

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*Engaging, Enriching, and Empowering All Students  
through a World-Class Education*

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**Board of School Directors Meeting**  
September 27, 2017  
Upper Elementary School LGI Room, 6:30 PM

<b>New Hope-Solebury Board of School Directors</b>		
<b>Mr. Neale Dougherty</b> <i>President</i>	<b>Mrs. Adrienne Deussing</b> <i>Vice President</i>	<b>Mr. John Capriotti</b> <i>Member</i>
<b>Mr. Mark Cowell</b> <i>Member</i>	<b>Mrs. Jennifer Gormley</b> <i>Member</i>	<b>Mrs. Tracy Keyes</b> <i>Member</i>
<b>Mr. Douglas McDonough</b> <i>Member</i>	<b>Mrs. Maria Povacz</b> <i>Member</i>	<b>Mrs. Sandra Weisbrot</b> <i>Member</i>
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>		
<b>Dr. Steven Yanni</b> <i>Superintendent</i>	<b>Mr. Andrew Lechman</b> <i>Board Secretary</i>	<b>Mr. John Cook</b> <i>Treasurer</i>

**Our Mission**

The New Hope-Solebury School District takes pride in our commitment to excellence. We strive to inspire and empower our students to become passionate, confident, life-long learners, with the strength of character to contribute to a diverse and ever-changing world.

**Executive Session**

6:00 pm  
Legal, Personnel & Negotiation Matters

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**Board of School Directors Meeting Agenda**

September 27, 2017

*Per Board Operating Guidelines 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 on Wednesday September 27, 2017. Mr. Dougherty, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Dougherty introduced Mrs. Marrone's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class to lead members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Roll Call**

The Secretary called roll:

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

Members absent: Mrs. Deussing, Mrs. Povacz

Administrators present: Dr. Yanni, Mrs. Candido, Dr. Cortellessa, Mrs. Frantz, Mr. Lechman, Mr. Malone, Mrs. Marton, Dr. McKenna, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Radaszkiewicz, Mr. Seier

**V. Additional, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda**

Dr. Yanni covered the following items:

- Comprehensive Plan and Campus Revitalization Project presentation items will be covered in the Superintendent report.
- MS and UES student reports will start next month

Mrs. Gormley – Made a motion to temporarily suspend BOG 006.2 where all meetings are audit recorded and have this BOG be reviewed at the policy committee. Special education committee is concerned about unintentionally relaying confidential information.

- Mr. McDonough seconded the motion
- The motion was approved to be added to the agenda.

**VI. Acceptance of Minutes**

- a. Upon a motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Weisbrot, the Board voted unanimously to accept the August 24, 2017 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

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

Voice Motion passed 6 – 0 with 2 absent and 1 abstention

**VII. Reports to the Board of Directors**

a. Student Reports

- i. High School—Kaylee Tao, Blake Doherty
- ii. Middle School – No Report
- iii. Upper Elementary School – No Report

b. Superintendent’s Report—Dr. Yanni

Dr. Yanni reported on the following

- i. District Theme for this school year – ROAR – Removing Obstacles to Achieve Results.
- ii. Thank you offered to staff for being flexible in dealing with obstacles in getting school up and running this summer.
- iii. Comprehensive Plan to be reapproved at October Board meeting
  1. Continued collaboration with the Penn Literacy Network
  2. Six-Seven teachers getting trained in Wilson Reading
  3. School Wide Positive Behavior Support
  4. Advanced Placement Environmental Science
  5. Revitalizing Business Department
  6. Work with BCIU and development of IU Hope transition program.
  7. Multi-tier system of support for intervention and enrichment.
- iv. Long range facility planning for building, grounds and athletics for development of a plan and properly fund our capital needs.
- v. Continue long range financial planning.
- vi. Complete a demographic study to have data to show enrollment trends to make decisions on how to maximize use of facilities.
- vii. Campus Revitalization Plan update – Still on track for August 2018 project completion date. Provided overview of two project change orders for action at tonight’s meeting.

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

- i. Athletics and Activities—Mrs. Weisbrot
- ii. Curriculum—Mrs. Keyes – No report given.
- iii. Facilities Committee—Mr. Capriotti
- iv. Finance Committee—Mr. Dougherty
- v. Policy and Personnel Committee—Mr. McDonough
- vi. Special Education Committee—Mrs. Gormley

- d. Liaison Reports

- i. Bucks County Intermediate Unit—Mrs. Weisbrot
  - 1. Transition program and ESY mini report
  - 2. Update on Perkasie Square
- ii. Middle Bucks Institute of Technology—Mr. Capriotti
  - 1. No report given.
- iii. Pennsylvania School Boards Association—Mr. Dougherty
  - 1. No report given.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- a. Comprehensive Planning – Dr. Gianni
  - i. Covered in the Superintendent’s Report.

## **IX. New Business**

- a. Change Orders for Campus Revitalization – Dr. Gianni
  - i. Covered in the Superintendent’s Report.

- b. Comments/Discussion (Agenda Items Only)

- i. Board Discussion

Board Discussion occurred around the following agenda item topics:

- Added agenda item – Temporarily Suspend BOG 006.2 until review by the Policy Committee.
- Board discussion occurred when the motion was made and the topics covered are as follows:
  - More information about the reason for this motion as it relates to the Special Education Committee and compliance with FERPA.
  - Confirmation that this motion is only temporary.
  - Can minutes and audio be edited to redact sensitive information?
  - Committee meetings are public meetings so how can we address private matters that are discussed publically? No private information should be discussed at public meetings.

- Training for board members to handle situations that might occur in the future.
- Timing – review to be completed at October Policy meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for November Board Meeting.
- There is precedent within our own district as the HR Committee is not audio recorded.
- When it came time to take action on this motion the motion was pulled from the table as an action item and the Board agreed that it would be further discussed at the Policy Committee without taking action to temporarily suspend BOG 006.2.

ii. Public Comment

Public Comment occurred around the following agenda item topics:

- Mrs. Nichols commented on the agenda item to Temporarily Suspend BOG 006.2
- Mr. Band commented on the following:
  - Agenda item to suspend BOG 006.2
  - Personnel Item f. (EDR)

iii. Board Comment

None

iv. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent commented on the following agenda item topics:

- Dr. Yanni addressed Mr. Band's comments regarding Personnel Item f. (EDR)

c. Action Items (Consent Agenda)

i. Facilities

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

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

Motion passed 7 – 0 with 2 absent and 0 abstentions

1. Approve a change order not to exceed \$41,500 for water proofing the rear of the original High School building. The change order includes new gutters, leaders, water proofing of the walls for the rooms below grade, new drainage pipes and regrading of the ground away from the building.
2. Approve a deduct change order in the amount of \$5,500 from the conversion of sidewalk to a concrete pad adjacent to the enclosed link between the Middle and High Schools which was discussed at the August 24, 2017 Board Meeting.

ii. Finance

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

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

Motion passed 7 – 0 with 2 absent and 0 abstentions

1. Approve the Treasurer’s Reports for July and August, 2017, in their entirety as presented in **Attachment B.\***
2. Approve and ratify the list of bills totaling \$4,062,626.27 in its entirety as presented in **Attachment C.\***

iii. Personnel

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

Mr. Capriotti	Yes
Mr. Cowell	Yes
Mrs. Deussing	Absent
Mrs. Gormley	Yes
Mrs. Keyes	Yes
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 resignation:

Resignations	Position	Effective
Taylor, Elizabeth	Part-Time Non-Instructional Assistant (LES)	6/14/2017

b. Approve the following leaves:

Leaves	Position	Effective
Reynolds, Michelle	Special Education Teacher (LES)	3/7/2018 – 4/18/2018 (Approx.)
Huffman, Andrea	Foreign Language Teacher (HS)	8/29/2017 – 1/26/2018

c. Approve the following transfers:

Transfers	From/To	Effective	Salary	Benefits
Parker-Kramli, Kathryn	LTS Instructional Assistant (Miller) UES; IA - HS (Resignation-Fofrich)	8/29/2017	\$15.53/hourly Step 1	Yes
Miller, Jacqueline	Instructional Assistant LES; Grade 3 LTS (Whyte)	8/29/2017 – 1/26/2018	\$52,515, B+24, Step 01 (prorated)	Yes
Laff, Amy	LTS Teacher (Abt) Special Education UES; LTS Teacher (Jones) Special Education UES	10/6/2017 4/13/2018 (Approx.)	\$68,181 B+24, Step 5 (prorated)	Yes

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

Appointments/ Position	Reason	Effective	Salary	Benefits
Webb, Barbara (Part-Time Cafeteria Worker: HS)	Termination (Rosenthal)	9/5/2017	\$11.54/hourly Step 0	No
Gross, Emma (LTS Instructional Assistant: LES)	Transfer (Miller)	9/12/2017 -1/26/2018	\$14.99/hourly Step 0	No
Kaminski, Lori (Part-Time Non-Instructional Assistant: LES)	Resignation (Taylor)	9/20/2017	\$14.95/hourly Step 0	No
Atkins, Megan (Special Education Teacher: HS)	Retirement (Finley)	<del>On or about 8/29/2017</del> <b>Revised</b> 9/29/2017	\$63,082 MA/ME Step 2	Yes
Berwick, Alison (Per Diem Nurse Substitute)	Substitute Position	On or about 10/2/2017	\$22.00/hourly	No