

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes
November 14, 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 Upper Elementary School LGI Room on Monday, November 14, 2016. Mr. Cowell, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cowell introduced the UES Beginning Percussion Section to lead members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

The Secretary called roll:

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

Members absent: Mr. Capriotti, Mrs. Keyes

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

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

NONE

V. Acceptance of Minutes

- A. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Deussing, seconded by Mrs. Weisbrot, the Board voted to accept the October 17, 2016 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors. *

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

Motion passed 7 – 0 with 2 absent and 0 abstentions.

VI. Student Reports

The following students reported on activities at their schools.

- High School – Kaylee Tao
- Middle School – Kevin O’Brien and Yuxin Ye
- Upper Elementary School – Major Richmond and Marguerite Livezey

VII. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Yanni reported on the following items:

- Campus Revitalization Project - regular updates with information and pictures.
- National Election – asked principals to put out a joint listserv to remind everyone about code of conduct and expectations.
- Mr. Rehr provided an update on athletics for which every fall sports team qualified for district playoffs.
- Principal Appreciation Month – Dr. Yanni thanked all principals including Mr. Rehr.
- Mr. Hansel updated the Board regarding the donations for the batting cages.
- Operations – Surprise safety inspection which commended the work being done from a safety standpoint.
- Thanksgiving – a time to be thankful for what we have here at the district including staff, students, parents, Leadership Team, and Board of Directors.

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)
 - Vision Report Presentation
- B. Pennsylvania School Board Association (Mr. Cowell) – No Report
- C. Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (Mr. Capriotti) – No Report

X. Old Business

- A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items
NONE

XI. New Business

- A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items
 - Student Assessment Update – Education Leaders
 - Dr. Yanni provided an overview of student assessment data, including areas of achievement and areas of improvement within the grade levels.
 - Building principals provided updates on the results and how they are using the data to continually improve the learning environment for our students and identify areas of focus.
 - Questions and Comments
 - Mrs. Gormley asked about the breakdown of our IEP and ELL populations.
 - Mrs. Deussing commented about addressing growth for students scoring at advanced levels.
 - Mrs. Gormley commented about providing neuro diversity in our classrooms and really using UDL.

Mr. Capriotti arrived at the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

- B. Board Discussion (Agenda Items Only)

NONE

- C. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Band commented on Special Education Item 5a.
 - Mrs. Gormley responded confirming the level of excellence that our staff provides, but there are certain student needs that must be met with outside resources.
- Mr. Duffy commented on the quality of the Student Assessment Update presentation and questioned if there were students opting out.

D. Board Comment (Agenda Items Only)

- Mrs. Deussing thanked Mr. Rehr for his support of district athletics and for the regular community updates.

E. Action Items (* Indicates attachment)

1. Finance

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

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

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

- a. Approve the attached Treasurer's Report for September, 2016. *
- b. Approve and ratify the following list of bills totaling \$1,561,871.06. *

2016-2017 General Fund Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
Check Numbers – 10045269 to 10045281
Totaling - \$281,357.88

2016-2017 Capital Projects Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 30222 to 30228
Totaling - \$780,215.78

2016-2017 General Fund Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 10045282 to 10045453
Totaling - \$341,283.21

2016-2017 Wire Transfers Between Meetings for Ratification
Totaling - \$159,014.19

- c. Approve the IDEA-B Section 619 Use of Funds Agreement for 2016-2017, PDE Award Number H173A160090, Allocation \$1,107.00. *

2. Facilities

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

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

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

- a. Accept the following donations used to build the girls softball batting cage:
- New Hope Crushed Stone – 50 tons of crushed stone
 - Niece Lumber – pressure treated lumber
 - Solebury Township – pickup/delivery of crushed stone and use of equipment

- b. Approve the following change orders to the High School and Middle School Construction Project: *

<u>CO#</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Contractor</u>
➤ GC01	(\$54,000.00) deduct/savings	Skepton Construction, Inc./General Contractor
➤ PC01	0.00	Stan Roch Plumbing/Plumbing Contractor
➤ EC01	0.00	Boro Construction/ Electrical Contractor
➤ MC01	0.00	The Fairfield Company/Mechanical Contractor

3. Personnel

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Gormley, seconded by Mr. McDonough, the Board voted as follows on Personnel Items 3a-3d:

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

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

a. Accept the following resignation:

RESIGNATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Doster, Timothy	Custodian Operations	11/17/16

b. Approve the following leaves:

LEAVES	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Kim, Lydia	Instructional Assistant – MS	9/28/16-TBD
Whyte, Jennifer	Elementary Teacher – 3 rd Grade UES	Approximately 2/6/17-1/19/18

c. Approve the following reassignment/transfer:

REASSIGNMENT/ TRANSFER	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE	SALARY	BENEFITS
Buchler, Nancy	Administrative Assistant/Purchasing Business Office LTS	Administrative Assistant/Purchasing Business Office	10/24/2016	No Change	Yes

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

APPOINTMENTS	POSITION	REASON	EFFECTIVE	SALARY	BENEFITS
Kaminski, Dennis	Custodian – Evening Operations	Replacement- Petrie	11/1/16	\$18.09/hr. Year 2	Yes
Lichtenstein, Paula	Registered Nurse Substitute	As needed	11/10/16	\$22.00/hr.	No

4. Policy

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

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

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

a. Adopt the following Board Operating Guidelines and Policies on a second reading: *

Board Operating Guidelines
006 – Meetings

- Board Policies
- 320 – Freedom of Speech in Non-School Settings
- 321 – Political Activities– Tobacco Use (Employees)
- 323 – Tobacco Use (Employees)

b. Affirm the first reading of the following Policies:

- 336 – Professional Necessity Leave
- 810.2 – Transportation-Audio/Video Recording
- 827 – Conflict of Interest

c. Approve the New Hope-Solebury School District Comprehensive Plan for 2017-2020 as posted to the district website for submittal to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

5. Special Education

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

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

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

a. Approve an Educational Services Agreement in the form presented to the Board for Student No. 9403385979, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, in the amount of \$69,346.20.

6. Curriculum and Instruction
NONE

7. Athletics and Student Activities
NONE

XII. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Band commented on reduction in Health and Physical Education at the Elementary Level.
 - Dr. Yanni responded that Health and Physical Education are now integrated and standards are being met.

XIII. Board Discussion

NONE

XIV. Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Weisbrot, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, which was unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of School Directors will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Elementary School LGI Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Lechman
Board Secretary

Date