

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sunbury, Pennsylvania
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Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2013

A regular meeting of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Island Park Administration Center. Mr. Karpinski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present were: Mrs. Garman, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Michaels, Dr. Walter, Mrs. Wiest, Mrs. Van Der Pool, Dr. Hartman

Members Absent were: Mr. Garman & Mr. Kerstetter

Student Board Members Present: Miss Hummel and Mr. Shaffer-Neitz

Others Present: Mr. Patrick Kelley, District Superintendent
Attorney Jeffrey Apfelbaum, Solicitor
Mrs. Stephanie Michaels, Director of Special Education
Mr. Ernest Jackson, Shikellamy High School Principal
Mrs. Brandy Wiest, Shikellamy High School Assistant Principal
Mrs. Mary Murphy-Kahn, Shikellamy Middle School Principal
Mr. Brett Misavage, Chief Shikellamy Elementary Principal
Mrs. Susan Giberson, Beck Elementary Principal
Mr. Doug Benick, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mrs. Bethanne Zeigler, Board Recording Secretary

MINUTES

A motion by Mrs. Wiest, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Pool carried to approve the following minutes:

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held September 12, 2013

Minutes of Work Session held on September 5, 2013

An executive session was held on September 5, 2013 for student matters.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion by Mrs. Wiest, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Pool carried to adopt the agenda including additions and deletions.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

FINANCIAL REPORTS

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to approve the payment of bills and budget transfers.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Kelley recognized the eight years of service of Mr. Michael Kerstetter and twelve years of service of Mrs. Linda Van Der Pool as School Board Members. Mrs. Van Der Pool was presented with a certificate. Mr. Kerstetter was not available to receive his certificate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Christine Oaks of Northumberland, PA expressed her concern with the October 5, 2013 auction held at C.W. Rice Middle School. She asked that the Board of Education consider her concerns and asked that they ensure that steps are taken to avoid similar events at the scheduled auction of Sunbury Middle School.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Shaffer-Neitz reported that the girls cross country team remains undefeated and will participate in district competition in two weeks. Miss Hummel reported that the boys' soccer team has secured a spot in district playoffs and the girls are one game away from doing the same.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Activities Committee

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to approve the following trips and/or conferences:

- a. Mr. Ernie Tyler and golf team members to attend golf regional competition in Fleetwood, PA on October 14-15, 2013 at an estimated cost of \$340.00, which will be paid through athletics.
- b. Mr. Ernie Tyler, Mr. Gary Fatool and golf team members to attend golf state completion in York, PA on October 21-22, 2013 at an estimated cost of \$580.00, which will be paid through athletics.
- c. Mr. Jim Bell, Mr. Jonathan Evans and cross country team members to attend state qualifiers on November 1-2, 2013 in Hershey, PA at an estimated cost of \$480.00, which will be paid through athletics.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to amend Board action taken on September 12, 2013 to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,500 and amend it to \$1,075 from Sunbury Rotary Club to cover the cost of ambulance service at home football games. The amended amount will cover the cost of the service in full.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to accept a donation of playground equipment totaling \$52,049 from the Priestley Elementary PTA.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to accept the resignation of Mark A. Kerstetter as a paid varsity assistant coach effective immediately.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to appoint the following coaches for the 2013/14 school term:

Rebecca Cimino	Varsity Assistant Field Hockey	\$935 pro-rated 9/12/13
Megan Steese	Varsity Assistant Boys Soccer	\$935 pro-rated 9/12/13
Ben Attinger	Boys Ivy League Basketball Coordinator	\$550
Mark Kerstetter	Volunteer Varsity Wrestling	\$0

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to establish the SMS Bible Club, with Joselle DeRemer to serve as a volunteer advisor.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to establish the SMS Builders Club, with Tonya Reader and Marsha Kouf to serve as volunteer advisors.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to establish the SHS "Shed Club, with Kevin Harry to serve as a volunteer advisor.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

Education Committee

A motion by Mrs. Garman, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Pool carried to approve the establishment of the Clark B. & Sara L. Brown Memorial Scholarship to provide each year, a scholarship for a deserving student or students who graduate from Shikellamy High School to attend Bloomsburg University and pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

Finance Committee

A motion by Mrs. Wiest, seconded by Mr. Michaels carried to approve 0 permanent, 0 temporary and 4 denied exonerations from the 2013 occupation and per capita taxes.

Dr. Walter requested an explanation of the process, which Mr. Sinopoli provided.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

Personnel Committee

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Wiest carried to appoint Benjamin Haas as a second shift custodian 8 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$13.25 effective October 11, 2013. His initial assignment will be Shikellamy High School.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Wiest carried to appoint Kelly Thomas as a part time cook 3 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$13.25 effective October 11, 2013. Her initial assignment will be Shikellamy High School.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Wiest carried to appoint Cynthia Gowl as a part time cook 3 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$13.25 effective October 11, 2013, pending receipt of clearances. Her initial assignment will be Shikellamy High School.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Wiest carried to appoint Megan Benfer as a long term substitute kindergarten teacher at a pro-rated salary of \$45,800 retroactive to August 19, 2013 through the approved absence of the regular teacher and for a minimum of 45 days.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Wiest carried to appoint Sierra Miller as a long term substitute special education teacher at a pro-rated salary of \$45,800 retroactive to October 7, 2013 through the approved absence of the regular teacher and for a minimum of 45 days.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Wiest carried to appoint the following individuals for the 21st Century After School STEM and Credit Recovery Programs at an hourly rate of \$20.50 unless otherwise indicated:

Beth Vasquez - Substitute STEM Teacher	Jon Steese - Substitute Credit Recovery Teacher
Tammy Shutt - Aide @ regular hourly rate	

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Wiest carried to appoint the following substitutes:

Barbara Wolfe - Aide	David Evans - Citizenship 7-12	Heather Feese - Elementary
Nicholas Fisher - Health & PE	Nathan Hawk - Music K-12	Sierra Miller - Elementary & Special Education
Jennifer Ressler - Mathematics	Megan Scholl - Early Childhood N-3	Andrew Wanger - Elementary

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Wiest carried to appoint the following Guest Teachers for the 2013/14 school term:

Kurt Francis	Stanley Hojnacki
Betsy Marateck	Brooke Persing
Ursula Sheppard	Richard Vanslavie

Richard Hahn

Patricia Zablosky

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Wiest carried to adjust the salary of Heidi Mackey to \$64,300, effective for the 2013/14 school term for successful completion of her Master's +30 requirements.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Wiest carried to adjust the salary of Kathleen Pennington to \$26,800 effective for the 2013/14 school term for successful completion of her Master's +15 requirements.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Wiest carried to adjust the salary of Deborah Fait to \$64,800 effective for the 2013/14 school term and adjust her to the 16th step of the Masters schedule of the professional pay scale.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

Policy Committee

A motion by Dr. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Pool carried to approve the second reading of the following Board Policy

a. 217 - Graduation Requirements

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

Property/Cafeteria Committee

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Pool carried to approve a contract with JMSI Environmental Corp. of Swoyersville, PA, to complete an environmental remediation project design for the proposed demolition project at the C.W. Rice Middle School, as detailed in their proposal dated September 12, 2013, at a cost of \$3,890.00.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Pool carried to approve the resolution, as reviewed at the October 3, 2013 work session authorizing a public hearing pursuant to the Act 34 of the Session of 1973 of the General Assembly (the "School Code") with regard to construction of a new Shikellamy Middle School.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Pool carried to approve the submission of PlanCon Parts A & B for the Shikellamy Middle School Project as prepared by the architectural firm of McKissick Associates PC and reviewed at the October 3, 2013 work session. The changes made after the review were discussed. Mr. McKissick confirmed that work will be done to allow for air-conditioning to be installed at a later time. In addition, alternate bids were discussed, which included air-conditioning for the cafeteria and gymnasium. The material of the gymnasium floor was

discussed. Dr. Hartman explained the Board of Education must be made aware of changes that are made from one meeting to the next meeting. Mrs. Wiest requested a document which would identify changes with bullet points. The normal flow of information should occur. The style of the roof was discussed briefly and to the cost to go from a flat roof to partial pitched roof is approximately \$600,000.

Vote: Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea

CSIU

Mrs. Van Der Pool distributed the CSIU highlights. She also commended the students who participated in an evening meeting held at Work Foundations. Students that stayed to help at the meeting were Shikellamy School District students and represented the district and themselves in a very positive manner.

INFORMATION

Dr. Hartman announced that he received an email regarding two businesses that have made a request for a change in tax assessment. He requested that the solicitor, superintendent and business manager attend the hearing on behalf of the district.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Wiest, seconded by Mr. Karpinski unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Garman
Board Secretary