

**UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2229 East Buck Road
Pennsburg PA 18073**

ATTACHMENT B

April 6, 2017

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. John L. Farris, at 7:13 p.m. in the Upper Perkiomen School District Education Center.

The following Board members attended: Mike W. Elliott, Raeann B. Hofkin, Wilfred E. Pike, Joan T. Smith, Dr. John L. Farris, John L. Gehman, Jonathan A. Warren, Kimberly A. Baccari and Dr. Kerry A. Drake. Administration in attendance were: Alexis McGloin, EdD, Ashley Kitten, Judith Clark, Sandra M. Kassel, and Andrea Farina, EdD. Others in attendance were: Ken Roos, Dyan Hipszer, Arif Fazil, Melanie Cunningham, Keith McCarrick, Cheryl Barger, Mark Mancini, Burt Shive, Kim Gery, Kaye Yurik, Labrea Huff, and Patrick Knowles.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McGloin announced that students in Grade 3 to 8 were taking the PSSA Assessments in English and Language Arts that week. She stated the Math section will be given after Spring Break, April 24th – 28th and students in Grades 4 and 8 will be taking the Science Assessments May 1st through 5th.

Dr. McGloin shared that she had the pleasure of participating in announcing and welcoming the PMEA District 11 Elementary Chorus. She congratulated Margaret Lerch for the wonderful job she did in coordinating the event. There were 200 students in attendance at the High School and 17 visiting Music Directors and volunteers. The coordination of the event was huge. Dr. McGloin was impressed with how everyone came together for the concert and did a beautiful job.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ken Roos announced that an Executive Session was held on March 23, 2017 regarding the Early Retirement Incentive Plan that was then voted on at the Workshop that night. Prior to the evening's meeting, April 6, 2017 another executive session was held regarding Land Development for the new Middle School. He further noted that a resolution was on the agenda to be voted on as were two student expulsion matters which were also discussed at the session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. John Farris read a statement regarding public comments.

Melanie Cunningham, Upper Hanover Township, had comments and questions about results from the test pits at the proposed middle school, and asked if bids were received for the new website and commented that she would like more detail in the minutes. She also spoke about Action Item I and Action Item E.

Keith McCarrick, Pennsburg, asked where the funds came from to transfer and what the near term expenditures are and the capital funds.

Dr. McGloin, Dr. Farris and Sandy Kassel responded to the comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Facilities Committee – Will Pike

Mr. Pike reported that Action Items I and J have to do with the Facilities Committee.

B. Special Education Committee – Dr. Kerry Drake

Dr. Drake stated there was no meeting. A presentation was done at the Board Workshop on March 23, 2017, Dr. Drake could not attend and has some questions that he addressed in the Board comments section.

- C. Policy Committee – Joan Smith
Mrs. Smith state the committee was working on a date for the next meeting.
- D. Board Communication Line – Mike Elliott
Mr. Elliott reported that nothing new was received.
- E. Western Montgomery Career & Technology Center – John Gehman
Mr. Gehman read an email from Mr. Moritzen, Director at the Western Center, reporting that on March 31, several students were recognized at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America State Competition. He congratulated Brooke Long and Shayla Good, seniors at Upper Perkiomen who were awarded Gold Medals and a place on the National FCCLA team.
Mr. Gehman noted that 300 applications were received for enrollment next year which was up from last year.
He also announced that on May 6, the Western Center is sponsoring a Car Show that is open to anyone.
Mr. Gehman talked about the Summer Camp for students in Grades 5 – 8.
He reported that the budget for the Western Center was approved by the JOC.
- F. Montgomery County Intermediate Unit – Dr. Kerry Drake
Dr. Drake reported the MCIU budget was approved. He also said that at the IU meeting they reported that a recent Landmark Supreme Court decision was issued regarding Special Education.
- G. Legislative Liaison – Kimberly Baccari
Ms. Baccari said the House passed their budget, HB218. She talked about the cuts that were in this budget involving education.
- H. Upper Perkiomen Regional Planning Commission – Kimberly Baccari
Ms. Baccari said there was a lot going on in the area. Upper Hanover, East Greenville, Pennsburg and Green Lane were in talks with developers about new businesses and residences in their municipalities.
- I. Upper Perkiomen Education Foundation – Mike Elliott
No report.

MINUTES

A. Motion by Wilfred E. Pike, seconded by Joan T. Smith, to approve the **Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2017** (Attachment A). VOTE: Elliott – yes, Hofkin – no, Pike – yes, Smith – yes, Gehman – yes, Farris – yes, Warren – yes, Baccari – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by Mike W. Elliott, to approve the **Personnel Report as presented:**

Mike Elliott and Will Pike commented that Mr. Coffey will be greatly missed.

A. RETIREMENTS

1. PROFESSIONAL STAFF

- a. **James J. Coffey, Jr.**, Science Teacher at the High School, effective the last contracted professional day of the 2016-2017 school year.

B. APPOINTMENTS

1. **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WORKERS** for the 2016-2017 school year. Worker positions include announcers, scorers, ticket sellers, timers and starters.
 - a. Tammy Day
 - b. Clayton Mowrer
 - c. Jeffrey T. Moyer*
 - d. Jessica Spano
 - e. Emily Todd*
 - f. Meredith Wickard

C. SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY POSITIONS for the 2016-2017 school year:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Track	Assistant HS Coach	Meredith P. Reinhart*	B	\$2,730 (Prorated to \$1,949)

*to be hired subject to required employment history review

D. LEAVES OF ABSENCES

1. **Amy M. McPherson**, approve a CHILD REARING LEAVE of absence from May 11, 2017, through the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
2. **Alicia J. Mata**, approve a FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE of absence from approximately May 22, 2017, through the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
3. **Kelly G. Paxton**, approve a FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE of absence from March 30, 2017, through approximately May 25, 2017.
4. **Mary L. Reinhart**, approve a FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE of absence from April 4, 2017, through approximately May 16, 2017.
5. **Bruce Schantz**, approve a FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE of absence from March 20, 2017, through approximately April 17, 2017.
6. **Lorie A. Seimes**, approve a FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE of absence from April 24, 2017, through approximately April 30, 2017.

VOTE: Elliott – yes, Hofkin – yes, **Pike – abstain**, Smith – yes, Gehman – yes, Farris – yes, Warren – yes, Baccari – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by Kimberly A. Baccari, to approve **Action Items A and B:**

- A. Motion to approve the **revised 2016-2017 School Calendar** (Attachment B)
- B. Foreign Exchange Student
 1. Motion to approve a **request by Catherine Siwy to allow Marie Aakvaag, Norway, to attend Upper Perkiomen High School as a foreign exchange student for the 2017-2018 school year.**

Motion carried; all voted aye.

C. Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by Wilfred E. Pike, to approve **the following student expulsions:**

1. Student ID# 275796
2. Student ID# 276738

Motion carried; all voted aye.

D. Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by Joan T. Smith, to approve **the Art and Nurse Supplies bid awards for 2017-2018 School Year.** (Attachment C). Motion carried; all voted aye.

E. Motion by Kimberly A. Baccari, seconded by Jonathan A. Warren, to **adopt the attached resolution regarding the transfer of fund balance and budgeted amounts to the Capital Reserve Account.** (Attachment D). Motion carried; all voted aye.

F. Motion by Kimberly A. Baccari, seconded by Joan T. Smith, to approve **Order with Active Insight Technologies to design and host the District website,** with a \$20,000 setup cost and \$15,000 annual fee from August 1, 2017 to July 30, 2022. (Attachment E). VOTE: Elliott – yes, **Hofkin – no**, Pike – yes, Smith – yes, Gehman – yes, Farris – yes, Warren – yes, Baccari – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by John L. Gehman, to approve **the Statement of Work with ePlus to upgrade the District's phone system** from Cisco Unified Communications 7.0 to Cisco Unified Communications 11.5, with a one-time services fee of \$24,750.00 and one-time hardware and licenses fee of \$38,786.60, and additionally new phones and video conference units for a one-time fee of \$22,046.20, for a total project cost of \$85,582.80. (Attachment F). Motion carried; all voted aye.

H. Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by John L. Gehman, to approve **the Letter of Agreement with Berks County Intermediate Unit to provide remedial reading instructional services in accordance with the Title I reading program at St. Francis Academy** in the amount of \$3,404.34 for school district students from March 1, 2017 through June 15, 2017. (Attachment G) Motion carried; all voted aye.

I. Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by Wilfred E. Pike, to **authorize Wisler Pearlstine, LLP, counsel for the District, in consultation with the District Superintendent, to withdraw that certain land use appeal in the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Docket No. 2016-29708 in the event the land use appeal cannot be amicably and timely settled by Settlement Stipulation** substantially in compliance with the terms of the Settlement Stipulation approved by the School Board on March 9, 2017. VOTE: Elliott – yes, **Hofkin – no**, Pike – yes, Smith – yes, Gehman – yes, Farris – yes, Warren – yes, Baccari – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

J. Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by Kimberly A. Baccari, to **rescind the award of the full-service LEED Commissioning Services contract for the New Grade 6-7-8 Middle School Construction Project to In Posse and to award the full-service LEED Commissioning Services contract for the New Grade 6-7-8 Middle School Construction Project to Aramark Management Services, LP** in an amount not to exceed \$118,043 with the final form of contract subject to solicitor review.

Mr. Arif Fazil from D'Huy Engineering explained that In Posse underpriced and could not handle the project.

VOTE: Elliott – yes, **Hofkin – no**, Pike – yes, Smith – yes, Gehman – yes, Farris – yes, Warren – yes, Baccari – yes, Drake – yes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by John L. Farris, to approve the **payment of bills, in the amount of \$993,246.57 from the General Fund**. Motion carried; all voted aye.

Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by Wilfred E. Pike, to approve **the payment of Expenditures from the Capital Projects Account in the amount of \$332,037.02**. Motion carried; all voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cheryl Barger, Pennsburg, spoke to the Board about the transportation policy. She requested that a change be made to bus Middle School students to daycare.

Keith McCarrick, Pennsburg, asked if the financial reports could have a summary and total on all reports and a statement of what is in each account.

Mark Mancini, Hereford Township, stated that there is a yearly increase on his tax bill and asked for an explanation on the calculation and increase. Mr. Mancini asked where money would come from for repairs and renovations on the existing Middle School.

Burt Shive, Marlborough Township, said that no one wants to let down the kids in the district but the big question is how to accommodate the seemingly changing needs. Mr. Shive gave the Board a list of questions that he would like to have answered, among them were funding, grants, Act 34 and transgender issues.

Kim Gery, Red Hill, came to speak tonight because of past behaviors at Board meetings, she felt that everybody who attends meetings have a cause but that everyone should be respectful. Kim talked about her family's dedication to the Upper Perkiomen Valley and was disheartened by negative opposition she heard and felt it was not reflective of the community. She said she understood that building a new school would have an impact on many people, but also recognized the need and positive impact the new Middle School would have on the community. Mrs. Gery thanked the Board for their dedication and hard work.

Kaye Yurik, Marlborough Township, said she learned about district's goals and the great successes of the budget and technology implementation. She thanked Dr. McGloin for her vision for the district in the area of technology. Mrs. Yurik thanked the Board for approving measures to move the district in the right direction, including the new Middle School. She thanked the Board for committing so much effort, and time and energy to the betterment of the community.

Labrea Huff, Red Hill has paid close attention to district information and small town politics and believed opposition to the new middle school was brought about by misinformation. She said she was going to be a voice and advocate for the youth of the district. Ms. Huff thanked the Board members who were on the Board when building a middle school was proposed 15 years ago and who are still here today.

Patrick Knowles, Red Hill said he heard talk of a 6-8% tax increase and asked if he was correct in saying the increase could not go above 3%. Mr. Knowles mentioned the Quakertown School District closing a school and moving students to another building for program learning.

Dr. McGloin, Mr. Roos, Mrs. Kassel, and the Board responded to a number of the questions.

BOARD COMMENTS

Jonathan Warren said he was pleased to see Conference pre-approvals and encouraged the staff to continue.

Dr. Kerry Drake could not attend the Special Education Committee presentation meeting and had many questions about that. He asked if the presentation could be posted on the website. Dr. Drake inquired why the number of special education students have changed so much.

Kimberly Baccari, asked how the recent Supreme Court decision correlated to this district.

Dr. Farina responded to Dr. Drake's and Ms. Baccari's questions.

Raeann Hofkin asked for a copy of the statement Dr. Farris reads about the public comments.

Mike Elliott spoke about the benefits of after-school activities and asked the Board and Administration to work on the policies of having the gyms open on Sundays and to look at the bussing again for 6th and 7th graders.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jonathan A. Warren, seconded by John L. Gehman that **the meeting be adjourned at 9:04 p.m.** Motion carried; all voted aye.

Sandra M. Kassel, Board Secretary