

**UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2229 E. Buck Road**  
**Pennsburg, PA 18073**

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**December 19, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The **Special Meeting** of the Board of School Directors of the Upper Perkiomen School District was called to order by President Dr. Kerry A. Drake at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Perkiomen Education Center with the following people attending: Joan T. Smith, James C. Glackin, Judith Maginnis, Raeann B. Hofkin, Dr. Kerry A. Drake, Mike W. Elliott, Stephen L. Cunningham, Dr. John L. Farris, and Melanie R. Cunningham. Administration in attendance were: Alexis McGloin, EdD., Sandra M. Kassel, Ashley Kitten and Andrea Farina, EdD. Others in attendance were: Ken Roos, Dyan Hipszer, Arif Fazil, Robert Breslin, Labrea Huff, Paul Leese, Steve Stracka, George Bonekemper, Andrew Gaffney, Dr. Eve Puhalla, Gene Dolloff, Hope Manion, Donna Steinhauer, Dan Williamson, Tracy Crider, Jennifer Eisenberger, Matthew Hamilton, Agnes Morani, Burt Shive, Erin Grouke, Stephanie Steiner, Craig Bardman, George Bonekemper, Michelle Devaluse, Maggie Buckwalter, Ryan Creedon, Lenore Ortyl, Beth Sheldon, Hal Linck, Keith McCarrick, Carol Elias, William Eden, Mark Mancini, Doug Buckler, Kaye Yurik, Dawn Keenan, Rob Pepe, Matt Luhall, Bill Licopoli, Ryan Sloyer, John Walsh, Scott Ferguson and Cathy Davidson.

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION**

**A. Temporary Stabilization of the Middle School Construction Project** – Arif Fazil, D’Huy Engineering, Inc. and Robert Breslin, Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects.

Mr. Fazil presented an update on the status of the site, the steps taken to secure the site and the options to move forward on a permanent stabilization of the site. Mr. Fazil explained what was required for the board with regard to the project:

1. prepare a request for proposal for temporary stabilization and develop a permanent stabilization plan.
2. put together a bid for a contractor to perform the permanent stabilization.

**B. Appointment of Facilities Committee** – Dr. Drake appointed Mike Elliott, Melanie Cunningham and Raeann Hofkin to the Facilities Committee. Melanie Cunningham was appointed the chair of the committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Dr. Kerry Drake read a statement regarding public comments.

Labrea Huff, Red Hill  
Paul Leese, Red Hill  
George Bonekemper, Upper Hanover Township  
Andrew Gaffney, Green Lane  
Gene Dolloff, Upper Hanover Township  
Hope Manion, Hereford Township  
Dan Williamson, Marlborough Township  
Tracy Crider, Red Hill  
Jennifer Eisenberger, Marlborough Township

All spoke about continuing the Middle School construction project and their concerns over the money that has already been spent without having a new building. Several people had questions about the future plans.

Steve Stracka, Marlborough Township  
Dr. Eve Puhalla, Upper Hanover Township  
Donna Steinhauer, East Greenville  
Matthew Hamilton, Pennsburg

All had comments about the termination of the project and hoping the board did not change that decision.

**President Drake called for a five minute recess at 8:10 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m.**

Motion by Mike W. Elliott, seconded by Judith Maginnis, **to resume construction of the Middle School construction project.**

Motion by Raeann B. Hofkin, seconded by Melanie R. Cunningham, to **amend the motion to say “to issue termination notices to all contractors”**. ROLL CALL VOTE: **Smith – no, Glackin – no, Maginnis, no**, Hofkin – yes, Drake – yes, **Elliott – no**, S. Cunningham – yes, **Farris – no**, M. Cunningham – yes. Motion failed.

Motion by Mike W. Elliott, seconded by Judith Maginnis **to rescind in total the December 4, 2017 motion that was passed to terminate the Middle School construction project.** The Motion being rescinded stated as follows:

Motion to terminate the Middle School Construction project for convenience and to direct the Administration to work with the Construction Manager and the Architect to direct each Prime Contractor:

- a) to the extent deemed to be in the best interests of the District by the Administration, in consultation with the Architect and the Construction Manager, to perform any work necessary to secure the work site and ensure safety,
- b) to perform all work necessary to protect the work in place,
- c) to stabilize the site, to otherwise comply with the requirements of the NPDES permit for the Project,
- d) to secure the site and materials,
- e) except as stated above and as necessary to comply with applicable law, the NPDES permit, the Tri-Party Land Development and Financial Security Agreement for Upper Perkiomen School District (Middle School), to terminate all work on site, and
- f) to terminate all work off site, including but not limited to orders for equipment that have been placed but not produced or delivered, orders for materials that have not been delivered or fabricated, and preparation of shop and coordination drawings.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MOTION**

Hope Manion, Hereford Township  
Erin Grouke, Upper Hanover Township  
Stephanie Steiner, Marlborough Township  
Craig Bardman, Marlborough Township  
George Bonekemper, Upper Hanover Township  
Michelle Devaluse, Marlborough Township  
Maggie Buckwalter, Upper Hanover Township  
Dan Williamson, Marlborough Township  
Ryan Creeden, East Greenville  
Lenore Ortyl, Pennsburg  
Carol Elias, Red Hill  
William Eden, Pennsburg  
Doug Buckler, East Greenville  
Kaye Yurik, Marlborough Township  
Dawn Keenan, Marlborough Township  
Matt Luhall, Upper Hanover Township  
Labrea Huff, Red Hill  
Bill Licopoli, Pennsburg

All spoke in favor of passing the motion to resume the middle school construction project and expressed their thoughts about the new middle school.

Agnes Morani, Red Hill  
Burt Shive, Marlborough Township  
Donna Steinhauer, East Greenville  
Beth Sheldon, Marlborough Township  
Hal Linck, Pennsburg  
Dr. Eve Puhalla, Upper Hanover Township  
Keith McCarrick, Pennsburg  
Mark Mancini, Hereford Township  
Rob Pepe, Upper Hanover Township  
Agnes Morani, Red Hill

All spoke in favor of continuing the termination of the middle school construction project.

Dr. Farris called for the vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Smith – yes, Glackin – yes, Maginnis – yes, **Hofkin – no, Drake – no**, Elliott – yes, S. **Cunningham – no**, Farris – yes, **M. Cunningham – no**. Motion passed.

Motion by Kerry A. Drake, seconded by Raeann B. Hofkin, **to pause the Middle School construction project for 120 days.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MOTION**

Hope Manion, Hereford Township  
Craig Bardman, Marlborough Township  
Dan Williamson, Marlborough Township  
George Bonekemper, Upper Hanover Township  
Maggie Buckwalter, Upper Hanover Township  
Matt Luhall, Upper Hanover Township  
Ryan Sloyer, East Greenville  
Scott Ferguson, Upper Hanover Township

All spoke about their concerns of pausing the project for 120 days.

Keith McCarrick, Pennsburg  
Matt Hamilton, Pennsburg  
Agnes Morani, Red Hill  
Rob Pepe, Upper Hanover Township  
John Walsh, Palm

All spoke in favor of the project being paused for 120 days.

**President Drake called for a five minute recess at 9:40 p.m., during the public comments, the meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Smith – no, Glackin – no, Maginnis – no**, Hofkin – yes, Drake – yes, **Elliott – no, S. Cunningham – no, Farris – no**, M. Cunningham – yes. Motion failed.

**Dr. McGloin removed Action Items A and B from the agenda.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cathy Davidson, Pennsburg asked when the construction work will start and about a new timeline.

Motion by John L. Farris, seconded by Joan T. Smith **that the meeting be Adjourned** at 10:10 pm. Motion carried; all voted aye.

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Sandra M. Kassel, Board Secretary

