

**JUNIATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Thursday, May 11, 2017  
8:00 PM REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuscarora Junior High School**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Juniata County School District was held Thursday, May 11, 2017 in the Tuscarora Junior High School cafeteria, all members having been duly notified. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Mark F. Wagner, President.

**II. BOARD MEMBERS**

The following board members were present at roll call:

Mrs. J. Erin Derr	Mr. Joseph R. Shearer
Mr. Dennis R. Irvin	Mr. Danny R. Snyder
Mrs. A. Christine McLaughlin	Mrs. Amy L. Wagner
Mr. Larry J. Rothrock	Mr. Mark F. Wagner
Mrs. Christine D. Shadel	

**III. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Public Comment Period**

Roseann Woodward spoke about district expenditures that she believes are not benefitting education and about incurring debt that she believes is unaffordable for local residents.

Malinda Carvell spoke about financial responsibility and access to information.

Troy Woodward asked questions about the inoperability of the Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School generator and commented on the impact of predicted cuts to education funding at the state and national levels.

Jesse Whitesel said that an operational generator at Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School needs to be a priority.

Juniata County Chapter, PA Association of School Retirees members Sam and Linda Leister presented the Lauretta Woodson Award to East Juniata High School teacher Amanda Lightner.

Rich Meily presented information about the district's proposed 2017-2018 budget.

At the conclusion of the budget presentation, Mr. Rothrock questioned the district's purchase of GPS systems for buses, in light of the fact that transportation services are outsourced to Rohrer Bus.

Mr. Yarger reiterated that the 2017-2018 budget includes a \$1.8 million increase in just state retirement and healthcare benefits costs.

**B. School Board Secretary**

The Board secretary had no comments.

**C. School Board Members**

Mrs. Derr asked if there was a backup plan at Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School while the

generator was inoperable, Mr. Snyder asked if a replacement generator could be rented, and Mr. Rothrock asked how long the generator had been out of service. Mrs. Wagner reported that the evening's Tuscarora Junior High School band and chorus concert had been very good.

**D. School District Administration**

Mr. Fausey announced dates of end-of-year activities at East Juniata High School; reported that EJHS FFA/Ag Program students had won first place in Envirothon competition; and noted that students using the AET tracking system for ag projects were second in the state and 31<sup>st</sup> in the nation.

Mrs. Holderman reported that Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School had been chosen to participate in PaTTAN's Statewide MTSS Writing Series and will represent the central region within the statewide cohort.

Mr. Apple shared dates of end-of-year events at Juniata High School.

Mrs. Kramer reported the Fayette Elementary School was the recipient of a \$7,000 stipend for the Word Generation program and that a "buddy bench" program was being implemented at Fayette Elementary School.

Mr. Mitchell announced that Tuscarora Junior High School was one of 40 sites selected for the Life Changing Experiences Community Education Project, a multi-media anti-bullying campaign.

Mr. Yarger said that Dr. Shawn Kovac had been named executive director of Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11.

*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 Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Irvin 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

April 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

May 3, 2017 Workshop Meeting

EXHIBIT MINUTES V

B. Executive Sessions Conducted

May 11, 2017 Executive Session for Personnel Issues

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the purchase of iMac 21.5" computers to replace the existing secondary computer lab and secondary library computers, as well as office computers. EXHIBIT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION A-1  
Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Derr, Irvin, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, M. Wagner  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.
2. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve a contract with Capital Area Intermediate Unit for the provision of special education programs and services to the District for the 2017-2018 school year. EXHIBIT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION A-2  
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. Irvin and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve a reauthorization charter for the continued operation of New Day Charter School, for the period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2023. EXHIBIT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION A-3  
Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Derr, Irvin, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, M. Wagner  
Nays: A. Wagner  
Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Irvin to consider items 4 and 5 as one motion, as follows:

4. Approval of the relocation of the Emotional Support classroom from Walker Elementary School to Thompsontown-Delaware, Fayette or Monroe Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. Approval of the relocation of the Emotional Support classroom from Tuscarora Junior High School to East Juniata High School 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.

**B. CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE-PROPERTY**

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

Lisa Buskey, Cocolamus Tigers, Fayette Elementary Field, Practices/Games, April 1 –

November 30, 2017;  
Jason Stuck, Bunkertown Church of the Brethren, EJHS Field, Church League Softball  
Games, May – July 2017;  
Penny Ritzman, EJHS TAG!, EJHS Facilities, Theatre Fest, July 28, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve contracting with Sport Floors, Inc. for the refinishing of the East Juniata High School gymnasium floor at a cost of \$30,293. EXHIBIT CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE-PROPERTY B-2

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3. It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve contracting with School Installers of PA, Inc. for construction of an 8' x 24' press box attached to the new bleachers at Dietrick Field at a cost of \$66,905.00. EXHIBIT CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE-PROPERTY B-3

Prior to the vote, Mr. Wagner commented that the cost of the bleacher replacement project continues to rise over the initial estimate and said that he would like to see a final, total cost projection.

Mrs. McLaughlin said that the project should not be delayed as to prevent play on the field in the fall, which would result in the loss of gate receipts.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Derr, Rothrock, Shearer, Wagner

Motion carried.

4. It was moved by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve the amendment to Reynolds Energy Services' Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement in the amount of \$1,650,915 for proposed building pad preparation and associated site work at both the Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School and Monroe Elementary School projects, subject to additional language as recommended by the solicitor and administration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Derr, Rothrock, Shearer

Motion carried.

## C. FINANCE

### BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

It was moved by Mr. Shearer and seconded by Mr. Snyder to consider items 1 and 2 as one

motion, as follows:

1. Approval of financial reports for April 2017. EXHIBIT FINANCE C-1
2. Approval of listing of bills for payment. EXHIBIT FINANCE C-2

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Rothrock

Motion carried.

3. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve a proposed budget for 2017-2018 of \$37,182,469, with a proposed real estate tax of 62.87 mills, a five [\$5] dollar per capita tax, a residence tax of five [\$5] a ten [\$10] dollar flat rate occupation tax, a one [1%] percent real estate transfer tax, a one [1%] percent earned income tax, and a five [5%] percent amusement tax. The said taxes are effective July 1, 2017 and subject to final board approval in June 2017.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Derr, Rothrock, Shearer

Motion carried.

4. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to approve a resolution authorizing the display and advertising of the district's proposed final budget for 2017-2018. EXHIBIT FINANCE C-4

Motion carried.

5. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve committing the portion of the fund balance that exceeds the Pennsylvania Department of Education allowable limits obtained from the June 30, 2017 audit allocated at 25% designated for technology, 25% designated for health care and 50% to capital reserve.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

## **TAXES**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to approve a request for per capita tax exoneration. EXHIBIT TAXES C-1

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

## **D. CAFETERIA**

1. It was moved by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve contracting with Metz Culinary Management for food services, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**E. TRANSPORTATION**

**F. STUDENT-RELATED**

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

EJHS Envirothon Team/FFA, County Commissioners' Meeting, Mifflintown, Tues., May 9, 2017;

Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary Fifth Graders, Picnic, Mifflintown Playground, Fri., May 12, 2017;

Tuscarora Valley Elementary Students, BMX Bike Show, Fairgrounds, Port Royal, Mon., May 22, 2017;

\*Fayette Elementary Grade Six, Visiting Residents, North Ridge Center Personal Care, McAlisterville, Mon., May 22, 2017;

Monroe Elementary Students, Field Day, Basom Park, Richfield, Mon., May 22, 2017;

TJHS Symphonic Band/Select Wind Ensemble, Performances, Walker/Fermanagh-Mifflintown/Mountain View/Lack-Tuscarora/Tuscarora Valley Elementary Schools, Mon.-Tues., May 22-23, 2017;

\*EJHS Senior High Jazz Band, Performances, Fayette/Thompsontown-Delaware/Monroe Elementary Schools, Tues., May 30, 2017;

EJHS FFA. Competitions, Penn State University, Tues.-Thurs., June 13-15, 2017;

Monroe Elementary School Students, Reading Reward, Basom Park, Richfield, Fri., September 1, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve the acceptance of Manoela Carvalho and Malene Lauridsen as foreign exchange students at East Juniata High School 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.

**G. PERSONNEL**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve termination of the employment of transportation aide Blake M. Marks, effective May 1, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None  
Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve employment of the following summer 2017 custodial personnel, contingent upon final budget approval:

Cleaning Staff:

\$9.75 per hour: John Schlegel, Tom A. Brotzman, Tom R. Brotzman, Ruth Brotzman, Taylor Graybill, Alyssa Parson, Joshua Parson, Sadie Digon, Jodi Dillman, Eugene Wright, Wendy Hoover, Adam Strawser, Daisy Yetter, Jeff Keefer, Rodney Shoop, Brian Strawser, Tammy Ehrenzeller

Substitutes: Beth Harlan, Shannon Coudriet, Samantha Hile, Wesley Kinzer

Maintenance and Repair:

\$14.75 per hour: Nathaniel Nace, Todd Wieseman, Robert Hart

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to consider items 3-6 as one motion, as follows:

3. Approval of the transfer of Beth A. Clark from a Fayette Elementary School LPN position to a Tuscarora Valley Elementary School LPN position, effective May 1, 2017, to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Megan Gantz.
4. Approval of the employment of Chastity Shirey as a Fayette Elementary School LPN, at an hourly rate of \$14.86, effective May 1, 2017, to replace Beth A. Clark.
5. Approval of the employment of Megan K. Gantz and Jessica L. Lucas as substitute LPNs and Meghan L. Fowler and Nicole M. Brothers as substitute transportation aides.
6. Approval of the employment of Samantha Liberatore as a long-term physical education teacher at Juniata High School, at Bachelor's Degree, Step 3 of the salary schedule, effective August 24, 2017 and continuing through the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve the following conference requests in accordance with Juniata County School District Policy:

Angela Beward, Debra Peachey, PBIS Forum, Hershey, May 17, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve an additional ten days of employment during summer 2017 for each of the secondary guidance counselors to prepare data information on each student for staff to begin the school year. Data will be a combination gathered from MAP, eMetric, and PVASS.

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 Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to approve the following volunteer extracurricular positions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Andrew Ciecierski	Tech Club advisor	EJHS
Jennifer Hund	Book Club advisor	EJHS

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the following extracurricular position for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Samantha Liberatore	Volleyball co-coach	JHS	\$2,100.00
Jim Fosselman	Volleyball co-coach	JHS	\$2,100.00
Harley Straub	Varsity field hockey coach	EJHS	\$2,400.00
Sharon Storey	Junior varsity field hockey coach	EJHS	\$2,600.00

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 Mrs. Wagner to approve Juniata County Radio to broadcast all sporting events for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried.

4. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 24 Algy Team Collection marching band silk squad uniforms, at a cost of \$2,329.76, and 18 majorette uniforms, at a cost of \$2,209.82, for the Juniata High School marching band.

EXHIBIT ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES H-4



Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to approve the appointment of Richard A. Meily II as treasurer of the Board of School Directors for a one-year term and Polly S. Digon as secretary of the Board of School Directors for a four-year term.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

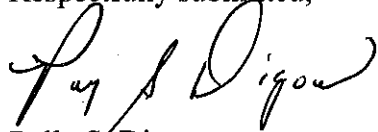
Motion carried.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Polly S. Digon  
Board Secretary

