

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2229 East Buck Road
Pennsburg PA 18073

December 4, 2017

CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD SECRETARY

The Reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Perkiomen High School with the following members attending: Mike W. Elliott, Dr. John L. Farris, Joan T. Smith, Raeann B. Hofkin, Judith Maginnis, and Dr. Kerry Drake.

SCHOOL BOARD REORGANIZATION

Motion by John L. Farris, seconded by Mike W. Elliott, that **Raeann B. Hofkin** be elected temporary Chairperson of the December 4, 2017 reorganization of the Board of School Directors. Motion carried; all voted aye.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Oaths of Office were administered by District Justice Catherine Hummel-Fried to Melanie R. Cunningham, Stephen L. Cunningham, James C. Glackin and Dr. Kerry A. Drake.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Melanie R. Cunningham, seconded by James C. Glackin, that **Dr. Kerry A. Drake be nominated** for the office of **President** of the Upper Perkiomen School Board effective December 4, 2017. Motion carried; all voted aye.

Motion by Kerry A. Drake, seconded by Stephen L. Cunningham, that **Mike W. Elliott be nominated** for the office of **Vice President** of the Upper Perkiomen School Board effective December 4, 2017. Motion carried; all voted aye.

Motion by Melanie R. Cunningham, seconded by Raeann B. Hofkin, **that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 pm.** Motion carried; all voted aye.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Drake announced that the board would use a revised agenda at the board meeting following adjournment that included items requested by new board members.

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Upper Perkiomen School District was called to order by President Dr. Kerry A. Drake, at 8:06 p.m. at Upper Perkiomen High School.

The following Board members attended: Joan T. Smith, Dr. John L. Farris, Judith Maginnis, Raeann B. Hofkin, Dr. Kerry A. Drake, Mike W. Elliott, Stephen L. Cunningham, James C. Glackin, and Melanie R. Cunningham. Administration in attendance were: Alexis McGloin, EdD., Andrea Farina, EdD., Ashley Kitten, and Sandra M. Kassel. Others in attendance were: Michael D. Kristofco, Dyan Hipszer, Jonathan Dale, Paul Creneti, Matt Mulhall, Tom Yurik, Agnes Morani, Lynn Krum, Bill Licopoli, George Bonekemper, Ryan Creeden, Sean Queeney, Roger Holcombe, Dan Williamson, Jamey Eisenberger, Hope Manion, Jennifer Eisenberger, Mary Gibbs-Kershner, Kyle Schmoyer, Christine Schmoyer, Michael Hofkin, Keith McCarrick, Labrea Huff, Kyle Kovalenko, Jonathan Warren, Steve Grouke, Donna Steinhauer, Barry Stevens, Michele Toretta, Margie Gehlhaus, Mark Mancini, Maggie Buckwalter, and Sean MacBain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Drake announced that there would not be a Middle School construction project presentation. He also announced that there was a motion on the agenda to pause the Middle School construction but stated that there was a possibility that motion would be changed to terminate the project. Dr. Drake said that an additional motion to pause all bond work associated with the new middle school might be added. Finally, Dr. Drake announced that the originally distributed agenda would be followed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McGloin announced that the district was awarded a Safe Schools Grant. She stated the money received would be used to purchase new cameras for the elementary schools and the Education Center and to begin the process of creating a centralized computer system for all the cameras.

Dr. McGloin thanked Knoll for their generous donation of 16 noise cancelling headphones to Hereford Elementary school. She thanked Christian Fowkes and Shannon Noska for their efforts and expressed appreciation of their work with the business partners in the community.

Dr. McGloin reported that Dr. Farina attended the SAS Institute, which focused on innovative students and innovative educators this year. Dr. McGloin congratulated Tom Guellich and Beth Bianco for being chosen as presenters.

Dr. McGloin welcomed the new Board members and thanked Judge Hummel-Fried for swearing in the new board members.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kristofco announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the evening's meeting to discuss possible litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Kerry Drake read a statement regarding public comments.

Jonathan Dale, Hereford Township
Paul Creneti, Upper Hanover Township
Matt Mulhall, Upper Hanover Township
Tom Yurik, Marlborough Township
Lynn Krum, Marlborough Township
Bill Licopoli, Upper Hanover Township
George Bonekemper, Upper Hanover Township
Ryan Creeden, East Greenville
Sean Queeney, Pennsburg
Roger Holcombe, Red Hill
Dan Williamson, Marlborough Township
Jamey Eisenberger, Marlborough Township
Hope Manion, Hereford Township
Jennifer Eisenberger, Marlborough Township
Mary Gibbs-Kershner, Upper Hanover Township
Kyle Schmoyer, Pennsburg
Christine Schmoyer, Pennsburg
Labrea Huff, Red Hill
Kyle Kovalenko, Pennsburg
Jonathan Warren, Upper Hanover Township
Steve Grouke, Upper Hanover Township and representative of the Upper Perkiomen Valley YMCA.

All spoke in favor of continuing the Middle School construction project and expressed their concerns and pleas to not terminate the project.

Agnes Morani, Red Hill
Michael Hofkin, Upper Hanover Township
Keith McCarrick, Pennsburg

All expressed their thoughts on why the Middle School construction project should not continue.

President Drake called for a five minute recess at 8:40 p.m., during the public comments, the meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Special Education Committee – Dr. Kerry Drake
Dr. Drake said that a meeting was not held.
- C. Policy Committee – Joan Smith
Mrs. Smith said there was no report.
- D. Board Communication Line – Mike Elliott
Mr. Elliott reported no new news.
- E. Western Montgomery Career & Technology Center – Dr. John Farris
Dr. Farris reported that the Western Center recently had an Open House and it was reported that there was standing room only for the event.
- F. Montgomery County Intermediate Unit – Dr. Kerry Drake
Dr. Drake said many grants had been received to help the Head Start program and the Intermediate Unit could possibly renovate their former facility with funds received.
- I. Upper Perkiomen Education Foundation – Mike Elliott
Mr. Elliott reported no new news.

MINUTES

A. Motion by Mike W. Elliott, seconded by Raeann B. Hofkin, to approve the **Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2017**. (Attachment A). Motion carried; all voted aye.

B. Motion by Raeann B. Hofkin, seconded by Mike W. Elliott, to approve the **Special Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2017** (Attachment B). Motion carried; all voted aye.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion by Raeann B. Hofkin, seconded by Stephen L. Cunningham, to approve the **Personnel Report as presented:**

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. PROFESSIONAL STAFF

- a. **Philip J. Grigonis**, Technology Education Teacher at the Middle School, effective January 19, 2018, or sooner.
- b. **Jodi Landis**, School Psychologist at the Middle School, effective January 19, 2018, or sooner.

2. SUPPORT STAFF

- a. **Lisset Y. Correa**, Personal Care Assistant at the Middle School, effective November 13, 2017.
- b. **Nicholas T. Herring**, Part-Time Custodian at Marlborough Elementary School, effective November 10, 2017.

B. APPOINTMENTS

1. PROFESSIONAL STAFF

- a. **Jodie E. Sell**, English Language Arts Teacher as a Professional Employee at the Middle School, effective upon release date to be determined, to be hired subject to required employment history review, at Master's, Step 5, \$62,732/year (prorated). Jodie will be replacing Kelly Cahoon who resigned.

2. SUPPORT STAFF

- a. **Kelly A. Rorvik**, Title I Reading Assistant at Hereford Elementary School, effective November 15, 2017, to be hired subject to required employment history review, at \$11.75/hour, Step 1, per the Part Time Support Agreement. Kelly will be replacing Christine Schmoyer who resigned.

3. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR/INSTRUCTION IN THE HOME, effective for the 2017-2018 school year:

- 1. PETRA MARX-ABEND**
- 2. TARA PURCELL**

4. SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY POSITIONS for the 2017-2018 school year:

Area	Position	Name	Salary	
Performance	Drama/Musical – HS Asst.	Nolan D. Benner	B	\$1,040
LEO Club	Advisor – MS	Lisa Colapietro	A	\$969
Wrestling	MS Assistant Coach	Scott Engle*	B	\$2,499
Track	Varsity HS Coach	Clayton Mowrer	B	\$3,980

*subject to required employment history review

5. GAME MANAGER for the 2017-2018 school year:

- a. John Brittain

6. **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WORKERS** Positions include announcers, scorers, ticket sellers, timers and starters:
 - a. Richard Rossiter
- C. **CHANGE OF STATUS**
 1. **Maryellen McNeely**, Extended Per Diem Substitute to Long Term Substitute Guidance Counselor, effective August 23, 2017.
- D. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**
 1. **Susan Kenna**, approve a CHILD REARING LEAVE of absence from December 5, 2017, through the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
 2. **Karen L. Kramer**, approve a FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE of absence from November 17, 2017, through December 17, 2017.
 3. **Molly A. Storti**, approve a FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE of absence from approximately February 21, 2018, through approximately April 4, 2018.

Motion carried; all voted aye.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion by Raeann B. Hofkin, seconded by Judith Maginnis, to approve Special Education
 1. Motion to approve the **attached agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22** for temporary contracted services. (Attachment C). Motion carried; all voted aye.
- B. Motion by Raeann B. Hofkin, seconded by Judith Maginnis, to approve **the Energy Management Agreement with EnerNOC, Inc.** The agreement will be for a three year period ending May 31, 2021. (Attachment D). VOTE: Smith – yes, Farris – yes, Maginnis – yes, Hofkin – yes, Drake – yes, Elliott – yes, **S. Cunningham – abstain**, Glackin – yes, M. Cunningham – yes. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mike W. Elliott, seconded by Joan T. Smith, to approve **the engineering services proposal in the amount of \$19,100 from Barry Isett & Associates, for replacement of the 1966 high school sewage pump station.** (Attachment E). Motion carried; all voted aye.

Motion by Raeann B. Hofkin, seconded by Stephen L. Cunningham, to **approve Action Items D and E:**

- D. Motion to approve **the independent consultant contract with Dr. Mark R. Pellico for the Interim Middle School Principal position** at a rate of \$450 per day. (Attachment F)
- E. Motion to accept **the resignation of Jonathan Warren as Treasurer** of the Upper Perkiomen Board of School Directors.

Motion carried; all voted aye.

- F. Motion by Raeann B. Hofkin, seconded by James C. Glackin, to approve **Stephen L. Cunningham, to serve as Treasurer for the Upper Perkiomen Board of School Directors** to June, 2018. Motion carried; all voted aye.

Motion by Raeann B. Hofkin, seconded by Melanie R. Cunningham, to **approve Action Items**

G and H:

G. Motion to approve **the 2018 School Board and Workshop Meetings** (Attachment G)

H. Motion to **grant permission to bid for Athletic and Physical Education supplies** for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion by John L. Farris, seconded by Raeann B. Hofkin, to **amend the motion to hold the January Board Workshop Meeting and discuss the workshop meeting dates for the rest of the year at that meeting.** Motion carried; all voted aye.

Motion by Mike W. Elliott, seconded by Stephen L. Cunningham, to **amend the motion to change the start time of the Board Workshop Meetings to 7:00 pm.** Motion carried; all voted aye.

Motion by Raeann B. Hofkin, seconded by Melanie R. Cunningham, to approve **Action Items G and H as amended:**

G. Motion to approve **the 2018 School Board Meeting dates and January Workshop Meeting date and discuss the workshop meeting dates for the rest of the year at the January workshop and to start Board Workshop Meetings at 7:00 pm.**

H. Motion to **grant permission to bid for Athletic and Physical Education supplies** for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried; all voted aye.

- I. Motion by Stephen L. Cunningham, seconded by Melanie R. Cunningham, to approve **James C. Glackin to serve as an Upper Perkiomen School Board representative for the Western Montgomery Career & Technical Center** for a term to expire December, 2020. Motion carried; all voted aye.

President Drake called for a five minute recess at 9:35 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

Motion by John L. Farris, seconded by Joan T. Smith, to **table Action Item J.** ROLL CALL VOTE: Smith – yes, Farris – yes, Maginnis – yes, **Hofkin – no, Drake – no,** Elliott – yes, **S. Cunningham – no, Glackin – no, M. Cunningham – no.** Motion fails.

Motion by Melanie R. Cunningham, seconded by Raeann B. Hofkin, to **amend Action Item J to read:**

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.

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

Motion by Melanie R. Cunningham, seconded by Raeann B. Hofkin, 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:

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Raeann B. Hofkin called for the vote.

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

Motion by Raeann B. Hofkin, seconded by Stephen L. Cunningham, to **direct all work towards the issuance of bonds for the middle school to be paused**. ROLL CALL VOTE: **Smith – no, Farris – no, Maginnis - no**, Hofkin – yes, Drake – yes, **Elliott – no**, S. Cunningham – yes, Glackin – yes, M. Cunningham – yes. Motion passes.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Motion by Stephen L. Cunningham, seconded by Melanie R. Cunningham, to approve the **payment of bills, in the amount of \$1,208,361.91 from the General Fund**. Motion carried; all voted aye.

Motion by Stephen L. Cunningham, seconded by Melanie R. Cunningham, to approve the **payment of Expenditures from the Capital Projects Account in the amount of \$3,376,882.18**. Motion carried; all voted aye.

Motion by Stephen L. Cunningham, seconded by Melanie R. Cunningham, to **approve the payment of Expenditures from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$8,400.00**. Motion carried; all voted aye.

Motion by Stephen L. Cunningham, seconded by Raeann B. Hofkin, to approve the **Per Capita Exonerations as listed**. Motion carried; all voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jonathan Dale, Hereford Township,
George Bonekemper – Upper Hanover Township
Barry Stevens, Red Hill
Paul Creneti, Red Hill
Roger Holcombe, Red Hill
Michele Tornetta, Upper Hanover
Maggie Buckwalter, Upper Hanover Township
Sean MacBain, Upper Hanover Township

All spoke about their disappointment in the vote to terminate the project and had many questions about what would be done with the property, costs and the future of the schools.

Labrea Huff, Red Hill, asked the Board to please consider a solution to the sidewalk issue on Montgomery Avenue.

Donna Steinhauer, East Greenville, spoke about the Act 34 booklet process and a concern that confidential information was given out.

Margie Gehlhaus – East Greenville, welcomed the new board members and spoke to them about utilizing PSBA to learn roles & responsibilities.

Keith McCarrick, Pennsburg
Mark Mancini, Hereford Township
Agnes Morani, Red Hill

All spoke about the need to work together, the costs of the new middle school and the need to use the money for education.

BOARD COMMENTS

John Farris, felt that the sidewalk project shifted to Upper Hanover Township and Pennsburg Borough since this was no longer a school project. Dr. Farris spoke about the Facility committee's recommendations and the results of the Feasibility Study.

Melanie Cunningham, said the sidewalks were part of a separate project. She spoke about a lot of assumptions being made and said she would like the public to have a say and wanted to talk to teachers. She said she appreciated everyone's patience.

Judy Maginnis, said she was very disappointed in the board's decision and willingness not to compromise.

Raeann Hofkin, talked about many community members who had creative ideas to help solve the many problems. She said she looked forward to working with those people and hoped they would come and speak at board meetings.

Mike Elliott, thanked everyone for coming out and said everyone needed to work on healing. He said there was so much division and hoped everyone could work together and be respectful.

Kerry Drake, said that it was a tough day but a step in the process of the board's vision. He stated that academics and achievements came first. Dr. Drake said that he would like input from community members. He talked about the many new ideas and plans that the board had and hoped to continue to move the district forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stephen L. Cunningham, seconded by Raeann B. Hofkin that **the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 p.m.** Motion carried; all voted aye.

Sandra M. Kassel, Board Secretary