

**JUNIATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Thursday, September 21, 2017
8:00 PM REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Administrative Office Building, 146 Weatherby Way, Mifflintown**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Juniata County School District was held Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the Administrative Office Building, 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. Heather Z. Kelly
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
Mr. Troy Woodward

Also present were: Superintendent Keith Yarger, Solicitor Scott Etter, Secretary Polly Digon, Mrs. Valerie Ricedorf, Mrs. Nancy Kramer, Mr. Aaron Bennett, Mr. Edward Apple, Mr. Clint Mitchell, Mr. Benjamin Fausey and Mrs. Wendy Varner.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comment Period

Jeremy Kerstetter was present to answer any questions about Juniata Mennonite School's facility use request and to thank the board for their consideration and past approval. Malinda Carvell was present to express her gratitude for assistance with Internet access concerns and offered suggestions regarding Internet access and safety for students.

B. School Board Secretary

The Board secretary had no comments.

C. School Board Members

Mr. Shearer asked for clarification regarding a rumor that the Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School foundation would not support a two-story structure, as part of the consolidation project. Mr. Yarger confirmed that the current foundation would not support a two-story structure, but explained that the two-story portion of the renovated building would not be constructed on the current foundation.

Mr. Woodward asked if Board members would receive a full set of consolidation project site plans for all disciplines. Mr. Yarger indicated that the site plans could be viewed at the administrative office. Mr. Woodward also asked if Board members would be receiving job minutes, and Mr. Yarger indicated that they would.

Mrs. Wagner said that she has enjoyed attending athletic events in the district and appreciates Mr. Skura's new Juniata Athletics Facebook page. Mr. Snyder asked for a report from Mr. Skura regarding his vision for the athletic program, possibly between the fall and winter sports seasons. Mr. Yarger noted that he and Mr. Skura had considered having a representative of the new Athletic Council attend board meetings.

D. School District Administration

Mr. Bennett shared information about Tuscarora Junior High School's news channel, which includes daily announcements broadcasts. Mr. Mitchell reported on the eSpark kickoff and MAP testing and spoke about the elementary schools' Pinwheels for Peace events that had taken place that day. Mr. Fausey spoke in support of establishing a volleyball program at East Juniata High School for 2017-2018, with Mr. Apple concurring. Mrs. Kramer reported on Ag Lab and Girls on the Run programs at Monroe Elementary School, both of which were possible as the result of local sponsorship. Mr. Yarger reported that the geothermal field at the future Juniata Elementary School site is nearing completion and that drilling would be completed at the East Juniata Elementary School site the next week. He also noted that it is good to see secondary libraries being used by students.

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. 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

August 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
September 13, 2017 Workshop and Special Board Meeting

EXHIBIT MINUTES IV

B. Executive Sessions Conducted

August 17, 2017 Executive Sessions for Personnel and Legal Issues
September 13, 2017 Executive Session for Legal Issues
September 21, 2017 Executive Session for Personnel Issues

Motion carried.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

B. CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE-PROPERTY

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

Jeremy Kerstetter, Juniata Mennonite School, Fayette Elementary School parking area, Parking, October 6-7, 2017;

Shanna Varner/Kaci Blessing, Mountain View/Tuscarora Valley Home and School Associations, JHS Aud., Rainforest Live Program, October 9, 2017;

Shane Yeater, Juniata Little Indians, Dietrick Field, Playoff Game, October 22, 2017;

Margaret McCann, Margaret McCann School of Dance, JHS Aud., Performance, December 2, 2017;

Bradley Kerstetter, Keys Ministries, EJHS Aud., Benefit Concert, December 3, 2017;

Lynn Mingle, Juniata Boys' Basketball Booster Club, JHS Facilities, Alumni Tournament, December 30, 2017.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, Woodward, M. Wagner

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

C. FINANCE

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to consider items 1 and 2 as one motion, as follows:

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, Woodward, M. Wagner

Nays: Rothrock

Abstention: Woodward

Motion carried.

3. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to authorize the administration to work with PFM Financial Advisors LLC, as independent financial advisor, and Rhoads & Sinon LLP, as bond counsel, as well as the local solicitor to proceed with the issuance of general obligation bonds, series of 2017, for the purpose of funding various capital improvements of the District in the amount of \$25,970,000.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Rothrock, Shearer

Abstention: Woodward

Motion carried.

TAXES

D. CAFETERIA

E. TRANSPORTATION

F. STUDENT-RELATED

1. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve agreements with school dentists to provide examinations at schools as indicated for the 2017-2018 school year:

Dr. William Crim	East Juniata High School Fayette Elementary School Tuscarora Valley Elementary School Tuscarora Junior High School
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Dr. Wade Guisbert	Monroe Elementary School Thompsontown-Delaware Elementary School Walker Elementary School Juniata Mennonite School
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Dr. Max Manbeck	Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School Mountain View Elementary School
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Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, Woodward, M. Wagner

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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

EJHS Life Skills Students, Community Based Instruction, Weis Market, Mifflintown, Various Dates During 2017-2018 School Year;
EJHS Life Skills Students, Community Based Instruction, Susquehanna Valley Mall, Selinsgrove, Various Dates During 2017-2018 School Year;
EJHS Life Skills Students, Community Based Instruction, Juniata County Food Pantry, Mifflintown, Various Dates During 2017-2018 School Year;
EJHS Life Skills Students, Community Based Instruction, Schlegel's Grocery and Hardware, Thompsontown, Various Dates During 2017-2018 School Year;
EJHS Life Skills Students, Community Based Instruction, Care and Share Thrift Store, Millerstown, Various Dates During 2017-2018 School Year;
EJHS Yearbook Staff, Training, Harrisburg, Friday, September 15, 2017;
Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary Students, Walking Trip/Pinwheels for Peace, Juniata County Courthouse, Mifflintown, Thursday, September 21, 2017;

*EJHS AP English Students, Renaissance Faire, Manheim, Wed., October 4, 2017;
EJHS Students, Choral Festival, Indiana, PA, Tuesday, October 10, 2017;
JHS/EJHS Students, Tour, Hiram G. Andrews Center, Johnstown, Thursday, October 12, 2017;
EJHS Student, Renaissance Faire, Manheim, Thursday, October 12, 2017;
EJHS Students, College Fair, Juniata High School, Tuesday, October 17, 2017;
EJHS Life Skills Students, Community Based Instruction, Pumpkin Patch, McAlisterville, Friday, October 20, 2017;
*Lack-Tuscarora Elementary/JHS Students, Trout Release, Oakland Mills, Saturday, May 19, 2018.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, Woodward, M. Wagner

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

G. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to consider items 1-9 as one motion, as follows:

1. Approval of the termination of employment of Juniata High School paraprofessional Cheryl L. Cooper, effective September 5, 2017.
2. Approval of the elimination of one Level 1 paraprofessional position at Juniata High School.
3. Approval of the establishment of a Level 1 paraprofessional position at East Juniata High School, 3.5 hours per day, to accompany a student to The Academy in Lewistown, and further approval of the employment of Jennifer L. Foust in the position, effective September 18, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.50.
4. Approval of the establishment of a long-term substitute learning support teaching position at Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School, through the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year, and further approval of the employment of Briana B. Smith to fill the position, on Master's Degree, Step 8 of the salary schedule, effective September 22, 2017.
5. Approval of the resignation of Juniata High School/Tuscarora Junior High School ESL teacher Angela R. Boutiller, effective at a date to be determined by the administration.
6. Approval of the employment of April M. Montgomery as a Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School ESL teacher, on Bachelor's Degree, Step 1 of the salary schedule, effective August 23, 2017. Miss Montgomery replaces Margaret Hackenberger, who has transferred to a school psychologist position.
7. Approval of the employment Christine E. Kramer as a long-term substitute special education teacher at Juniata High School, on Master's Degree, Step 14 of the salary

schedule, effective August 23, 2017. Mrs. Kramer is filling a vacancy created by the resignation of Ashley Henderson.

8. Approval of the employment of Colton G. Shertzer as a Juniata High School computer teacher, on Bachelor's Degree, Step 1 of the salary schedule, effective September 5, 2017. Mr. Shertzer replaces Robert St. Clair, who has transferred to a Tuscarora Junior High School teaching position.
9. Approval of the employment of Krista J. Kauffman as a Title I teacher/reading specialist at Walker and Thompsontown-Delaware elementary schools, on Bachelor's Degree, Step 1 of the salary schedule, effective September 22, 2017. Mrs. Kauffman replaces Jenifer Lilley, who has transferred to a Tuscarora Junior High School teaching position.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, Woodward, M. Wagner

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Snyder to consider items 10-12 as one motion, as follows:

10. Approval of Margaret A. Hackenberger as a mentor for April Montgomery and Bobbi J. Apple as a mentor for Krista Kauffman.
11. Approval of Daniel P. Smith as Mountain View Elementary School lead teacher.
12. Approval of maternity leave for Employee 2395, effective approximately October 24, 2017 through December 12, 2017.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, Woodward, M. Wagner

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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

Jenna Walters, American Heart Association Coordinator Workshop, Grantville, September 21, 2017;

Jillian Wright, Eastern Mennonite University Class, October 2, 2017;

Johnathan Sliski, Principal Shadowing, Various District Schools, October 3, 2017;

Joseph Skura, Academics and Athletics Conference, State College, October 17, 2017;

Cory Benner, Niki Baney, Justin Harshberger, Differentiating for Advanced Learners, McVeytown, October 30, 2017.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, Woodward, M. Wagner

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Snyder to consider items 14 and 15 as one motion, as follows:

14. Approval to contract with Penn State University and qualified individual clinicians for the completion of full student evaluations at a cost not to exceed \$825.00 per evaluation.
15. Approval to contract with Georgia Belk to complete full student evaluations at a cost not to exceed \$750.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, Woodward, M. Wagner

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

H. ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

1. It was moved by Mrs. Shadel and seconded by Mr. Shearer to approve the establishment of a PIAA sanctioned volleyball program at East Juniata High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, Shadel, Shearer, Woodward

Nays: McLaughlin, Rothrock, Snyder, A. Wagner, M. Wagner

Motion failed.

It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Snyder to consider items 2 and 3 as one motion, as follows:

2. Approval of the following extracurricular positions for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Dawn Croisette	NHS advisor	EJHS	\$ 200.00
Denis Leister	Girls' basketball coach	EJHS	\$4,000.00
Tracy Peters	Cheerleading coach	TJHS	\$ 740.00
Aaron Himes	Marching band director	TJHS	\$1,850.00

3. Approval of the following volunteer extracurricular positions for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Amanda Lightner	Wellness Club advisor	EJHS
Kim Graybill	Wellness Club advisor	EJHS

Joseph Schilling	Softball coach	EJHS
Travis Quici	Girls' basketball coach	EJHS
Lauren Waltz	Ski Club advisor	JCSD
Michele Elsasser	Ski Club advisor	JCSD

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, Woodward, M. Wagner

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION: Joseph Schilling has resigned as East Juniata High School varsity softball coach.

4. It was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Rothrock to approve distribution of athletic passes to Juniata County School District paid coaching staff members and spouses or guests.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, Woodward, M. Wagner

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to approve David Hutchinson as the Juniata County School District candidate for Pennsylvania School Boards Association president-elect.

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve Eric Wolfgang as the Juniata County School District candidate for Pennsylvania School Boards Association vice president.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Rothrock, Shadel, Shearer, Snyder, A. Wagner, Woodward

Nays: M. Wagner

Motion carried.

3. It was moved by Mr. Shearer and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve Larry Augustine as the Juniata County School District approved candidate for Pennsylvania School Boards Association at-large representative representing Regions 4, 5, 6, 9 and 12.

Motion carried.

4. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve Michael Faccinnetto as the Juniata County School District candidate for Pennsylvania School Boards Association Insurance Trust trustee.

Motion carried.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Snyder 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

