

**JUNIATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Thursday, December 13, 2018

8:00 PM SPECIAL MEETING

Administrative Building, 146 Weatherby Way, Mifflintown

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

A special meeting of the Juniata County School District Board of Directors was held Thursday, December 13, 2018 at the Administrative Office Building, all members having been duly notified. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Danny R. Snyder, President.

II. BOARD MEMBERS

The following board members were present at roll call:

Mrs. Heather Z. Kelly
Mrs. A. Christine McLaughlin
Mr. Joseph R. Shearer
Mr. Danny R. Snyder
Mrs. Angela Varner
Mrs. Amy L. Wagner
Mr. Mark F. Wagner
Mr. Troy Woodward

Mrs. Christine Shadel was absent at roll call, arriving at approximately 8:10 a.m.

Also present were Superintendent Keith Yarger, Solicitor Scott Etter, Business Manager Richard Meily, Director of Special Education Jill Condo, Mr. Clint Mitchell, Mrs. Nancy Kramer, Mrs. Christie Holderman, Mrs. Wendy Varner, Mr. Edward Apple, Mr. Benjamin Fausey, Mr. Aaron Bennett, Mr. Valerie Ricedorf and Mr. Andy Kinzer.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Board Secretary

The board secretary had nothing to report.

B. School Board Members

Mr. Woodward asked the Board to consider keeping Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School open and made inquiries regarding the school's Home and School account, which were addressed by Mrs. Holderman and Mr. Mitchell.

C. School District Administration

Mr. Bennett reported that four Tuscarora Junior High School students would be competing in the written portion of the WITF-sponsored spelling bee.

Dr. Yarger announced that open houses would be held at Juniata and East Juniata elementary schools on January 2, 2019.

D. Public Comment Period

Keith Kint spoke in favor of elementary school consolidation, thanking the board for their service and commending Mr. Woodward on his diligence.

Amanda Garner spoke in opposition to including Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School in the elementary consolidation.

Chloe, Autumn and Charles Raffensberger asked the board not to close Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School.

Paula Henry Lauver thanked and commended Mr. Woodward, Mr. Shearer and Mr. Wagner for their service and expressed her opposition to including Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School in the elementary consolidation.

David Clayton spoke about the proposed closure of Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School.

Daniel Love asked the board to allow Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School to remain open for one or two years.

Roseann Woodward expressed her opposition to including Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School in the elementary consolidation.

George Shearer expressed his opposition to including Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School in the elementary consolidation.

Norman Love said that he is not opposed to consolidation, but disagrees with the location of the consolidated elementary building.

Lawrence Beatson spoke about his concerns about the effect closing Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School will have.

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. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve a special education agreement with Newport School District for the 2018-2019 school year.

EXHIBIT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION A-1

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

B. CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE-PROPERTY

It was moved by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Kelly to vote on two facility use requests separately.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

1. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Varner to approve the request of Keith Kint, JHS Touchdown Club, to use the Juniata High School cafeteria for a retirement banquet for Gary Klingensmith on December 30, 2018, in accordance with the rental fee schedule outlined in Policy 707.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: M. Wagner

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the request of Jake Freed, Juniata Travel Baseball and Travel Girls' Soccer, to use the Tuscarora Junior High School gym for practice on Sundays, January-April 2019.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the closure of Fayette Elementary School, as well as the adjustment of boundaries to consolidate the student population from Fayette Elementary School to East Juniata Elementary School (formerly Monroe Elementary School), effective January 3, 2019. Approximately 201 students will be transferred, including 23 kindergartners, 23 first graders, 27 second graders, 43 third graders, 29 fourth graders, 30 fifth graders and 26 sixth graders.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Shearer

Motion carried.

3. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Varner to approve the closure of Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School, as well as the adjustment of boundaries to consolidate the student population from Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School to Juniata Elementary School (formerly Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School), effective

January 3, 2019. Approximately 85 students will be transferred, including 15 kindergartners, 11 first graders, 13 second graders, 19 third graders, 9 fourth graders and 18 fifth graders.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Varner, A. Wagner, Snyder

Nays: Shadel, Shearer, M. Wagner, Woodward

Motion carried.

4. It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve the closure of Thompsett-Delaware Elementary School, as well as the adjustment of the student population from Thompsett-Delaware Elementary School to East Juniata Elementary School (formerly Monroe Elementary School), effective January 3, 2019. Approximately 115 students will be transferred, including 19 kindergartners, 19 first graders, 13 second graders, 20 third graders, 17 fourth graders, 13 fifth graders and 14 sixth graders.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

5. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to approve the closure of Tuscarora Valley Elementary School, as well as the adjustment of boundaries to consolidate the student population from Tuscarora Valley Elementary School to Juniata Elementary School (formerly Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School), effective January 3, 2019. Approximately 108 students will be transferred, including 20 kindergartners, 14 first graders, 21 second graders, 17 third graders, 16 fourth graders and 20 fifth graders.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Shearer

Motion carried.

6. It was moved by Mrs. Varner and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve the adjustment of boundaries to consolidate the student population from Mountain View Elementary School to Juniata Elementary School (formerly Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School), effective January 3, 2019. Approximately 260 students will be transferred, including 32 kindergartners, 44 first graders, 43 second graders, 38 third graders, 43 fourth graders and 60 fifth graders.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Varner to approve authorizing the

administration to advertise for sealed bids, for a period of 30 days, for the sale of the Fayette Elementary School building.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Shearer, Woodward

Motion carried.

8. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve authorizing the administration to advertise for sealed bids, for a period of 30 days, for the sale of the Lack-Tuscarora Elementary School building.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Varner, A. Wagner, Snyder

Nays: Shadel, Shearer, M. Wagner, Woodward

Motion carried.

9. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Clark to approve authorizing the administration to advertise for sealed bids, for a period of 30 days, for the sale of the Thompsett-Delaware Elementary School building.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Woodward

Motion carried.

10. It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve authorizing the administration to advertise for sealed bids, for a period of 30 days, for the sale of the Tuscarora Valley Elementary School building.

Following a discussion about whether a baseball field at the school should be included in the sale of the property, Mrs. McLaughlin rescinded her motion.

Mrs. Kelly made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Shadel, to offer the property for sale, with the exclusion of the ballfield.

Following further discussion of options in regard to the ballfield, Mrs. Kelly rescinded her motion.

Mr. Woodward then made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, to table action on the sale of Tuscarora Valley Elementary School.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kelly, McLaughlin, Shadel, Shearer, Varner, A. Wagner, M. Wagner,

Woodward, Snyder

Nays: None

Motion carried.

C. FINANCE

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

TAXES

D. CAFETERIA

E. TRANSPORTATION

F. STUDENT-RELATED

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

*EJHS FFA, PA Farm Show/Midwinter Convention, Harrisburg, Mon., Jan. 7, 2018;
EJHS Freshmen, Tour, Mifflin County Academy, Lewistown, Mon., Dec. 17, 2018;
JHS Musicians (4), District 4/6 Orchestra, Johnstown, Thurs.-Sat., Jan. 10-12, 2018;
JHS TSA Team, Region 8 TSA Competition, Northern Cambria, Sat., Feb. 2, 2018;
JHS Chorus Members (4), PMEA District 4 Chorus, Clearfield, Thurs.-Sat., February 7-9, 2019;
JHS Musicians (5), District 4 Jazz Festival, East Juniata High School, Thurs.-Sat., February 14-16, 2019;
Grades 9-11 Students (5), Model UN Conference. Middletown, Thurs., Feb. 21, 2019;
Grades 9-12 Students (5), Model UN Conference, Middletown, Fri., Febr. 22, 2019;
Grades 9-11 Students (5), Bucknell Gold Math Exam Competition, Lewisburg, Wed., March 13, 2019.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

G. PERSONNEL

1. It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve the extension of maternity leave for Employee 2376 through the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Shearer to approve termination of the employment of Fayette Elementary School paraprofessional Marty H. Early,

effective December 13, 2018.

Motion carried.

3. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Shearer to approve the resignation of Tuscarora Junior High School special education teacher Zachary L. Smith, effective December 19, 2018.

Motion carried.

4. It was moved by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mrs. Varner to approve rescinding December 6, 2018 Board action to suspend the employment of Jenna R. Walters, effective January 25, 2019, and assign Ms. Walters to a predictable long-term substitute position at Monroe Elementary School, effective January 3, 2019 through the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year, at which time Ms. Walters' employment may be suspended

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

5. It was moved by Mr. Shearer and seconded by Mrs. Shadel to approve rescinding December 6, 2018 Board action to suspend the employment Jarred G. Dressler, effective January 3, 2019, and assign Mr. Dressler to a teaching position at Juniata Elementary School, to conclude upon the return of a professional employee who is currently on sabbatical, at which time Mr. Dressler's employment may be suspended.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

6. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to approve rescinding December 6, 2018 board action to approve the transfer of Randy C: Leister from a part-time custodial position at Juniata High School to a part-time custodial position at Juniata Elementary School, effective January 3, 2019. Mr. Leister will continue in his current assignment.

Motion carried.

7. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Varner to approve the employment of the following part-time custodians, effective January 3, 2018, pending receipt of references and required clearances:

James R. Symmerman, East Juniata High School, \$11.63 per hour;

Brian L. Kinney, East Juniata Elementary School, \$14.54 per hour;

Stephen W. Bordner, East Juniata Elementary School, \$11.63 per hour;

Zane Q. Smith, East Juniata Elementary School, \$11.63 per hour;

Terry L. Naugle, Juniata Elementary School, \$11.63 per hour;
Jeffrey L. Keefer, Juniata Elementary School, \$11.63 per hour;
Manuel A. Lopez, Juniata Elementary School, \$11.63 per hour.

The board entered executive session at approximately 9:50 p.m. to discuss personnel and contractual issues. The business meeting was reconvened at approximately 10:10 p.m., at which time a vote was taken on item 7.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

H. ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

1. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the following extracurricular positions for the 2018-2019 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Erich Graybill	Boys' basketball co-asst. coach	EJHS	\$1,335.00
Chad Barth	Boys' basketball co-asst. coach	EJHS	\$1,335.00

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2. Recommend approving the following extracurricular positions for the 2019-2020 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Kurt Condo	Football coach	JHS	\$3,990.00
Colton Shertzer	Assistant football coach	JHS	\$2,460.00
Steve McLaughlin	Assistant football coach	JHS	\$3,270.00
Nathaniel Nace	Assistant football coach	JHS	\$2,640.00
Marcus Brothers	Football coach	TJHS	\$2,055.00
Robert Hart	Football coach	TJHS	\$2,100.00

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: McLaughlin

Motion carried.

INFORMATION: Steve Fronk has resigned as East Juniata High School junior high boys' soccer coach.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a question from Mrs. Wagner, Dr. Yarger said that new bus assignments had been mailed and that the earliest bus pickup time would be 20 minutes later than the current earliest time. Mr. Fausey reported that class assignments would be posted in the next few days.

Mrs. Kelly reported that a safety and security committee meeting would be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 17, 2019. Mr. Bennett said that he has attended several safety-related conferences and will share information with administrators at a January 7, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Woodward asked that safety training for employees and preventative maintenance planning be discussed at the January 2019 workshop meeting, and Mrs. Varner asked that a review of discipline policies also be included on the agenda.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Polly S. Digon
Board Secretary

