

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes
January 26, 2017

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, January 26, 2017. Mr. Dougherty, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Dougherty introduced Mrs. Balmer's Social Studies class to lead members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

The Secretary called roll:

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

Members absent: NONE

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

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

- Clerical Items – Page 4
 - Personnel
 - Megan Candido – Salary is \$68,000 and will add prorated
 - Beth Fofrich should read per hour
 - Policy – Letters should read a, b and c.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Weisbrot, the Board voted unanimously to change the agenda as noted above.

V. Acceptance of Minutes

- A. Upon a motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Weisbrot, the Board voted to accept the December 19, 2016 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors. *

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

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

VI. Student Reports

The following students reported on activities at their schools:

- High School – Anthony Lagana, Kaylee Tao were not able to attend. A video will be played at the next meeting.
- Middle School –Samantha Finch, Meghan Siano
- Upper Elementary School –Brooks Saft, Ryan Keyes

VII. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Yanni reported on the following items

- January is Board Recognition Month and thanked the Board for their volunteer service to our district.
- Our district has been named to the 7th Annual Advanced Placement Honor Roll; our High School was one of 46 across Pennsylvania that have been honored for expanding AP offerings and increasing achievement.
- Initial meeting of the Inclusion, Acceptance, and No Place For Hate Committee was held with a cross section of 22 participants; an open letter will be sent outlining the mission of the committee and with a proposal for the work the committee will do.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Gormley who is speaking at the MAC Autism Conference this year.
- LES has been collecting donations for Cradles to Crayons which has been successful and is building character in our kids.
- Next month a proposal for senior class trip will be brought to the Board.
- Next month we will have a full presentation of the Campus Revitalization Project by the entire design team. Mr. Rivera provided highlights in preparation for the presentation next month.
- Dr. Yanni encouraged everyone to review our website for information on the Property Tax Elimination Bill being proposed by Senator Argyll.
- We are officially in the third marking, have completed mid-terms/finals at the High School, students are in new schedules, and we look forward to a productive third quarter.

VIII. Board Committee Membership Appointments

- A. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Gormley, seconded by Mrs. Keyes, the Board voted to appoint members to Board committees as listed on the attachment. *

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

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

Mr. Capriotti noted that Mr. Jonathan Adar must be added to the Facilities Committee.

IX. Board Committee Reports

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

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

X. Liaison Reports

- A. Bucks County Intermediate Unit (Mrs. Weisbrot)
 - Mrs. Weisbrot reported on the implementation of a new logo design, a presentation on head start program, no findings in the BCIU audit, a report from Programs and Services, a Heroin Education Program, and property tax elimination.
- B. Pennsylvania School Board Association (Mr. Dougherty) – No report.
- C. Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (Mr. Capriotti)
 - Board Meeting centered on ongoing staff contract negotiations.

XI. Old Business

- A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items
NONE

XII. New Business

A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items

- 2017-2018 School Calendar – Dr. Yanni
 - Dr. Yanni presented the calendar which has been reviewed with all stakeholders. He reviewed the importance to approve the calendar tonight as it impacts other districts that participate with MBIT and all need to be in coordination. Dr. Yanni stated this is a typical calendar and exceeds the state requirement for hours. If the number of days change through the negotiations process, the calendar will be updated.

B. Board Discussion (Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Dougherty commented on Finance 1f, Austill's contract, being a cost savings to the district.
- Mrs. Povacz commented on Finance 1e, ACA TaxTrack Software License Agreement, and requested an explanation of why Section 21 was removed.
- Mrs. Gormley commented on Finance 1h, Canvas Consortium Agreement, and the cost savings associated with this contract.
- Mrs. Povacz asked about payment terms of the original Sungard contract.

C. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Band commented on Finance 1e, Austill's Rehabilitation Services contract, and asked about the prior provider; commented on Personnel 3d and total cost of EDRs; commented on Finance 1i Retirement Incentive.
- Mr. Marcus commented on Finance 1a, 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget.

D. Board Comment (Agenda Items Only)

NONE

E. Action Items (* Indicates attachment)

1. Finance

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Gormley, the Board as follows on Finance Items 1a-1i:

Mr. Capriotti	Yes
Mr. Cowell	Yes
Mrs. Deussing	Yes
Mrs. Gormley	Yes
Mrs. Keyes	Yes
Mr. McDonough	Yes
Mrs. Povacz	No

Mrs. Weisbrot Yes
 Mr. Dougherty Yes

Motion passed 8 – 1 with 0 absent and 0 abstentions

- a. Approve the attached Resolution Adopting the 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget and Authorizing the Filing for Referendum Exceptions. *
- b. Approve the Treasurer’s Report for November, 2016. *
- c. Approve and ratify the following list of bills totaling \$2,991,169.29. *

2016-2017 General Fund Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
 Check Numbers – 10045660 to 10045667
 Totaling - \$118,712.12

2016-2017 Capital Project Checks for Approval
 Check Numbers – 3037 to 30242
 Totaling - \$921,675.22

2016-2017 General Fund Checks for Approval
 Check Numbers – 10045668 to 10045853
 Totaling - \$682,917.84

2016-2017 Wire Transfers Between Meetings for Ratification
 Totaling - \$1,267,864.11

- d. Approve tax collector salaries for the years 2018-2021 remain at current rate as follows, including the installment payment of \$6.25 per bill:
 - New Hope - \$9,850
 - Solebury - \$31,809
- e. Approve the Software License Agreement with ACA TaxTrack to complete the required federal ACA 1095 reporting requirements for tax year 2016 at a cost of \$3,495. *
- f. Approve the Therapy Service Agreement with Austill’s Rehabilitation Services, Inc. *
- g. Approve the Amendment and Addendum to the Agreement with SunGard K-12 for a Software License for IEPPLUS at an annual cost of \$35,658. *
- h. Approve the Canvas Consortium Pricing Agreement with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 in the amount of \$3,642 per year for three years beginning July 1, 2017. *

- i. Approve a Memorandum of Agreement outlining a retirement incentive with the New Hope-Solebury Education Association effective for the 2016-2017 school year. *
- 2. Facilities
NONE
- 3. Personnel

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

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

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

- a. Approve the following leave:

LEAVES	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Nealis, Cheryl	Admin. Assist. – Principal HS	Intermittent FMLA Approx. 11/1/16-7/19/17

- b. Approve the following reassignments/transfers:

REASSIGNMENTS/ TRANSFERS	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE	SALARY	BENEFITS
Schlesinger, Dianne	Instructional Assistant UES	Instructional Assistant LES	1/3/2017	No change	No change
Burns, Morgan	Instructional Assistant UES	Elementary Teacher- Grade 3 LTS (Leave-Whyte) UES	Approx. 2/3/17-6/13/17	\$48,455 (prorated) B, Step 01	Yes

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

APPOINTMENTS	POSITION	REASON	EFFECTIVE	SALARY	BENEFITS
Candido, Megan	Supervisor of Personnel Relations (replaces Director of Human Resources)	Resignation – Rohn	No later than 2/20/17	\$68,000 (prorated)	Yes
Kaminski, Dennis	Custodian (Evening) Operations	Vacancy	1/27/17	\$18.09/hr. Year 2	Yes

Parker-Kramli, Kathryn	Instructional Assistant UES – LTS	Transfer-Miller, J	Extended 8/23/16- 6/13/17	No change	Yes
Fofrich, Beth	Instructional Assistant HS	New-Student Need	1/24/17	\$16.79/hr. Year 4	Yes
Hasher, Nicholas	Custodian (Evening) Operations	Resignation - Doster	1/3/17	\$17.28/hr. Year 0	Yes
Genner, Nelianne	Math Teacher HS LTS	Leave-Korn Leave-Rutledge	Extended 1/23/17- 1/27/17	No Change	No change
Phillips, Lisa	Instructional Assistant- Library UES/LES	Resignation- Walsh	2/13/17	\$17.85/hr. Year 6	Yes

d. Approve the following Extra Duty Responsibility (EDR) contracts for the 2016-2017 school year:

Name	Extra Duty Responsibility	Stipend
ELEMENTARY		
Sharon Rader	Tech Club (Cyber Club ES)	\$719.00
	TOTAL:	719.00
	RUNNING TOTAL:	\$256,134.30

4. Policy

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

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

Motion passed 9 – 0 with 0 absent and 0 abstentions

a. Adopt the following Board Policy on a second reading: *

613 – Cooperative Purchasing

b. Affirm the first reading of the following Board Policies:

- 004.1 – Code of Ethics
- 011 – Principles of Governance and Leadership
- 255 – Gender Expansive and Transgender Students

c. Adopt the proposed 2017-2018 School Calendar. *

5. Special Education
NONE

6. Curriculum and Instruction
NONE

7. Athletics and Student Activities
NONE

XIII. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Band commented on bullying in the school district related to national politics.

XIV. Board Discussion

- Mr. Cowell commented at the last Policy Committee meeting participants stated they were not aware of a transgender policy and had concerns. Mr. Cowell requested that Dr. Gianni make sure this is communicated to all stakeholders and makes sure that everyone concerned has their issues resolved.
- Mr. Dougherty commented on property tax elimination. He stated we have the lowest property taxes in the county. Many residents would actually see an increase in their taxes due to PIT and an increase in income taxes, sales taxes, and taxable item increases. Property taxes would continue for municipal services. Commercial properties contribute \$2.75 billion to education in PA and if property tax elimination is approved most of this would shift to the taxpayer.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of School Directors will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Elementary School LGI Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Lechman
Board Secretary

Date