

BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

January 25, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call

- II. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Motion to approve the October 26, 2017, Board Workshop Minutes (Attachment A)

- III. **PRESENTATIONS & UPDATES**
 - a. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
 - i. Substitute Trends and Recommendations – Ashley Kitten
 - ii. Extended Per Diem Special Education Coverage – Ashley Kitten
 - iii. Proposed New High School Course Offerings – New Course Instructor and Curriculum Assistants
 - iv. Comprehensive Plan Update – Dr. Andrea Farina, Allison Stephens and George Reigle

 - b. SPECIAL EDUCATION
 - i. Pupil Services & Special Education Update – George Reigle, Shane Thrush and Jen Bamford

 - c. FACILITIES
 - i. Crossing Guard – Sandra Kassel

- IV. **BOARD DISCUSSION**
 - a. Committee Structure and Appointments
 - b. Board Workshop Dates for 2018

- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

- VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

**UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2229 E. BUCK ROAD
PENNSBURG, PA 18073**

**BOARD WORKSHOP
October 26, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Workshop of the Board of School Directors of the Upper Perkiomen School District was held in the Upper Perkiomen School District Education Center with the following people attending: Mike W. Elliott, Raeann B. Hofkin, Wilfred E. Pike, Dr. John L. Farris, John L. Gehman, Jonathan A. Warren, Kimberly A. Baccari (6:55), and Dr. Kerry A. Drake. Others in attendance were: Alexis McGloin, EdD., Andrea Farina, EdD., Sandra M. Kassel, Ashley Kitten, Dyan Hipszer, Maureen Zavadel, Lesley Motruk, Jeffrey Fries, Arthur Vigilante, Todd Amsler, John Sheeran, and Labrea Huff.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion by Wilfred E. Pike, seconded by Jonathan A. Warren, to approve **the September 28, 2017, Board Workshop Minutes** (Attachment A). VOTE: Elliott – yes, Hofkin – yes, Pike – yes, Smith – absent, Farris – yes, Gehman – yes, Warren – yes, Baccari – absent, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS

1. PROFESSIONAL STAFF

- a. Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by John L. Gehman, to approve **George A. Reigle, as Director of Special Education and Pupil Services**, effective at a date to be determined, to be hired subject to required employment history review, at \$119,000 per year (prorated). George will be replacing Dr. Andrea Farina who transferred to another position in the district.
- b. Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by John L. Gehman, to approve **Shannon Trexler, as Hereford Elementary Assistant Principal**, effective November 13, 2017, or sooner, to be hired subject to required employment history review, at \$95,000 per year (prorated). Shannon will be replacing Maureen Zavadel who transferred to another position in the district.

Motion carried; all voted aye.

Dr. McGloin announced that a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the new middle school site today. She thanked the staff and students from the X-lab for the wonderful job they did creating the enhancements to the shovels used during the ceremony. Dr. McGloin said it was a small event due to active construction on the site and therefore a lot of people could not be on the property.

DISCUSSION

1. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

a. School Data Presentations – Building Principals

Dr. Farina gave an overview of the school performance data and introduced Maureen Zavadel, Lesley Motruk, Jeff Fries, Art Vigilante and Todd Amsler who presented individual school performance. They reviewed detailed data, areas of strength and concern and action plans for each of their schools.

Dr. Farris called for a five minute break at 8:35 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 8:40 pm.

b. Graduation Rate – Dr. Andrea Farina

Dr. Farina presented an update on the graduation rate and discussed the opportunities available to students who were credit deficient at Upper Perkiomen High School.

2. SPECIAL EDUCATION

a. 504 vs. IEP Discussion – Michael Harman

Michael Harman spoke about the process used to evaluate and qualify students in need of special education services. He explained the differences between a Section 504 Agreement and an IEP (Individualize Education Program).

3. FACILITIES

a. High School Sewage Pump Station Replacement – John Sheeran

John Sheeran requested the board consider the replacement of a 51 year old sewage pump station at the high school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. John Farris read a statement regarding public comments.

Labrea Huff, Red Hill, thanked the district for offering differentiated options for students to complete their goal of graduation and to be successful in life.

Kerry Drake spoke about his son's 11th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Dr. Drake accompanied as a chaperone. He thanked the teachers and district leadership for the opportunity for his son to attend. The trip was the highlight of the year for both of them.

John Farris spoke about social media posts that referenced him and asked for those comments to be removed from the social media site.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by John L. Gehman, seconded by Jonathan A. Warren, to **adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.** Motion carried; all voted aye.