

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

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**December 12, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The **Special Meeting** of the Board of School Directors of the Upper Perkiomen School District was called to order by President Raeann B. Hofkin at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Perkiomen Education Center with the following members attending: Peg Pennepacker, Dr. Kerry A. Drake, Melanie R. Cunningham, Keith McCarrick (phone-in), Raeann B. Hofkin, Mike W. Elliott, Judy Maginnis, Dana E. Hipszer, and Stephen L. Cunningham. Administration in attendance were: Allyn J. Roche, EdD., Andrea Farina, EdD, Georgiann Fisher, and Sandra M. Kassel. Others in attendance were: George Bonekemper and Jim Coffey.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

Motion by Stephen L. Cunningham, seconded by Mike W. Elliott, to approve **Action items A and B:**

- A. Motion to approve the **2019-2022 Professional Agreement between the Upper Perkiomen Board of School Directors and the Upper Perkiomen Education Association.**
- B. Motion to approve a **Memorandum of Understanding between the Upper Perkiomen Education Association and the Upper Perkiomen School District regarding the Fair Share provision** in the 2016-2019 Professional Agreement and its possible inclusion in the successor agreement. (Attachment A).

Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs Hofkin and Mrs. Kassel all thanked everyone that was involved in the negotiations for all of the hard work and commitment in coming to an agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Pennepacker – yes, Drake – yes, M. Cunningham – yes, McCarrick – yes, Hofkin – yes, Elliott – yes, Maginnis – yes, Hipszer – yes, S. Cunningham – yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

George Bonekemper, Upper Hanover Township, said that the Public Employee Relations Act was enacted in 1970 and Upper Perkiomen has never had a work stoppage in that time. He congratulated and thanked the UPEA, the Administration, and the Board for their hard work on the agreement.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Dr. Roche said that he was pleased to bring the agreement to a resolution for the benefit of the staff, the students and the community. He thanked the negotiations team for all of their hard work and dedication. Dr. Roche thanked the teachers for their dedication on

starting the school year out on a positive note despite the fact they were working without a contract and for continuing that excellent attitude all the way through until the agreement was resolved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Coffey, Upper Hanover Township and retired high school teacher, was asking About a previous grant fund where the balance remaining was rolled over to the general fund.

Judy Maginnis asked Mr. Coffey if he contacted clubs at the high school regarding them continuing with the project.

Motion by Stephen L. Cunningham, seconded by Mike W. Elliott, **that the meeting be adjourned** at 6:15 pm. Motion carried; all voted aye.

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Sandra M. Kassel, Board Secretary