

**JUNIATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Thursday, April 16, 2015
8:00 PM REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Juniata County School District was held Thursday, April 16, 2015 in the Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School multipurpose room, all members having been duly notified. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mrs. Glenda I. Leister, President.

II. BOARD MEMBERS

The following board members were present at roll call:

Mr. Dennis Irvin	Mrs. Christine D. Shadel
Mrs. Glenda I. Leister	Mr. Joseph R. Shearer
Mr. John G. Noss	Mr. Danny R. Snyder
Mr. Ray D. Page	Mrs. Amy L. Wagner
Mr. Larry J. Rothrock	

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Board Secretary

There were no comments from the board secretary.

B. School Board Members

Mr. Page expressed his displeasure with the district's survey regarding consolidation of elementary schools.

Mrs. Shadel thanked East Juniata High School for hosting a spring luncheon for senior citizens. Mrs. Leister echoed her sentiments.

Mr. Shearer relayed a request from the Juniata County Agricultural Society, asking for cooperation from the district in allowing students to show animals at the annual county fair.

C. School District Administration

Mrs. Holderman reported that Federal Programs monitoring had been successfully completed. Mrs. Ricedorf reported that Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School had been the site of PDE PSSA monitoring.

Mr. Yarger said that PSSA monitoring at Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School had resulted in positive findings.

D. Public Comment Period

Lisa Miller spoke about elementary consolidation proposals.

PRESENTATIONS:

Elementary Library and Media Programs

Reynolds Construction – Including Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School in consolidation plans

As the President of the Board of School Directors conducts this meeting, it will not be necessary to announce each Director's name for each roll call vote. If, however, a Director or Directors wish to comment or have his/her comment or vote specifically recorded, the Director(s) shall have the opportunity to so state. The President of the Board of Directors will announce before each roll call vote that if he hears no objections from any members of the committee present, the vote will be considered a unanimous roll call vote and so recorded.

IV. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve minutes of school board committee meetings, special and regular school board meetings held, and listing of executive sessions conducted.

A. **Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings**

March 19, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

April 7, 2015 Workshop and Special Meeting

EXHIBIT MINUTES V

B. **Executive Sessions Conducted**

March 19, 2015 Executive Session for Personnel Issues

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

Nays: None

Motion carried.

V. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. It was moved by Mr. Shearer and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the purchase of 330 Dell Chromebook II's at a cost of \$81,986.26, and 11 Dell mobile computing carts at a cost of \$14,944.22, from Higher Information Group. EXHIBIT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION A-1

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

Nays: None

Motion carried.

B. **CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE-PROPERTY**

1. It was moved by Mr. Noss and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the following facility use requests, in accordance with the rental fee schedule outlined in Policy 707:

Becca Zendt, AAU Girls' Basketball Team, TJHS Gym, Practice, Tues., April-June 2015;
Lynn Mingle, Juniata County Legion Baseball, Dreibelbis Field (JHS), Practice/Games,
April 20-July 31, 2015;

Logan Knepp, Senior Project, JHS Gym, Angleball Tournament, April 25, 2015;

Brenda Graybill, EJHS May Day Committee, EJHS Aud./Gym, Program and Dance, April
28-May 9, 2015;

Bradley Bennett, Bunkertown Church, EJHS Baseball Field, Games, Tuesdays, May-July
2015;

Adam Barrick, Barricks' Sports LLC, JHS Gym/Caf., Wrestling Duals, May 2, 2015;

Brenda Graybill, EJHS After-Prom Committee, EJHS Aud./Gym, After-Prom, May 2-3, 2015;
Philip Adam, Jr., Transportation Department, JHS Caf./Parking Lots, School Bus Safety Competition, May 16, 2015;
Daniel Reed, Central PA Youth Ministries, EJHS Caf., Banquet, October 6, 2015.

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the proposal for architectural services to J.P.D. Architects, LLC with a not-to-exceed maximum of \$5,000 to complete the PlanCon A submission to the PA Department of Education for the proposed consolidation and additions and renovations at Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School, subject to solicitor review.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

Nays: Noss, Page, Rothrock

Motion carried.

C. FINANCE

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

1. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve financial reports for March 2015. EXHIBIT FINANCE C-1

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mr. Noss and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve the listing of bills for payment. EXHIBIT FINANCE C-2

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Noss, Page, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

Nays: Rothrock

Motion carried.

TAXES

INFORMATION: List of taxpayers exonerated from paying per capita taxes under current board policy. EXHIBIT TAXES

D. CAFETERIA

E. TRANSPORTATION

1. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve Gary Speece, Sandy Ruth, Lisa Henry, Amber Zimmerman, Stephanie David and Melissa Range as contracted school bus drivers for the Juniata County School District.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

Nays: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock
Motion carried.

F. STUDENT-RELATED

On a Mr. Noss/Mr. Irvin motion, approval was granted of the following: F-1, 2 and 3:

1. Approval of the first reading of Juniata County School District Policy 204, Attendance. EXHIBIT STUDENT-RELATED F-1

2. Approval of the following student field trip requests:

EJHS FFA, McAlisterville, Tree Planting, Friday, April 24, 2015;

*Student Participants/Volunteers, Special Olympics, Dietrick Field, Mifflintown, Wednesday, April 29, 2015;

*JHS Spanish 3/4/5 Classes/Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary ESL Students, Pen Pal Activity, Mifflintown, Friday, May 1, 2015;

EJHS Grade Seven, Sparks in the Park, Burnham, Friday, May 1, 2015;

*Monroe Elementary Students, Trout Release, Richfield, Monday, May 11, 2015;

*Lack-Tuscarora Elementary Second and Third Graders, Whitaker Center, Harrisburg, Tuesday, May 19, 2015;

*Fayette/Monroe/Thomp.-Del. Elementary Sixth Graders, Meet and Greet, Richfield, Wednesday, May 20, 2015;

*Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School Grades 4 and 5, Gettysburg, Thurs., May 21, 2015;

*Thomp.-Del. Elementary School Grade 1, Smith School, Thompsettown, Thurs., May 21, 2015;

Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School Field Trips*

Kindergarten, Lake Tobias, Halifax, Wednesday, May 20, 2015;

Grade 1, Chocolate World, Hershey/Indian Echo Caverns, Hummelstown, Wed., May 19 2015;

Grade 2, The Forum/Capitol/State Museum, Harrisburg, Monday, May 18, 2015;

Grade 3, Penns Cave, Centre Hall, Thursday, May 14, 2015;

Grade 4, Whitaker Center, Harrisburg, Tuesday, May 12, 2015;

Grade 5, Gettysburg Historical Sites, Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

**Transportation will be paid by groups making request.*

3. Approval of four weeks of homebound instruction for a Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School student, effective April 6, 2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

Nays: None

Motion carried.

INFORMATION: Revised 2014-2015 school calendar to reflect an inclement weather make-up day for March 20, 2015. EXHIBIT STUDENT-RELATED F-1b

G. PERSONNEL

On a Mr. Noss/Mr. Snyder motion, approval was granted of the following: G-1 and 2:

1. Approval of the first reading of revised Juniata County School District Policies 302, Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent; 309, Administrative Employees - Assignment and Transfer; 317, Administrative Employees-Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures; 404, Employment of Professional Employees; 405, Employment of Substitute Professional Employees; 407, Student Teachers/Interns; 409, Professional Employees-Assignment and Transfer; 417, Professional Employees-Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures; 504, Employment of Classified Employees; 505, Employment of Substitute and Short-term Employees; 509, Classified Employees-Assignment and Transfer; 517, Classified Employees-Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures. EXHIBIT PERSONNEL G-1
2. Approval of the first reading of Juniata County School District Policies 317.1, Administrative Employees-Educator Misconduct, and 417.1, Professional Employees-Educator Misconduct. EXHIBIT PERSONNEL G-2

Motion carried.

3. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve establishing a Level 1 paraprofessional position, to be located at Newport High School, in conjunction with the special education agreement with Newport School District, effective March 31, 2015 through April 9, 2015, when the position was terminated. The position was filled by a substitute paraprofessional during this period.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

Nays: None

Motion carried.

4. It was moved by Mr. Rothrock and seconded by Mr. Noss to approve the elimination of two Level 2 paraprofessional positions at Fayette Elementary School (effective March 25, 2015) and one Level 2 paraprofessional position at Tuscarora Valley Elementary School (effective April 1, 2015), based on student enrollment.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

Nays: None

Motion carried.

5. It was moved by Mr. Noss and seconded by Mr. Rothrock to approve the transfer of Cheri L. Peck from a Level 2 paraprofessional position that has been eliminated at Fayette Elementary School to a temporary Level 1 paraprofessional position at Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School, effective March 26, 2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner

Nays: Irvin, Leister

Motion carried.

6. It was moved by Mr. Rothrock and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the transfer of paraprofessional Stacey J. Hower to a Juniata High School substitute paraprofessional position, effective April 2, 2015, as the result of the elimination of her Tuscarora Valley Elementary School position, effective April 1, 2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner

Nays: Leister

Motion carried.

7. It was moved by Mr. Page and seconded by Mr. Rothrock to approve Kirsten N. Burda and Melissa S. Dietz as substitute paraprofessionals.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

Nays: None

Motion carried.

On a Mr. Page/Mrs. Wagner motion, approval was granted of the following: G-8 – 13:

8. Approval of the extension of maternity leave for Employee 2520 through the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year.

9. Approval of the following conference requests in accordance with Juniata County School District Policy:

Keith D. Yarger, PARSS Conference, State College, April 23-24, 2015;

Bobbi Apple, Sheree Brogan, Amy Sherman, Barbie Winey, MTSS-RTII Bootcamp,
Harrisburg, May 5 and 6, 2015;

Wendy L. Varner, Special Education Law Conference, Bethlehem, May 8, 2015.

10. Approval of the following absences with loss of pay:

- 2919, March 23, 2015 to a date to be determined;
- 2366, May 21-June 2, 2015;
- 2832, May 28-June 4, 2015.

11. Approval of the following retirements:

- Thompsontown-Delaware Elementary School teacher Annette K. Frymoyer, effective at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year;
- Itinerant music teacher Joyce M. Hart, effective August 28, 2015.

12. Approval of the transfer of Nicole M. Deihl from a Mountain View Elementary School first grade teaching position to a Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School kindergarten teaching position, effective with the commencement of the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Deihl replaces Emma Watkin, who is retiring.

13. Approval of the resignation of Daniel R. Smith as science department chair, effective March 31, 2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

Nays: None

Motion carried.

H. ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve the first reading of revised Juniata County School District Policies 004, Membership; 806, Child Abuse; and 818, Contracted Services. EXHIBIT OTHER BUSINESS VI-1
Motion carried.
2. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the printing and mailing of the first bi-annual Juniata County School District Community Newsletter that will go out to the community via the mail towards the end of April. The newsletter will showcase technology in our schools and will be a way that the schools will foster better communication with the community. This is also one of the goals that the Board gave to the Superintendent in establishing a community newsletter. The cost of the newsletter printing and bulk postage is \$4,730.

Roll Call:

Ayes: None

Nays: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, Wagner, Leister

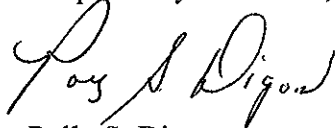
Motion failed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Noss and seconded by Mr. Rothrock to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Polly S. Digon
Board Secretary

