

**JUNIATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Thursday, October 15, 2015  
8:00 PM BOARD MEETING  
Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Juniata County School District was held Thursday, October 15, 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 Leister, President.

**II. BOARD MEMBERS**

The following board members were present at roll call:

Mr. Dennis R. Irvin

Mr. John G. Noss

Mrs. Glenda I. Leister

Mr. Ray D. Page

Mr. Larry J. Rothrock

Mrs. Christine D. Shadel

Mr. Joseph R. Shearer

Mr. Danny R. Snyder and Mrs. Amy L. Wagner were absent.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. School Board Secretary**

There were no comments from the board secretary.

**B. School Board Members**

Mrs. Leister asked Mr. Meily for a report on the status of the school district budget in regard to the state budget inpassé.

**C. School District Administration**

Mrs. Wendy L. Varner reported that EJHS student Victoria Ricedorf had been selected to participate in the 2015 All-National Band Festival.

Mr. Yarger reported that the second annual Senior Citizens' Holiday Luncheon would be held November 19.

**D. Public Comment Period**

Lucy Vawn asked that the district pay one-third the cost of mandatory tax collector training.

*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. Page and seconded by Mr. Rothrock 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**

September 15, 2015 Regular Board Meeting  
October 7, 2015 Workshop Meeting

EXHIBIT MINUTES V

**B. Executive Sessions Conducted**

October 15, 2015, Executive Session for Contractual and Personnel Issues

Motion carried.

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

On a Page/Shadel motion, approval was given of items 1-3, as follows:

1. Approval of revised Juniata County School District Policies 113, Special Education; 113.2, Independent Educational Evaluations; 127, Assessment System; and 137, Home Education Programs. EXHIBIT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION A-1
2. Approval of a special education agreement with Newport School District. EXHIBIT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION A-2
3. Approval of supplemental speech services for up to 15 students through Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 at a cost of \$40.25 per hour.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**B. CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE-PROPERTY**

On a Page/Noss motion, approval was given of items 1, 3, 4 and 5, as follows:

1. Approval of the following facility use requests, in accordance with the rental fee schedule outlined in Policy 707:

Travis Hartzler, Juniata Little Indians Football, Dietrick Field, Games, October 3, 2015;  
Margaret Shafferman, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Tuscarora Valley Elementary School,  
Good News Club, Mondays, October 19, 2015-April 25, 2016;

Reesa Watto, EJHS Prom Committee, EJHS Facilities, Dance, October 31, 2015;

Margaret McCann, Margaret McCann School of Dance, JHS Aud., Performance,  
December 12, 2015 and rehearsal date(s);

Laura Chubb, EJHS Cheerleaders, EJHS Cafeteria, Painting Party, December 8, 2015;

Joseph Schilling, Juniata Jaguars, EJHS Gym, Practice, Sundays, January-April 2016;  
Lynn Mingle, Juniata Boys' Basketball Booster Club, JHS Cafeteria, Meal, Jan. 23, 2016.

3. Approval to contract with M&J Paving & Services, LLC for paving at the Juniata High School building trades classroom, at a cost of \$11,900, and at a 50' x 50' area at Dietrick Field, for track and field use, at a cost of \$6,075.
4. Approval to accept the donation of a bicycle rack, valued at \$300, for use by students, teachers and staff at Tuscarora Junior High School, by Village Acres Farm & FoodShed, LLC.
5. Approval to accept the donation of a 10' x 8' galvanized storage shed, with plywood floor, to be placed at Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School. The cost of the shed and site preparation will be covered by the Lack-Tuscarora Home and School Association.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2. Snow removal contracts for the 2015-2016 school year were voted on individually as follows (EXHIBIT CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE- PROPERTY B-2):

On a Page/Rothrock motion, approval of M&J Paving & Services at Fayette, Fermanagh-Mifflintown, Mountain View and Walker elementary schools.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

On a Noss/Page motion, approval of J.P.H. Enterprises at Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School, Juniata High School and Tuscarora Junior High School.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

On a Rothrock/Page motion, approval of Burkholder Lawn Care at Monroe and Thompsettown-Delaware elementary schools.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Noss, Shadel, Shearer, Leister

Nays: Irvin, Page, Rothrock

During the meeting, the motion was believed to have been approved. Upon further review, however, it was determined that the motion failed, as five votes are required in order to enter into a contract in which the amount involved exceeds \$100.

Therefore, motion failed.

On a Shearer/Irvin motion, approval of Bryner's Siding and Seamless Gutters at Tuscarora Valley Elementary School.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

On a Shearer/Rothrock motion, approval of Shade-Chris Excavating at East Juniata High School.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Shearer, Leister

Nays: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock

Abstention: Shadel

Motion failed.

### **C. FINANCE**

#### **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. It was moved by Page and seconded by Noss to approving the listing of bills for payment.

EXHIBIT FINANCE C-1

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Rothrock

Motion carried.

#### **TAXES**

**INFORMATION:** List of taxpayers exonerated from paying 2015 per capita taxes under current board policy. EXHIBIT BUSINESS – TAXES

### **D. CAFETERIA**

### **E. TRANSPORTATION**

On a Page/Rothrock motion, approval was given of items 1 and 2, as follows:

1. Approval of first reading of revised Juniata County School District Policy 810, Transportation. EXHIBIT TRANSPORTATION E-1
2. Approval of Betty Stenhold as a contracted school bus driver for the Juniata County School District.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Shearer

Motion carried.

### **F. STUDENT-RELATED**

On a Rothrock/Page motion, approval was given of items 1 and 2, as follows:

1. Approval of revised Juniata County School District Policy 216, Student Records. EXHIBIT STUDENT-RELATED F-1
2. Approval of the following student field trip requests:

JHS/EJHS Learning Support Students, Tour, Hiram G. Andrews Center, Johnstown, Thurs., October 22, 2015;

\*Thompsontown-Delaware Elementary Students, EJHS, Harrisburg Heat Program, Tues., Oct. 27, 2015;

Monroe Elementary Students, Halloween Parade to Richfield Senior Center, Thursday, October 29, 2015;

\*Thompsontown-Delaware Elem. Grade 6, Turkey Hill/Dutch Apple Theatre, Thurs., Nov. 19, 2015;

EJHS AP English Students, "Dickens of a Christmas," Manheim, Wed., Dec. 2, 2015;

\*JHS Drama Club, "Dickens of a Christmas," Manheim, Wednesday, December 16, 2015;

Gifted Students, Math Counts Competition, Middletown, Sat., Jan. 30 or Feb. 6, 2016;

Thompsontown-Delaware Elem. Grade 3, Landis Valley Farm, Lancaster, Thurs., May 12, 2016.

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

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

## **G. PERSONNEL**

On a Page/Rothrock motion, approval was given of items 1-16, as follows:

1. Approval of first reading of revised Juniata County School District Policy 333, Professional Development. EXHIBIT PERSONNEL G-1
2. Approval of ratification of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Juniata County School District and the Juniata County Education Association, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.
3. Approval to establish a 5.5-hour-per-day, day shift custodial position at East Juniata High School. Job responsibilities will include mowing, snow removal and indoor duties during the winter months.
4. Approval of termination of the employment of Level 1 paraprofessional Michila N. Carolus, effective September 30, 2015.
5. Approval of the employment of Melissa S. Dietz as a Monroe Elementary School Level 1 paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$10.09, effective October 16, 2015. Ms. Dietz replaces Bonita Strawser, who has resigned.

6. Approval to convert a temporary Walker Elementary School Level 1 paraprofessional position to a permanent position, and approval of the continued employment of Amber L. Foose-Miller in the position, at an hourly rate of \$10.09, effective October 16, 2015.
7. Approval of the employment of Rebecca S. Ehrenzeller as a Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School Level 1 paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$10.09, effective October 16, 2015. Mrs. Ehrenzeller replaces Michila Carolus.
8. Approval of the employment of Karly S. Dressler as a Tuscarora Valley Elementary School LPN, at an hourly rate of \$11.66, effective October 21, 2015. Ms. Dressler replaces Carrie Baumgardner, who has resigned.
9. Approval to increase the hours of Mountain View Elementary School Level 1 paraprofessionals Nicole E. Latchford and Christina Snook, and Walker Elementary School Level 1/emotional support paraprofessionals Kirsten N. Burda and Amber L. Foose-Miller to 29.5 hours per week, effective October 16, 2015.
10. Approval of the employment of Joya Ceida as a translator/interpreter at an hourly rate of \$15.00.
11. Item removed from agenda.
12. Approval of the resignation of Sharon J. Storey as English Department chairperson, effective September 15, 2015.
13. Approval of the following conference requests in accordance with the Juniata County School District Conference Policy:  
  
Jennifer Hart, Tanya Williams, Book Sale, Ithaca, NY, October 26, 2015;  
Tina Kerstetter, PA Arts and Education Symposium, October 29, 2015;  
Robert St. Clair, Caren Mann, 2015 SAP Update, Summerdale, November 4, 2015;  
Laura Toth, Biotechnology Workshop, Williamsport, November 24, 2015.
14. Approval of family medical leave for Employee 484, effective at a date to be determined.
15. Approval of the following resignations:
  - Juniata High School biology teacher Daniel R. Smith, effective December 11, 2015;
  - School psychologist Nancy M. Cipriani, effective at a date to be determined.
16. Approval of first reading of Juniata County School District Policy 529, Classified Employees, Substitute Compensation, to increase substitute LPN compensation from \$9.00 per hour to \$85.00 per day. EXHIBIT PERSONNEL G-16

Roll Call:

Ayes: Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Leister

Nays: Irvin

Motion carried.

## **H. ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES**

On a Rothrock/Page motion, approval was given of items 1-3, as follows:

1. Approval of the following extracurricular positions for the 2015-2016 school year, at the 2015-2016 contract rate:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Andrew Ciecierski	Junior class play co-director	EJHS	\$ 702.50
Penny Ritzman	Junior class play co-director	EJHS	\$ 640.00
Andrew Ciecierski	Yearbook advisor	EJHS	\$1,220.00
Lauren Waltz	National Honor Society co-advisor	EJHS	\$ 100.00
Laura Sheets	National Honor Society co-advisor	EJHS	\$ 100.00
Lori Bashore	Cheerleading co-coach	EJHS	\$ 595.00
Ashle Garman	Cheerleading co-coach	EJHS	\$ 437.50
Michael Zendt	Golf coach	EJHS	\$2,600.00
Nevin Burns	Boys' soccer assistant coach	JHS	\$2,150.00

**INFORMATION:**

- a) Penny Ritzman was previously approved as East Juniata High School junior class play director, but will be sharing the position with Andrew Ciecierski.
- b) Andrew Ciecierski will be assuming the position of East Juniata High School yearbook advisor, rather than Dawn Frye, as previously approved.

2. Approval of the following volunteer extracurricular position for the 2015-2016 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Michael Fitzgerald	Swim coach	JHS

3. Approval for Juniata County Radio to broadcast sporting events from East Juniata and Juniata high schools during the 2015-2016 school year.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Irvin, Noss, Page, Rothrock, Shadel, Leister

Nays: Shearer

Motion carried.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

It other business:

Mr. Noss asked for information regarding insurance required for snow removal contractors.

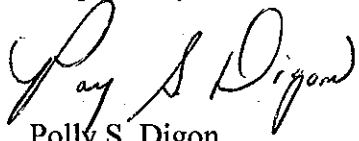
Mrs. Leister ask board members' opinions on town meetings to gauge public sentiment regarding consolidation of elementary schools. It was decided to conduct surveys in all elementary buildings prior to scheduling town meetings.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Polly S. Digon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Polly S. Digon  
Board Secretary