

**JUNIATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Wednesday, June 5, 2018
7:00 PM SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Administrative Office 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 Wednesday, June 5, 2018 at the Administrative Office Building, all members having been duly notified. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mrs. Amy L. Wagner, President.

II. BOARD MEMBERS

The following board members were present at roll call:

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

Mrs. A. Christine McLaughlin and Mrs. Christine D. Shadel were absent.

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

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Board Secretary

The board secretary had no comments.

B. School Board Members

Mr. Shearer clarified a quote attributed to him in a newspaper, regarding raises for district employees. He said that his comment had not been in reference to support staff members. Mr. Shearer also spoke about issues bus drivers encounter at Juniata High School. Mrs. Wagner noted that she had enjoyed commencement ceremonies and congratulated the graduates.

C. School District Administration

Mr. Yarger reported that GE Technologies had recently donated an assortment of furnishings to the district.

Mr. Yarger also shared information comparing district student achievement data to numbers from Tuscarora Intermediate Unit schools and the state.

D. Public Comment Period

There were no requests to speak from the public.

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. ORGANIZATION

1. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Varner to approve the resignation of Mark F. Wagner as President of the Juniata County School District Board of Directors, effective May 17, 2018.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Woodward

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to nominate Danny R. Snyder for the office of President of the Board of School Directors.

3. It was moved by Mr. Shearer and seconded by Mrs. Kelly to close nominations.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote to elect Danny R. Snyder as President of the Juniata County School District Board of Directors:

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

Nays: Woodward

Motion carried.

Mr. Snyder conducted the remainder of the meeting.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE-PROPERTY

1. It was moved by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Varner to approve authorizing the administration to seek sealed bids for the sale of Walker Elementary School, according to conditions of sale outlined in the attached bid packet. EXHIBIT CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE-PROPERTY A-1

Prior to the vote, Mr. Shearer said that he believed that it would be to the district's advantage to sell the building at public auction.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Shearer, Woodward

Motion carried.

B. STUDENT-RELATED

1. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve a revised 2018-2019 school year calendar. EXHIBIT STUDENT-RELATED B-1
Motion carried.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Meily asked the Board to provide input on adjustments in order to balance the proposed 2018-2019 budget, the current version of which included a 1.78% increase. Mr. Meily said that the following expenditures had been removed from the budget: blacktopping at Tuscarora Junior High School, resurfacing the Tuscarora Junior High School gym floor, Juniata High School baseball field improvements and a vehicle purchase. He pointed out that the Board had already approved other expenditures included in the proposed budget and that building budgets have remained unchanged for eight years.

Mr. Meily said that raising the participation fee had been proposed by a board member and said that increasing the fee from \$35 to \$100 would generate an additional \$45,000, but that participation had also decreased when the fee was previously set at \$100.

Mr. Yarger pointed out that expenditures have increased as the result of more students attending SUN Area Technical Institute and the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology.

Mr. Meily said that that a 1.78% increase would result in additional tax of approximately \$22 annually for the average Juniata County homeowner and that cuts amounting to \$240,000 were needed in order to avoid a tax increase.

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The business meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

It was announced that a special voting meeting would be held June 13, 2018.

A Security Committee meeting on June 21 and a Construction Committee meeting on June 7 were cancelled.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly S. Digon
Board Secretary