

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes
February 23, 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 Thursday, February 23, 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 Mr. Marrone's second grade 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. Keyes, Mr. McDonough, Mrs. Povacz,

Members absent: Mrs. Gormley, Mrs. Weisbrot

Administrators present: Dr. Yanni, Dr. Cortellessa, Mr. Hansel, Mr. Lechman, Mrs. Marton, Mr. Radaszkiewicz, Dr. McKenna, Mr. Rivera, Mr. Seier

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

NONE

V. Acceptance of Minutes

- A. Upon a motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, the Board voted to accept the January 26, 2017 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors. *

Mr. Capriotti	Yes
Mr. Cowell	Yes
Mrs. Deussing	Yes
Mrs. Gormley	Absent
Mrs. Keyes	Yes
Mr. McDonough	Yes
Mrs. Povacz	Yes
Mrs. Weisbrot	Absent
Mr. Dougherty	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 – Anthony Lagana, Kaylee Tao
- Middle School –Samantha Finch, Grace Hanley
- Upper Elementary School –Emily Reagan, Isabella Genuardi

VII. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Yanni reported on the following items

- STEM and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) initiative in all four buildings. Each of the buildings have constructed maker spaces for introduction to coding and robotics and all things that engage students that have scientific and inquiring minds. Thanked the Alumni Association for a donation to enhance these opportunities at our Lower Elementary School.
- Ad Hoc Committee Inclusion/Acceptance and No Place for Hate Committee has been meeting. Purpose is to examine our school culture and where we might encounter negative speech, hate speech, bias, or lack of inclusion/acceptance. Meetings have been well attended and we are reflecting on what it means to be really inclusive and accepting in NHSD. We have created structures and are working with high school students on safe places, conflict resolution, and peer mediation. The committee is delving into:
 - What does good quality instruction look like to promote tolerance, acceptance, and inclusion?
 - Working on a policy for gender expansive and transgender students.
 - Working with several organizations—NOVA, NHS Cares, and several other community based organizations to be sure we not only provide excellent instruction for academics but also to make sure that every student feels valued, respected, and safe.

VIII. 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)

IX. Liaison Reports

- A. Bucks County Intermediate Unit (Mrs. Weisbrot) – No report.
- B. Pennsylvania School Board Association (Mr. Dougherty) – No report.
- C. Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (Mr. Capriotti)
 - Contract negotiations with the teachers association. Composite of the districts that make up the MBIT.
 - Replacement of roof and what is the best way forward to handle this capital expenditure. Costs get broken down by proration based on school district participation. Looking at designs and costs and options include bond issue. Roof is more than 20 years old and is out of warranty.

X. Old Business

- A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items
 - Revised 2016-2017 School Calendar – Dr. Yanni
 - 182 student days in calendar with 2 built in snow days. Graduation is scheduled for June 8.
 - Campus Revitalization Update—Mr. Hansel, Design Team, and Construction Team
 - D’Huy provided an update on the project and the work that has been completed to date.
 - Mr. Capriotti stated that the first phase is the highest risk portion of any project. We are through the majority of excavation and through the highest risk area of the project and costs are currently under budget.

XI. New Business

A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items

NONE

B. Board Discussion (Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Dougherty – Facilities 2a - Asked what are the deductions from Farfield Mechanical.
- Mrs. Povacz – Facility 2a - Asked questions regarding AIA documents for change orders which were addressed by district solicitor.

C. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

NONE

D. Board Comment (Agenda Items Only)

NONE

E. Action Items (* Indicates attachment)

1. Finance

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, the Board voted as follows on Finance Items 1a-1b:

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

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

- a. Approve the Treasurer’s Report for December, 2016. *
- b. Approve and ratify the following list of bills totaling \$2,403,812.12. *

2016-2017 Capital Project Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
 Check Numbers – 30243 to 30245
 Totaling - \$193,805.18

2016-2017 General Fund Checks Between Meetings for Ratification

Check Numbers – 10045854 to 10045868

Totaling - \$250,785.72

2016-2017 Capital Project Checks for Approval

Check Numbers – 30246 to 30251

Totaling - \$904,059.93

2016-2017 General Fund Checks for Approval

Check Numbers – 10045869 to 10046050

Totaling - \$581,236.33

2016-2017 Wire Transfers Between Meetings for Ratification

Totaling - \$473,924.96

2. Facilities

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Deussing, seconded by Mr. Capriotti, the Board voted as follows on Facilities Item 1a:

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

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

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

	<u>CO#</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Contractor</u>
➤	MC02	(\$ 8,296.00)Deduct	The Farfield Company/Mechanical Contractor
➤	MC03	(\$34,000.00)Deduct	The Farfield Company/Mechanical Contractor
➤	GC03	\$ 8,663.63 Add	Skepton Construction/General Contractor
➤	PC02	(\$1,500.00) Deduct	Stan Roch Plumbing/Plumbing Contractor

3. Personnel

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

Mr. Capriotti	Yes
Mr. Cowell	Yes
Mrs. Deussing	Yes

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

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

a. Approve the following resignations:

RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Gutter, Alexa	English Teacher HS	6/13/17

b. Approve the following leaves:

LEAVES	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Abt, Theresa	Special Education Teacher UES	Extended 6/19/15- 6/13/17

c. Approve the following reassignments/transfers:

REASSIGNMENTS/ TRANSFERS	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE	SALARY	BENEFITS
Weiner, Deborah	Non-Instructional Assistant-4 Hr. UES	Instructional Assistant UES LTS (Transfer-M. Burns)	2/21/17- 6/13/17	\$14.66/hr. Year 0	No

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

APPOINTMENTS	POSITION	REASON	EFFECTIVE	SALARY	BENEFITS
Notani, Manju	Non-Instructional Assistant-4 hr. UES LTS	Transfer-Weiner	2/21/17- 6/8/17	\$14.62/hr. Year 0	No
Laff, Amy	Special Education Teacher HS LTS	Leave-Abt	Extended 8/23/16- 6/13/17	No Change	No Change

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

Name	Extra Duty Responsibility	Stipend
ELEMENTARY		
Ginny Brennan	Dramatics (School Play)	\$1438.00
TOTAL:		\$1438.00
RUNNING TOTAL:		\$257,572.30

4. Policy

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Deussing, seconded by Mrs. Povacz, the Board voted as follows on Policy Item 4a:

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

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

- a. Adopt the revised 2016-2017 School Calendar. *

5. Special Education

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

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

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

- a. Approve a Settlement and Release Agreement for Student No. 9171061924 in the amount of \$50,170 for the 2017-2018 school year, in the form presented to the Board.

6. Curriculum and Instruction

NONE

7. Athletics and Student Activities

NONE

XII. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Patel commented on the December 5 Meeting – three students discussed bullying and can this be reported out more than once a year.
- Mr. Band commented on Policy 255 – Gender Expansive and Transgender Students
- Mr. Marcus commented on the Budget - Community should recognize the work that the school district team has done to control expenditures.

XIII. Board Discussion

- Mr. Cowell commented on budget hearings for the new budget being proposed so all board members are educated.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Lechman
Board Secretary

Date