

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes
September 19, 2016

Per Policy 006.2 all Board of School Directors meetings are audio recorded.

I. Call to Order and Announcement of Executive Session

A meeting of the New Hope-Solebury School District Board of Directors was held in the District Office Conference Room on Monday, September 19, 2016. Mr. Cowell, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

An Executive Session was held prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cowell led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

The Secretary called roll:

Members present: Mr. Cowell, Mr. Capriotti, Mrs. Deussing, Mr. Dougherty, Mrs. Gormley, Mrs. Keyes, Mr. McDonough, Mrs. Weisbrot

Members absent: Mrs. Povacz

Administrators present: Dr. Yanni, Dr. Cortellessa, Mr. Lechman, Mr. Malone, Mrs. Marton, Dr. McKenna, Mr. Rehr, Mr. Rivera, Mrs. Rohn, Mr. Seier, Mr. Silver

IV. Additions, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda

- Facilities 2(b.) – Add Jonathan Adar as co-chair of the Facilities Committee.

V. Acceptance of Minutes

- A. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Deussing, seconded by Mrs. Weisbrot, the Board voted to accept the August 22, 2016 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors. *

Mr. Capriotti	Yes
Mrs. Deussing	Yes
Mr. Dougherty	Yes
Mrs. Gormley	Yes
Mrs. Keyes	Yes
Mr. McDonough	Yes
Mrs. Povacz	Absent
Mrs. Weisbrot	Yes

Mr. Cowell Yes

Motion passed 8 – 0 with 1 absent and 0 abstentions.

VI. Student Reports

- High School – Anthony Lagana and Kaylee Tao reported on activities at the High School.
- Middle School – No report.
- Upper Elementary School – No report.

Mrs. Povacz arrived to the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Yanni reported on the following items:

- We officially welcomed students back with an enrollment of 1500; we welcomed the kindergarten Class of 2029.
- Campus Revitalization Plan – two updates have been sent to the community; additional updates will occur on a regular basis.
- Welcomed student representatives to the Board and expressed the importance of student voice.

VIII. Board Committee Reports

Committee chairs reported on meetings; minutes are posted to the district website.

- A. Finance (Mrs. Povacz, Committee Chair)
- B. Facilities (Mr. Capriotti, Committee Chair)
- C. Policy and Human Resources (Mr. McDonough, Committee Chair)
- D. Special Education (Mrs. Gormley, Committee Chair)
- E. Curriculum Advisory (Mrs. Keyes, Committee Chair)
- F. Athletics/Student Activities (Mrs. Weisbrot, Committee Chair)

IX. Liaison Reports

- A. Bucks County Intermediate Unit (Mrs. Weisbrot) – No report.
- B. Pennsylvania School Board Association (Mr. Cowell) – No report.
- C. Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (Mr. Capriotti)
 - September committee meetings were canceled. The Sept 12 Board meeting covered a welcome back to school presentation.

X. Old Business

A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items

- Voting Discussion
- Dr. Yanni discussed that according to Roberts Rules of Order, a voice vote should be “yes” or “no” without recording comments. If a board member wants something recorded in the minutes, it would be noted under board discussion. Mr. Capriotti requested the Policy Committee consider a rotating roll call vote.

XI. New Business

A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items

- Comprehensive Planning – Dr. Yanni provided an update to the board on the Comprehensive Planning process.

Mr. Capriotti left the meeting at 7:19 p.m. during Dr. Yanni’s presentation and returned at 7:21 p.m.

B. Board Discussion (Agenda Items Only)

- Board Discussion occurred around the following topics:
 - Campus Revitalization Project and Payment of Bills for the project.

C. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Kelley commented on the Borough permit process and technology use in the classroom.

D. Action Items (* Indicates attachment)

1. Finance

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Weisbrot, seconded by Mrs. Gormley, the Board voted as follows on Finance Items 1a-1e:

Mr. Capriotti	Yes
Mrs. Deussing	Yes
Mr. Dougherty	Yes
Mrs. Gormley	Yes
Mrs. Keyes	Yes
Mr. McDonough	Yes
Mrs. Povacz	Yes
Mrs. Weisbrot	Yes
Mr. Cowell	Yes

Motion passed 9 – 0 with 0 absent and 0 abstentions.

a. Approve and ratify the following list of bills totaling \$1,286,952.49. *

2016-2017 Capital Project Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
Check Numbers – 30208 to 30209
Totaling - \$278,929.00.

2016-2017 General Fund Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
Check Numbers – 10044799 to 10044808
Totaling - \$53,980.24

2016-2017 Capital Projects Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 30210 to 30216
Totaling - \$470,477.37

2016-2017 General Fund Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 10044809 to 10045010
Totaling - \$391,746.93

2016-2017 Wire Transfers Between Meetings for Ratification
Totaling - \$91,818.95

b. Authorize the Administration to execute renew the Agreement with Pitney Bowes for rental of postage meter and maintenance of postage equipment for the 2016-2017 school year, at a cost of \$2,613.00. *

- c. Approve the following breakfast prices for the 2016-2017 school year:

Secondary Schools - \$1.75
Elementary Schools - \$1.50

- d. Approve the Resolution with New Road Schools of New Jersey for the 2016-2017 School Year which states, New Road Schools is not required to charge students for paid and reduced meals in accordance with the income eligibility criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. * There is no cost to the District.
- e. Authorize the Administration to work with Public Financial Management, as Financial Advisor, Robert W. Baird Co. as Senior Managing Underwriter, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC as Co-Managing Underwriter, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, and the District's Solicitor in conjunction with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2016 for the purpose of funding a portion of the Campus Revitalization Plan in the principal amount not to exceed \$9,850,000.

2. Facilities

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Deussing, seconded by Mrs. Gormley, the Board voted as follows on Facilities Items 2a-2b:

Mr. Capriotti	Yes
Mrs. Deussing	Yes
Mr. Dougherty	Yes
Mrs. Gormley	Yes
Mrs. Keyes	Yes
Mr. McDonough	Yes
Mrs. Povacz	Yes
Mrs. Weisbrot	Yes
Mr. Cowell	Yes

Motion passed 9 – 0 with 0 absent and 0 abstentions.

- a. Authorize the Administration to perform additional water testing for lead at a cost of \$800.00.
- b. Approve Mr. Jonathan Adar as co-chair of the Facilities Committee.

3. Personnel

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Deussing, seconded by Mrs. Weisbrot, the Board voted as follows on Personnel Items 3a-1d:

Mr. Capriotti	Yes
Mrs. Deussing	Yes

Mr. Dougherty	Yes
Mrs. Gormley	Yes
Mrs. Keyes	Yes
Mr. McDonough	Yes
Mrs. Povacz	Yes
Mrs. Weisbrot	Yes
Mr. Cowell	Yes

Motion passed 9 – 0 with 0 absent and 0 abstentions.

a. Accept the following resignation:

RESIGNATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Karidas, Maria	Instructional Assistant MS	9/2/2016

b. Ratify/approve the following appointments, contingent upon satisfying all requirements of law and district policy:

APPOINTMENTS	POSITION	REASON	EFFECTIVE	SALARY	BENEFITS
Taylor, Elizabeth	Instructional Assistant HS	Resignation- Andris	8/29/2016	\$14.66/hr. Year 0	Yes
Schroeher, Elizabeth	Non-Instructional Assistant Part Time – 4hrs/day LES – LTS	Transfer-Buchler	8/29/16- 1/20/2017	\$14.62/hr. Year 0	No
Weiner, Deborah	Non-Instructional Assistant Part Time – 4hrs/day UES	Transfer – Chase	8/29/16	\$14.62/hr. Year 0	No

- c. Approve the posting of the Seniority Lists for the 2016-2017 school year for members of the Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit NHSEA and for members of the New Hope-Solebury NHSESP. *
- d. Approve the following Extra Duty Responsibility (EDR) contracts for the 2016-2017 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Extra Duty Responsibility</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Lori Balmer	Curriculum Liaison-Social Studies 6-12	\$2,166.00
Nicole Brown	Curriculum Liaison-Elementary K-5	\$2,166.00
Denise Connolly	Curriculum Liaison-World Languages	\$2,166.00
Chris Cook	Curriculum Liaison-Science 6-12	\$2,166.00
Heather Derby	Curriculum Liaison-RELA/English 6-12	\$2,166.00
Brian Loving	Curriculum Liaison-Math 6-12	\$2,166.00
Karen Rosenburg	Curriculum Liaison-Fine/Practical Arts	\$2,166.00
Jennifer Brown	Mentor-Kopp	\$691.00
Mike Finley	Mentor-Genner	\$345.50
Bob Gaffney	Mentor-Pesci	\$691.00
Drew Giorgi	Mentor-Davis	\$691.00

Nancy Wisniewski	Mentor-Fofrich	\$345.50
Tom Marrone	Teacher Tech-LES	\$1,843.00
Kevin Sasala	Teacher Tech-UES	\$1,843.00
Andrew Giorgi	Teacher Tech-HS	\$1,843.00
Tom Marrone	Webmaster-LES	\$1,850.00

ATHLETICS

Maria Bennett	Volleyball 7th grade	\$1,556.00
Kaitlin Doyle	MS Cross Country	\$1,348.00
Megan Dun	Field Hockey 7th grade	\$1,704.00
Solomon Jacobs	Soccer Varsity Girls	\$4,623.00
Jeff Love	Soccer JV Boys (prorated)	\$2,751.00
Chris Marchok	Volleyball JV	\$3,358.00
Erin Moss	Cross Country Asst Coach (prorated)	\$2,232.00
Sam Slifer	Soccer 7th grade	\$1,556.00

HIGH SCHOOL

Jena Davis	Debate Team	\$577.00
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Andrew Ordover	Odyssey of the Mind (split)	\$595.50
Lisa Meenan	Odyssey of the Mind (split)	\$595.50
David Bachart	Jazz Band	\$1,653.00
Tom Bateman	Pit Orchestra/Musical	\$2,372.00
Heather Derby	Blue/Gold & Spirit Club (split)	\$1,217.00
Victoria Nichols	Blue/Gold & Spirit Club (split)	\$1,217.00
Michele Hamill	TAG Environmental Club	\$1,838.00
Michele Hamill	Talent Show (split)	\$359.50
Victoria Nichols	Talent Show (split)	\$359.50
Dave Kolinchak	Outdoors Club (A)	\$1,270.00
Jeffrey Dykie	Outdoors Club (B)	\$1,270.00
Angela Nino	Student Council Advisor (split)	\$617.00
Colleen O'Donnell	Student Council Advisor (split)	\$617.00
Angela Nino	Class Advisor-8	\$1,296.00
Angela Nino	Class Advisor-7	\$1,296.00
Craig Smith	Reading Olympics-6	\$324.00
Craig Smith	Reading Olympics-7/8	\$324.00
Craig Smith	MS Yearbook	\$2,190.00
	TOTAL:	\$64,421.00

4. Policy

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDonough, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, the Board voted as follows on Policy Items 4a-4c:

Mr. Capriotti	Yes
Mrs. Deussing	Yes
Mr. Dougherty	Yes
Mrs. Gormley	Yes
Mrs. Keyes	Yes
Mr. McDonough	Yes
Mrs. Povacz	Yes
Mrs. Weisbrot	Yes
Mr. Cowell	Yes

Motion passed 9 – 0 with 0 absent and 0 abstentions.

- a. Approve Junior Kaylee Tao and Senior Anthony Lagana as the High School Representatives to the Board of School Directors for the 2016-2017 school year.
- b. Authorize the Superintendent to cast votes for the PSBA elections. All positions are uncontested.
- c. Adopt the following Board Operating Guidelines and Policies on a second reading: *

Board Operating Guidelines
003-Functions of the School Board
007-Distribution of Policies and Procedures

Policies
247-Hazing
823-Naloxone

- d. Affirm the first reading of the following Board Operating Guidelines and Policies:

Board Operating Guidelines
005-Organization of the Board
006-Voting Procedures

Policies
213-Assessment of Student Progress
222-Tobacco Use
232-Participating in School Affairs

5. Special Education

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Weisbrot, seconded by Mrs. Gormley, the Board voted as follows on Special Education Item 5a:

Mr. Capriotti	Yes
Mrs. Deussing	Yes
Mr. Dougherty	Yes
Mrs. Gormley	Yes
Mrs. Keyes	Yes
Mr. McDonough	Yes
Mrs. Povacz	Yes
Mrs. Weisbrot	Yes
Mr. Cowell	Yes

Motion passed 9 – 0 with 0 absent and 0 abstentions.

- a. Approve the following tuition agreements and educational services agreements in the form presented to the Board:
- Foundations/LifeWorks, Student No. 6461756876, for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$36,180.
 - Education Services Commission of Morris County, Student No. 2088411453, for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$67,900.00.
 - New Hope Academy, Student No. 9787682207, for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$34,900.00.
 - New Hope Academy, Student No. 5016923183, for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$34,900.00.

6. Curriculum and Instruction
NONE7. Athletics and Student Activities
NONE**XII. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items Only)**

- Mr. Zimmerman commented on use of the stadium field for athletic teams on Friday nights.
- Mrs. Myers commented on the oversight of the construction project with regard to safety.
- Mr. Kelley commented on the use of the stadium field for athletic teams.

XIII. Board Discussion

- Mrs. Keyes commented on district artwork at the Michener Museum.
- Mrs. Deussing commented on board discussion agenda items only.
- Mr. McDonough commented on the process to create Ad Hoc Committees and recommended one to explore alternative funding for the Campus Revitalization Project.

XIV. Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Weisbrot, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, which was unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of School Directors will be held on Monday, October 17, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Elementary School LGI Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Lechman
Board Secretary

Date