

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Minutes

June 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, June 26, 2017. Mr. Dougherty, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Dougherty led 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, Mr. McDonough, Mrs. Weisbrot

Members absent: Mrs. Keyes and Mrs. Povacz

Administrators present: Dr. Yanni, Mrs. Candido, Dr. Cortellessa, Mr. Lechman, Mrs. Marton, Dr. McKenna, Mr. Seier

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

- Personnel – Jennifer Franz – co-principal should just read principal.
- Facilities – Accept a donation for MS gym in the amount of \$5,700 by Solebury Parks & Recreation basketball program.

V. Acceptance of Minutes

- A. Upon a motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, the Board voted unanimously to accept the May 25, 2017 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors. *

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

VI. Superintendent's Report

- Hall of Fame Inductee – Mr. Donald C. Eckhart

Dr. Yanni reported on the following items

- Introduced Erik Pedersen as the new HS Assistant Principal and Athletic Director.
- Introduced Hall of Fame Inductee – Mr. Donald. C. Eckhart
- Welcomed Mrs. Jennifer Frantz to the district as Principal of LES.
- Achievement is up in many areas on PSSA scores. Later this summer scores will be certified and later in fall growth measures will be available and will be presented.

VII. 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) – No Meeting in June
- C. Policy and Human Resources (Mrs. Deussing, Committee Chair) – No Meeting in June
- D. Special Education (Mrs. Gormley, Committee Chair) – No Meeting in June
- E. Curriculum Advisory (Mrs. Keyes, Committee Chair) – No Meeting in June
- F. Athletics/Student Activities (Mrs. Weisbrot, Committee Chair)

VIII. 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) – No report.

IX. Old Business

- A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items
NONE

X. New Business

- A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items
 - Campus Revitalization Project Financing – Parameters Resolution Presentation *– Mr. Chris Bamber -PFM Financial Advisors LLC, Mr. Tim Anderson-Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, and Mr. Les Bear-Robert W. Baird Co.
 - Rates are going lower
 - Final step of multi-step financing plan
 - Estimated amount remaining is \$6,580,000 structured as a 20 year wrap.
 - This is step one for the parameters resolution.
 - Market and bond purchase contract – Les Bear
 - Aa1 rating and bonds get good reception when introduced to the market which results in good interest rates.

B. Board Discussion (Agenda Items Only)
NONE

C. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Band – 2017-2018 Budget
- Mrs. Parker (Mother) – Personnel Changes – Item 3d
- Mrs. Parker (Daughter) – Personnel Changes – Item 3d
- Mrs. Elephante – Personnel Changes – Item 3d

D. Board Comment (Agenda Items Only)
NONE

E. Action Items (* Indicates attachment)

1. Finance

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

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

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

- a. Approve the attached resolutions: *
 - Final Budget Adoption Resolution
 - Real Estate Tax Resolution
 - Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

- b. Approve the Treasurer’s Report for May, 2017. *

- c. Approve and ratify the following list of bills totaling \$4,176,022.20. *

2016-2017 General Fund Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
Check Numbers – 147393 to 147401
Totaling - \$40,185.39

2016-2017 Capital Project Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – Series 2015A – 30278 to 30288

Totaling - \$727,596.23
 And
 Check Number – Series 2016A – 30452
 Totaling - \$1,215,878.09

2016-2017 General Fund Checks for Approval
 Check Numbers – 147402 to 147559
 Totaling - \$515,272.67

2016-2017 Wire Transfers Between Meetings for Ratification
 May Totaling - \$17,657.24
 June Totaling - \$1,659,432.58

d. Approve the following budgetary transfers for the 2016-2017 school year:

Transfer From	Account	Object	Object Description	Amount	Transfer To	Account	Object	Object Description	Amount	Reason
Debt Service	1051000000000007	831	Interest-Loans	#####	Debt Service	1051000000000007	910	Principal Payments	#####	One Payment budgeted as interest instead of principal -
Operations	1026200000000003	624	Fuel Oil	#####	Vehicles	1026500000000003	430	Repairs & Maintenance	#####	Vehicle Maintenance trending
Operations	1026300000000003	624	Lawn Care	#####	Operations	1026200000000003	430	Repairs & Maintenance	#####	Repairs trending above budget
Operations	1026200000000003	390	Cont Service	#####	Operations	1026200000000003	430	Repairs & Maintenance	#####	Repairs trending above budget
MS-Substitutes	1011003000000008	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$5,000.00	LEARNING SUPPORT-7 & 8	1012413000000008	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$5,000.00	S4Teachers Subs - Account allocations - No Budget Impact
UES Substitutes	1011001000000009	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$2,500.00	ES PRINC	1023801000000000	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$2,500.00	S4Teachers Subs - Account allocations - No Budget Impact
LES Substitutes	1011001000000000	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$2,500.00	ELEM SCH	1011001000000000	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$2,500.00	S4Teachers Subs - Account allocations - No Budget Impact
UES Substitutes	1011001000000009	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$2,000.00	UPPER ES PRINC OFFICE	1023801000000009	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$2,000.00	S4Teachers Subs - Account allocations - No Budget Impact
HS Substitutes	1011003000000000	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$1,500.00	HS LRNG SUPP	1012413000000001	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$1,500.00	S4Teachers Subs - Account allocations - No Budget Impact
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UES Substitutes	1011001000000009	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$ 750.00	LEARNING SUPPORT-UPPER ES	1012411000000009	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$ 750.00	S4Teachers Subs - Account allocations - No Budget Impact
HS Substitutes	1011003000000000	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$ 500.00	AUTISTIC SUPPORT HS	1012333000000001	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$ 500.00	S4Teachers Subs - Account allocations - No Budget Impact
LES Substitutes	1011001000000000	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$ 500.00	ES LRNG SUPP	1012411000000001	330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL	\$ 500.00	S4Teachers Subs - Account allocations - No Budget Impact

- e. Approve a resolution authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt for the purpose of funding capital projects and paying the costs of issuance, by the issuance of general obligation bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,000,000, but anticipated to be approximately \$6,600,000, all as presented by bond counsel. *
- f. Approve the Business Administrator to issue checks for payment to vendors who submit invoices and employees who submit requests for reimbursement on or before the next regular meeting of the Board, and that record of such payment be submitted for formal approval at the next regular meeting.
- g. Approve the following list of depositories for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
 - Bank of America
 - Wells Fargo Bank
 - First National Bank & Trust Company
 - PSDLAF

- PLGIT
- PA Invest

- h. Commit \$260,000 of the District’s estimated ending fund balance for the 2016-17 school year for capital projects.
- i. Accept the proposal dated June 1, 2017 from Wisler Pearlstine which details solicitor compensation for the 2017-2018 school year. *
- j. Approve the renewal of a transportation agreement with Plumstead Christian School for the transportation of their students at a cost of \$8.57 per student per day for the 2017-2018 school year. *
- k. Approve the Resolution with New Road Schools of New Jersey for the 2017-2018 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. *

2. Facilities

Upon motion made by Mrs. Weisbrot, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, the Board voted as follows to accept a donation for MS gym in the amount of \$5,700 by Solebury Parks & Recreation basketball program.

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

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

3. Personnel

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

- Mr. Capriotti Yes
- Mr. Cowell Yes

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

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

- a. Authorize the Superintendent to hire candidates for vacant positions previously approved in the 2017-2018 budget. Let it further be resolved that all summer hires will be brought to the Board for formal approval at the August 24, 2017 public Board meeting.

- b. Accept the following retirements/resignations/terminations:

RETIREMENTS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Goodwin, Maryann <i>Incentive and Supermax</i>	Teacher First Grade LES	6/14/2017

- c. Ratify/approve the following leaves:

LEAVES	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Anderson, Nelson	Day-time Custodian MS	5/26/2017 – 7/5/2017 <i>Approximate dates</i>
Buchler, Nancy	Administrative Assistant Purchasing Business Office	7/18/2017- 7/31/2017

- d. Ratify/approve the following reassignments/transfers:

REASSIGNMENTS/ TRANSFERS	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE	SALARY	BENEFITS
Banh, Tai	Evening Custodian LES	Day Custodian LES (Retirement- Dennis)	7/1/2017	\$22.32/hourly	No Change
Hess, Mara	Health/Physical Education Teacher HS	Elementary Teacher – Grade 3 UES Elementary Teacher – Grade 1 LES	8/29/2017	No change	No change
Serafin, Sandra	Full-time Science Teacher – Grade 6 MS	Part-time (.5) Science Teacher HS Full-time Science Teacher – Grade 6 MS (no change)	8/29/2017	No change	No change

		Revised Science Teacher – Grade 6 MS			
Dykie, Jeff	Science Teacher – Grade 7 MS	Science Teacher – Grade 7 MS (no change)	8/29/2017	No change	No change
		Revised Science Teacher – Grade 7 MS			
Lever, Carey	Science Teacher HS/MS	Science Teacher – Grade 8 MS	8/29/2017	No change	No change
	Elementary Gifted Teacher UES	Elementary Teacher – Grade 3 UES	8/29/2017	No change	No change
Marrone, Stephanie					
	Science Teacher – Grade 8 MS	Elementary Gifted Teacher UES/LES	8/29/2017	No change	No change
Kester, Carol					

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

APPOINTMENTS	POSITION	REASON	EFFECTIVE	SALARY	BENEFITS
Ruggiero, Michele	Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent	Retirement – Raggi	Revised 6/12/2017 6/19/2017	\$57,000, prorated	Yes
Pedersen, Erik *	Athletic Director/Assistant Principal	Resignation – Rehr	6/21/2017	\$113,900, prorated	Yes
Frantz, Jennifer *	Principal LES	Retirement – Silver	On or about 7/17/2017	\$120,500, Prorated	Yes
Schlussel, Virginia	Library Assistant MS/HS	Retirement – Naldzin	8/29/2017	\$14.99, Hourly Step 0	Yes
Garcia, Susan	Per Diem Substitute - Health Office Clerk	Rehire	5/25/2017	\$16.60, Hourly Step 6	No

- f. Approve salary increases for members of the Leadership Team in the amount of \$43,116.60 (2.41%) per the terms of the Act 93 agreement, effective July 1, 2017.
- g. Appoint Michele Ruggiero as the Open Records Officer, effective June 27, 2017.

4. Policy

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

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

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

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

- a. Affirm the awarding of diplomas at Graduation Exercises held on June 8, 2017 to the list of students who have met the district’s graduation requirements as presented to the Board.

5. Special Education

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

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

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

- a. Approve the following special services agreements in the form presented to the Board:
 - Settlement Agreement and Release – Student No. 5647886469
 - Settlement Agreement and Release – Student No. 1123452776
 - Lakeside Educational Network – Student No. 5234420825
 - The Midland School – Student No. 6186021793

6. Curriculum and Instruction
NONE

7. Athletics and Student Activities
NONE

XI. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Band commented on the Teachers Contract

- Mr. Hebat commented on plan for landscaping at the LES

XII. Board Discussion

NONE

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Dougherty at 7:26 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of School Directors will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Elementary School LGI Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Lechman
Board Secretary

Date