

JUNIATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
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 Wednesday, December 9, 2015 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 Amy L. Wagner.

II. BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Dennis R. Irvin  
Mrs. Christine D. Shadel  
Mr. Joseph R. Shearer

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

Mr. Larry J. Rothrock was absent.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Board Secretary

The board secretary reported that Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School fifth graders had been inquisitive about Board of Directors duties while she was preparing for the evening's meeting and had asked her to request that the Board allow them not to wear shoes in class.

B. School Board Members

Mrs. Shadel commended the East Juniata High School boys' soccer team and Juniata High School football team on very successful seasons.

C. School District Administration

Mr. Yarger said that he was looking forward to school holiday programs.

D. Public Comment Period

There were no requests for public comment.

*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. Mr. Snyder nominated Mrs. Wagner to

act as temporary board president, to

conduct the board organizational meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Shearer and seconded by Mr. Irvin.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, M. Wagner, A. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Wagner read the Certificate of Election in accordance with Section 402 of the Pennsylvania School Law and administered the following oath of office to the newly elected board members as required by Section 402 of the Pennsylvania School Law.

EXHIBIT REORGANIZATION IV-1

*I do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.*

2. It was moved by Mrs. Shadel and seconded by Mr. Shearer to approve the following legally qualified School Board Directors, effective December 9, 2015:

Mr. Dennis R. Irvin

Mr. Larry J. Rothrock

Mrs. Christine D. Shadel

Mr. Joseph R. Shearer

Mr. Danny R. Snyder

Mrs. Amy L. Wagner

Mr. Mark F. Wagner

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, M. Wagner, A. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nominations for the Office of President of the Board of School Directors:

Mrs. Wagner was nominated by Mr. Snyder. Mr. Irvin seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Mrs. Amy L. Wagner as President of the Board of School Directors:

Ayes: Irvin, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, M. Wagner, A. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Nominations for the Office of Vice President of the Board of School Directors:

Mr. Wagner was nominated by Mr. Snyder. Mrs. Shadel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Mr. Mark F. Wagner as Vice President of the Board of School Directors:  
Ayes: Irvin, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, M. Wagner, A. Wagner  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

5. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Shadel, to resolve that Amy L. Wagner serve as the elected President and that Mark F. Wagner serve as the elected Vice President of the Juniata County School District Board of Directors for the one-year term commencing December 9, 2015, and terminating December 1, 2016.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, M. Wagner, A. Wagner  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

6. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Shadel 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 2016. The May 2016 meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, to allow 30 days between approval of a proposed final budget and final budget approval. All July 2016 meetings will be special meetings, as called by the president. The December 2016 organizational meeting and the December 2016 regular meeting will both be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016. Meetings will be held at Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School. All other meetings determined necessary by the Board will be called by the president, with proper public notice.  
Motion carried.

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

TIU 11 Board of Directors	Mr. Snyder
PSBA Liaison	Mrs. Shadel
Transportation Committee Liaison	Mr. Wagner

Motion carried.

8. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve retaining Scott C. Etter, Esquire as solicitor, at an hourly rate of \$140, for 2016, exclusive of any bond issues or other financing matters which will be determined on a case by case basis.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, M. Wagner, A. Wagner  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

- V. It was moved by Mr. Shearer and seconded by Mr. Snyder 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 19, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

EXHIBIT MINUTES V

- B. Executive Sessions Conducted  
December 9, 2015 Executive Session for Personnel and Legal Issues

Motion carried.

## VI. PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

The Board interviewed candidates for a vacant seat representing Region 9, Lack and Tuscarora townships.

1. Erin Derr was appointed to the seat representing Region 9, by roll call vote.  
Roll call:  
Erin Derr: Irvin, Shadel, Snyder, A. Wagner  
Stephen Harlan: Shearer, M. Wagner

## VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### A. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. It was moved by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve an agreement with Highmark Caring Place for the provision of school-based peer support group for grieving children and adolescents. EXHIBIT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION A-1  
Motion carried.

### B. CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE-PROPERTY

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

Tammy Brackbill, EJ Boys' Elementary Basketball, EJHS Gym, Sunday evenings, December 13, 2015-February 28, 2016;

Tammy Brackbill, Blue Blaze Travel Soccer Club, EJHS Gym, Sunday evenings, January 3-March 27, 2016.

Motion carried.

### C. FINANCE

#### BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

#### TAXES

### D. CAFETERIA

### E. TRANSPORTATION

F. STUDENT-RELATED

1. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve revised Juniata County School District Policies 146, Student Services, and 212, Reporting Student Progress. EXHIBIT STUDENT-RELATED F-1  
Motion carried.
2. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve six weeks of homebound instruction for a Juniata High School student, beginning October 26, 2015.  
Motion carried.
3. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve the following student field trip requests:

- \*TJHS Chorus/Music Ensembles, Caroling, Locust Grove Retirement Village, Mifflin, Wed., December 23, 2015;
- \*EJHS Model UN Club, Conference, Middletown, Thurs.-Fri., February 18-19, 2016;
- \*JHS History Club, Colonial Williamsburg/Norfolk, Virginia Historical Sites, Fri.-Sat., April 22-23, 2016;
- \*Thomp.-Del. Elementary Grade Four, Whitaker Center, Harrisburg, Thurs., May 19, 2016;

*Fayette Elementary School Field Trips\**

- Kindergarten/Life Skills, Chocolate World/ZooAmerica, Hershey, Thurs., April 28, 2016;
- Grade One, Lake Tobias Wildlife Park, Halifax, Thursday, May 5, 2016;
- Grade Two, Lincoln Caverns, Huntingdon, Wednesday, April 27, 2016;
- Grade Three, Landis Valley Museum, Lancaster, Wednesday, May 11, 2016;
- Grade Four, Penn's Cave and Wildlife Park, Centre Hall, Tuesday, May 3, 2016;
- Grade Five, Gettysburg Historical Sites, Wednesday, May 4, 2016;
- Grade Six, Dutch Apple Theater, Lancaster/Turkey Hill Experience, Columbia, Wed., March 2, 2016.

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, M. Wagner, A. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

4. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve the transport of elementary students to and from district secondary schools for holiday program performances.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, M. Wagner, A. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

G. PERSONNEL

1. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve the resignation of

Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School Level 1 paraprofessional Linda M. Drewes, effective November 25, 2015.

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the employment of Karissa R. Sweger as Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School Level 1 paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$10.09, effective December 10, 2015. Mrs. Sweger replaces Linda M. Drewes.

Motion carried.

3. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve maternity leave for Employee 2434, effective approximately February 24, 2016 through approximately April 6, 2016.

Motion carried.

4. It was moved by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve Laura E. Toth as a mentor for Kelvin L. Koser.

Motion carried.

5. It was moved by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve the following conference request in accordance with Juniata County School District Policy:

Jessica Imes, iPad Summit, Summerdale, December 11, 2015.

Motion carried.

6. It was moved by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve the request of Employee 85 to be absent without pay January 25-29, 2016.

Motion carried.

7. It was moved by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve Dawn L. Frye as English Department chair, in accordance with the Juniata County School District-Juniata County Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mrs. Frye replaces Sharon Storey, who has resigned from the position.

Motion carried.

8. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve the employment of Norine K. Strawser as a substitute secretary.

Motion carried.

9. It was moved by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve the placement of a pre-doctoral school psychology internship candidate, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, at a cost of \$15,000.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, M. Wagner, A. Wagner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

10. It was moved by Mrs. Shadel and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve the resignation of Fayette Elementary School paraprofessional Amber Foose-Miller, effective December 14, 2015.

Motion carried.

#### H. ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

##### INFORMATION:

- a) Neil E. Wolfe has resigned as East Juniata High School junior varsity softball coach.
- b) Brian and Dianne Watts have resigned as East Juniata High School junior high boys' soccer coaches.

#### VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the first reading of revised Juniata County School District Policy 006, Meetings. EXHIBIT OTHER BUSINESS VIII-1

Motion carried.

The Board President administered the following Oath of Office to Mrs. Derr as required by Section 402 of the Pennsylvania School Law:

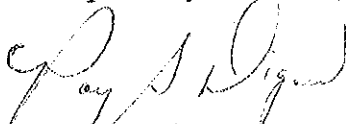
*I do solemnly affirm that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.*

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Polly S. Digon  
Board Secretary

