

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 18, 2015

A meeting of the New Hope-Solebury School District Board of Directors was held in the District Office Conference Room on Monday, May 18, 2015. Mr. Adar, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and announced the meeting was being audio recorded. High school 9th grade students and officers led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance via video.

The Secretary then called roll.

Members present: Mr. Adar, Mrs. Deussing, Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Kelley, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Weisbrot

Members absent: Mr. Harraka

Administrators present: Dr. Boccuti, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Radazkiewicz, Mr. Malone, Mr. Silver, Mr. Yanni,

Executive Sessions were held on May 12, 2015 and prior to this meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Student Reports

Student Amy Tao reported on activities at the Upper Elementary School

Students Ben Dupont and Juliana Slominski reported on activities at the Middle School.

Students Leigh Ferro and Olivia Knable reported on activities at the High School.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Boccuti presented his Superintendent's Report which is attached and made a part of the permanent minute book. Additionally, he reported the High School Track and Field Team will be competing at the PIAA State Championship. Mr. Yanni introduced Mr. Lieberman who discussed and presented a video on the college prep program.

Board Committee and Liaison Reports

Community Engagement Committee: No report. Next meeting June 1, 2015.

Curriculum Advisory Committee: No report. Next meeting May 19, 2015.

Facilities Committee: No report. Next meeting May 26, 2015.

Finance Committee: Mr. Dougherty reported a meeting was held on May 6th at which the Committee reviewed the budget and discussed the district's credit rating; guidance was received from Mr. Bamber of PFM. The next meeting will be May 26, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Policy Committee: No report. Next meeting June 24, 2015.

Special Education Committee: Mrs. Deussing discussed the progress the Committee has made with putting together a parent group; also discussed was the co-teaching survey. Next meeting June 10, 2015.

Bucks County Intermediate Units: Mrs. Weisbrot reported a presentation was received on the Bridges summer course; graduation is scheduled for June 9; Dr. Galasso's retirement was received.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology: No report.

Pennsylvania School Boards Association: No report.

Old Business

Discussion/Information Items

- 2015-2016 Proposed Final Budget

Dr. Boccuti presented the budget narrative and highlighted the various aspects of the budget document.

New Business

Board Discussion (Agenda Items Only)

Mr. Kearney asked about the School Board Treasurer appointment.

Dr. Boccuti referenced School Board Policy 005, related PA School Code sections, the history and credentials of the NHSSD Treasurer dating back to 1993, the functions of the treasurer, and stipend considerations of the position.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

Mr. Band asked if the construction video would be on the website and questioned why information is redacted on the application variance for the project; comments about safety and security and key fobs issued to students and not collected; comments about locker rooms which do not have adults inside the rooms while students are present; comments about administrative building.

Agenda Action Items

A. Review and Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Weisbrot, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, the Board voted to approve the April 20, 2015 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

B. Finance

Upon a motion made by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, the Board voted as follows:

1. Adopt the proposed final budget and make it public for at least 20 days prior to the adoption of the final budget, and further that the final adoption of the budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 will be done at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 22, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the District Conference Room.

2. Approve and ratify the following list of bills totaling \$1,360,692.97.

2014-2015 General Fund Checks Between Meetings for Ratification

Check Numbers – 10041791 to 10041792

Totaling - \$4,736.00

And

Check Numbers – 10041793 to 10041812

Totaling - \$726,888.64

2014-2015 Capital Projects Checks for Approval

Check Numbers – 301000 to 301003

Totaling - \$154,916.84

2014-2015 Officials Checks for Approval

Check Numbers – 10041813 to 10041873

Totaling - \$5,620.00

2014-2015 General Fund Checks for Approval

Check Numbers – 10041874 to 10041995

Totaling - \$468,531.49

3. Approve the attached budgetary transfers for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and that they be made part of the permanent minute book.
4. Authorize the Administration to execute a contract with Interquest Detection Canines of Eastern Pennsylvania for the 2015-2016 school year.

5. Authorize the Administration execute an Agreement with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 for participation in the Technology Pool Counsel Consortium at a cost of \$780.00 for the 2015-2016 school year.
6. Authorize the Administration execute a Legal Services Consultation Agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP for the Special Education Pool Counsel at a cost of \$6,000.00 for the 2015-2016 school year.
7. Approve an educational services agreement with Tinicum Art and Science High School for Student No. 3986284338 for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$28,000, in the form presented to the Board.
8. Appoint John F. Cook as School Board Treasurer for the 2015-2016 school year at an annual cost of \$8,000.

C. Personnel

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Weisbrot, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, the Board voted as follows:

1. Ratify/approve the following personnel actions, contingent upon meeting all requirements of law and district policy:

LEAVES	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Ortiz, Gina	Elementary Health/PE Teacher LES/UES	Revised 5/7/15-1/22/16
Bollinger, Julia	Spanish Teacher MS	Anticipated 6/19/15-12/7/15
Elvey, Kevin	Social Studies Teacher/ Gifted Teacher HS	5/22/15-8/25/15
Sincavage, Lane	6 th Grade Math Teacher MS	Anticipated 6/19/15- 1/22/16
Whyte, Jennifer	6 th Grade Math Teacher MS	Anticipated 6/19/15- 1/22/16
Procaccino, Christine	Biology Teacher HS	5/26/15-6/4/15

TRANSFERS	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE	SALARY
Hess, Mara	.5 Health/PE Teacher HS	1.0 Health/PE Teacher Increased to cover LTS – LES/UES Leave-Ortiz	Revised 5/7/15-1/25/16	Full-time No Change
DaCosta, Sharmaine	Instructional Assistant M-Th, 8am-1pm	Change to Substitute IA for ESY Program	6/29/15-8/6/15	\$15.51/hr.

APPOINTMENTS	POSITION	REASON	EFFECTIVE	SALARY	BENEFITS
DeCarlo, Joelle	(.5) Health/PE Teacher LTS HS	Transfer- Hess Leave-Ortiz	5/7/15-6/19/15	\$49,145 (prorated) B, Step 0	No
Ryan, Tracie	Homebound Instructor Elementary/Mid Level	Student Need	5/13/15	\$40.53/hr.	No

2. Authorize the Administration to execute a Consulting Agreement with LoGIC to provide business office services at a rate of \$70.00/hour, effective June 1, 2015.
3. Ratify/approve the following EDR contracts for the 2014-2015 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>EDR Activity</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
<u>Athletics</u>		
Rick Fedele	Baseball 8 th Grade	\$1765.00
Solomon Jacobs	Soccer 7 th Grade (prorated)	\$610.40
Brianne Timony	Lacrosse Girls JV (prorated)	\$1636.40
Haley Whitney	Softball 8 th Grade	\$1765.00
Haley Whitney	Softball JV (prorated)	\$701.40

D. Policy & Program

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Deussing, seconded by Mrs. Weisbrot, the Board voted to approve an overnight trip for members of the Odyssey of the Mind team to participate in the World Finals at Michigan State University from May 20 through May 24, 2015.

E. Plant & Equipment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mrs. Keyes, the Board voted to approve a resolution requesting that the Pennsylvania Department of Education approve a variance from the 20 year rule for the construction project at the High School and Middle School, in order to qualify for reimbursement.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Dr. Daley provided SYSTEMS field trip updates and updates on TEVA grants.

Mr. Band commented on a failed attempt at obtaining a land development waiver; commented about health concerns in the project and that on 10/20/14 the High School Art Teacher discussed the health concerns.

Board Discussion

Dr. Boccuti explained that the New Hope-Solebury School District land development waiver denial by New Hope Borough would be discussed at the Facilities Committee meeting scheduled for May 26, 2015. He further explained that the two redacted sections of the document were each referencing safety and security procedures that are utilized for internal planning only and not to be shared with the public.

Adjournment

Mr. Adar adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven M. Yanni". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Steven M. Yanni
Board Secretary