eligible to request approval from the voters through a referendum to increase a tax rate by more than the index as established for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

7. Once this Resolution is passed, the Administration of the District is not required to comply with the preliminary budget requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1. Provided, however:

(a) The Board understands and agrees that, upon receipt of the information submitted by the District as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall compare the District's proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index.

(b) Within ten days of the receipt of this information, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall inform the District whether its proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.

(c) If the Pennsylvania Department of Education determines that the District's proposed increase in the rate of the District's tax exceeds the index, the District is subject to the preliminary budget requirements as set forth in paragraph (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1.

XIII. Board Consideration

XIV. Audience

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XV. Adjournment

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 24, 2019	General Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. VJSHS Board Room, 703 Stevenson Blvd.
January 21, 2019	No School Martin L. King Day
February 28, 2019	General Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. VJSHS Board Room, 703 Stevenson Blvd.