

**JUNIATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Wednesday, January 10, 2018
7:00 PM WORKSHOP MEETING
Administrative Office, 146 Weatherby Way, Mifflintown**

MINUTES

A workshop meeting of the Juniata County School District Board of Directors was held Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the District's Administrative Office, all members having been duly notified. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mark Wagner.

In addition to Mr. Wagner, present were: Mrs. Angela Varner, Mrs. Heather Kelly, Mr. Danny Snyder, Mrs. Amy Wagner, Mr. Joseph Shearer, Mrs. Christine McLaughlin, Mr. Troy Woodward, Superintendent Keith Yarger, Solicitor Scott Etter, Mr. Edward Apple, Mr. Aaron Bennett, Mr. Benjamin Fausey, Mr. Richard Meily, Mrs. Jill Condo, Mrs. Valerie Ricedorf, Mrs. Christie Holderman, Mr. Andy Kinzer and Mrs. Wendy Varner.

There were no comments from the public or administrators.

Mr. Snyder said that he had received calls about students walking to school and not being able to access buildings during severely cold temperatures the previous week and asked Mr. Yarger for information about the before- and after-school program. Mr. Yarger explained the program, which is housed at Mountain View Elementary School and operated by Snyder Union Mifflin Child Development, Inc.

Mr. Woodward distributed handouts in regard to construction change orders, including sample sheets, and urged diligence in attention to change orders.

Mr. Woodward also inquired about pole/service changes at the elementary consolidation sites and was told by Mr. Yarger that the pole had been removed at Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary, but not Monroe Elementary.

Mr. Shearer asked about the status of a generator to be placed into use at Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School. Maintenance director Jonathan Stouffer said that he is obtaining more prices for installation and said that the generator will be installed within three weeks to a month.

Mrs. Varner asked when concerns with Common Core math standards would be addressed. Mr. Yarger said that many people are unhappy with Common Core math, explaining that schools are supposed to be teaching the Common Core standards, but the decision regarding instruction is left to local governance. He said that PSSA questions are written based on Common Core standards. Mr. Fausey added that teachers share parents' frustration with Common Core.

Mr. Woodward asked if multimodal grant money could be used to pay for installation of a temporary sidewalk installed in conjunction with the Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary consolidation project. Mr. Yarger said that multimodal grant money is intended for permanent construction and that the grant was written for exact costs.

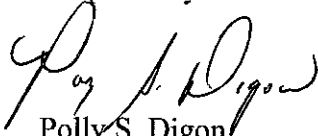
Mr. Wagner said that there had been some controversy regarding cancellation of athletic events when school was closed January 5 due to severely low temperatures. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Shearer affirmed the decision to cancel school and events.

Kirk Gilbert, Extension Educator, Penn State Mifflin/Juniata Extension, shared information about the PROSPER and Strengthening Families programs being provided in collaboration with the school district.

Mr. Yarger reviewed the January 18, 2018 board meeting agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the Board entered executive session to discuss personnel and contractual issues.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Polly S. Digon".

Polly S. Digon
Board Secretary