

**JUNIATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Thursday, December 1, 2016
8:00 PM REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The reorganization and regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Juniata County School District was held Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. 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 Solicitor Scott C. Etter.

II. BOARD MEMBERS

The following board members were present at roll call:

Mrs. J. Erin Derr

Mr. Dennis R. Irvin

Mrs. A. Christine McLaughlin

Mr. Larry J. Rothrock

Mrs. Christine D. Shadel

Mr. Joseph R. Shearer

Mr. Danny R. Snyder

Mrs. Amy L. Wagner

Mr. Mark F. Wagner

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Board Secretary

The board secretary had no comments.

B. School Board Members

Mrs. Wagner congratulated students named to the honor roll and distinguished honor roll for the first marking period.

C. School District Administration

There were no comments from administrators.

D. Public Comment Period

Garry Price spoke about a proposed cross-country team.

Jennifer Foust expressed her support for elementary building consolidation and Mr. Yarger.

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. REORGANIZATION

1. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the nomination of Solicitor Etter to act as temporary board president, to conduct the board organizational meeting.
Motion carried.
2. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve the following legally qualified School Board Directors, effective December 1, 2016:

Mrs. J. Erin Derr
Mr. Dennis R. Irvin
Mrs. A. Christine McLaughlin
Mr. Larry J. Rothrock
Mrs. Christine D. Shadel

Mr. Joseph R. Shearer
Mr. Danny R. Snyder
Mrs. Amy L. Wagner
Mr. Mark F. Wagner

Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mr. Irvin to nominate Mr. Mark F. Wagner to serve as President of the Board of School Directors.

3. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to close nominations for the office of President of the Board of School Directors.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Derr, Irvin, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, M. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to nominate Mrs. Amy L. Wagner to serve as Vice President of the Board of School Directors.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Derr, Irvin, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, M. Wagner

Nays: None

Abstention: A. Wagner

Motion carried.

4. It was moved by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Snyder to close nominations for the Office of Vice President of the Board of School Directors.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Derr, Irvin, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, M. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

5. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Irvin that Mr. Mark F. Wagner serve as the elected President and that Mrs. Amy L. Wagner serve as the elected Vice President of the Juniata County School District Board of Directors for the one-year term commencing December 1, 2016, and terminating December 7, 2017.

Motion carried.

6. It was moved by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve establishing 8:00 p.m. for regular meetings of the Board of School Directors, on the third Thursday of each month with the exception

of May, July and December 2017. The May 2017 meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, to allow 30 days between approval of a proposed final budget and final budget approval. All July 2017 meetings will be special meetings, as called by the president. The December 2017 organizational meeting and the December 2017 regular meeting will both be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017. Meetings will be held at Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School, 75 South Seventh Street, Mifflintown, prior to moving to the District's administrative building at 146 Weatherby Way, Mifflintown. Proper public notice of the new meeting location and all other meetings determined necessary by the Board and called by the president will be given.

Motion carried.

7. It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the appointment of the following board members to the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 and PSBA positions:

TIU 11 Board of Directors
PSBA Liaison

Mr. Snyder
Mrs. Shadel

Motion carried.

8. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve retaining Scott C. Etter, Esquire as solicitor, at an hourly rate of \$140, for 2017, exclusive of any bond issues or other financing matters, which will be determined on a case by case basis.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Derr, Irvin, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, M. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- IV. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin 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

November 17, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

EXHIBIT MINUTES V

B. Executive Sessions Conducted

December 1, 2016, Executive Session for Personnel and Contractual Issues

Motion carried.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

B. CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE-PROPERTY

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

Kim Bennett, Juniata Elementary Girls' Basketball, TJHS Gym, Thursdays, December 2016-March 2017.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Shearer and seconded by Mr. Rothrock to include \$300,000 in the District's 2017-2018 budget for furnace repairs at Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Derr, Rothrock, Shearer, M. Wagner

Nays: Irvin, McLaughlin, Shadel, Snyder, A. Wagner

Motion failed.

C. FINANCE

TAXES

D. CAFETERIA

E. TRANSPORTATION

F. STUDENT-RELATED

1. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the following student field trip requests:

AP Computer Science/Programming Students, Tour, Highmark IT, Harrisburg, Tuesday, December 20, 2016;

Life Skills Students, Pizza Party/Bowling, Port Royal/Mifflintown, Wednesday, December 21, 2016;

TJHS Chorus Members/Instrumentalists, Performance, Locust Grove Retirement Village, Mifflin, Thursday, December 22, 2016;

Gifted Students (3), Gold Exam Competition, Lewisburg, Wednesday, March 15, 2017;

Gifted Students (6), Model UN, Middletown, Thursday-Friday, February 23-24, 2017;

Spanish III/IV Students, Cultural Performance, Harrisburg, Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

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

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the transport of elementary students to and from district secondary schools for holiday program performances. Motion carried.
3. It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve one month of homebound instruction for an East Juniata High School student, effective December 12, 2016. Motion carried.

G. PERSONNEL

1. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to approve the following retirements:
 - Elementary music teacher Lydia J. Decker, effective January 18, 2017;
 - Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School secretary Marjorie A. Noerr, effective June 30, 2017;

Motion carried.

Items 2-4 were considered as one motion, as follows:

2. Approve Kelly L. Plank as a mentor for Miranda R. Miller.
3. Approve the employment of Rachel B. Shepler as an elementary art teacher, on Bachelor's Degree, Step 8 of the salary schedule, effective December 2, 2016. Ms. Shepler is filling the vacancy created by the passing of Misty Hoover.
4. Approve the employment of Harley J. Straub as an East Juniata High School guidance counselor, on Master's Degree, Step 1 of the salary schedule, effective upon the receipt of qualifications of certification. Miss Straub replaces Laura Shearer.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Derr, Irvin, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, M. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

5. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the extension of the employment contract with Richard A. Meily II, as business manager of the Juniata County School District, for an additional three-year term beginning July 1, 2017, and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the contract.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Derr, Irvin, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, M. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

INFORMATION: Mr. Meily's contract expires on June 30, 2017. The School Code authorizes districts to enter into contracts with business managers.

6. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the renewal of Superintendent Keith D. Yarger's contract for a further three-year term beginning July 1, 2017, and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the contract.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Derr, Irvin, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Snyder, A. Wagner, M. Wagner

Nays: Shearer

Motion carried.

INFORMATION: Mr. Yarger's contract expires on August 24, 2017, but Mr. Yarger and the Board wish to renew on July 1, 2017, so that it is congruent with the school year. The School Code and the Basic Education Circular provide for re-election in the last year of the then expiring term, and for a period of three to five years.

7. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve authorizing the administration to fill any vacancies that need to be filled prior to January 19, 2017, with names of individuals to be approved at the January 2017 meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Derr, Irvin, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, M. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

H. ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

1. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve revised Juniata County School District Policy 123, Interscholastic Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities. EXHIBIT ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES H-1
Motion carried.
2. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to approve the addition of cross country to the Juniata County School District athletic program, with a high school designation to be determined. Projected cost of uniforms is \$55 per runner for the 2017-2018 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Derr, Irvin, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, M. Wagner
Nays: None
Motion carried.
3. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the following volunteer extracurricular position for the 2016-2017 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Philip Bomberger	Wrestling coach	JHS

Motion carried.

INFORMATION: Donald Troutman has resigned as East Juniata High School boys' soccer coach.

Mrs. Shadel said that Mr. Troutman had enjoyed an illustrious career as a soccer coach and will be missed.

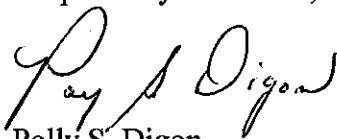
VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Irvin to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Polly S. Digon
Board Secretary