

SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Sunbury, Pennsylvania  
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Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, January 15, 2015

A regular meeting of the Shikellamy School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Island Park Administration Center.

Members Present: Mrs. Kellie Cianflone, Mrs. Lori Garman , Mr. James Garman –via telephone (left the meeting at 8:40 pm due to technical difficulties), Dr. James P. Hartman- via telephone, Mr. C. Scott Karpinski, Mr. Thomas Michaels, Mr. Michael Stepp, Dr. Jeffrey Walter, Mrs. Wendy Wiest,

Student Members Present: Miss Hummel

Student Members Absent: Miss Murphy & Miss Carrasco

Others Present: Mr. Patrick Kelley, District Superintendent  
Attorney Michael Apfelbaum, School Solicitor  
Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Director of Education  
Mrs. Stephanie Michaels, Director of Special Education  
Ms. Susan Giberson, Beck Elementary School Principal  
Mr. Brett Misavage, Chief Shikellamy Elementary School Principal  
Mrs. Angela Farronato, Oaklyn Elementary School Principal  
Mr. Michael Egan, Priestley Elementary School Principal  
Mr. Douglas Benick, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Mrs. Bethanne Zeigler, Board Recording Secretary

### **PRESENTATION**

Mr. DeLucca, Elementary Music Teacher, along with fifth and sixth grade students from Beck and Oaklyn Elementary Schools performed for the Board of Education in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session for personnel matters was called at 7:23 pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:07 pm.

### **MINUTES**

A motion by Mrs. Garman, seconded by Dr. Walter carried to approve the following minutes:

Minutes of the Re-Organization Meeting held on December 4, 2014  
Minutes of Regular Meeting held on December 4, 2014

An executive session was held on December 4, 2014 for personnel matters.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Garman carried to adopt the agenda including additions and deletions, and an amendment under activities to list Jon Evans as Head Boys Track and Field Coach and David Evans as Assistant Boys Track and Field Coach .

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Sinopoli reviewed the financial reports and bills.

A motion by Dr. Hartman, seconded by Dr. Walter was made to approve the bill list.

| <u>Questioned by:</u> | <u>Check #</u> | <u>Vendor</u>                | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Explanation</u>   |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Dr. Hartman           | 42626          | Blended Schools Network, LLC | \$20,000      | Additional teacher fee – More explanation to be provided by Attorney Apfelbaum |

A motion by Dr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Michaels carried amend the motion to approve the bill list and to hold payment of check #42626 pending discussion.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Michaels carried to approve the payment of bills and budget transfers as presented, excluding check #42626.

Budget Transfers:

| From                  | To                    | Amount   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 2380-581-000-30-31-00 | 2380-640-000-30-31-00 | \$304.95 |

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Stepp carried to approve payment of Check #42626.

There is a contractual dispute over the payment to Blended School. Attorney Apfelbaum explained to the Board of Education will need to make a business decision on how to proceed. After reviewing the contract, Attorney Apfelbaum sent a letter on Friday stating the district’s position, which he believes to be justifiable. There was full payment earlier in the year for the service; however the party providing the service doesn’t view it that way. The provider will not accept students, nor continue the service, if the bill is not paid. Attorney Apfelbaum reviewed options of the Board of Education, which are to withhold payment, make payment, or file a lawsuit. You have four years to file a lawsuit.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

When asked what the consequences of holding payment for one month would be, Mr. Kelley explained the 46 vocational students would be cut off from the online program. There is a temporary contingency plan in place; however there are not enough English certified teachers should this be permanent and Mrs. Walshaw-Wertz explained the administration loses its flexibility. If we continue with the program, we will have someone who will grade their work. There are currently no full-time cyber students in the program. Monies proposed to pay the fee will come from Title II. This money was going to be used for supplies, but they are supplies that we can do without. This is a year to year contract. We should look for another provider. This is not the same vendor as used for Zulama.

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to amend the motion to approve payment of check #42626 and include a strongly worded letter of protest with the payment.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Kelley read a statement thanking the Board of Education for their service. Each Director was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Mr. Kelley announced Shikellamy theater students recently participated at the PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference. The students were highlighted in the January edition of the PSBA Bulletin. Mr. Kelley encouraged everyone to read the article, adding it was a wonderful acknowledgement of the program and students fortunate to participate.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Bell, Northumberland, PA spoke in support of Jon and David Evans as Head Track and Field coaches.

### **STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Miss Hummel reported on the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blue Maroon & White Forensic tournament, which was held on January 10, 2015. Over thirty schools were in attendance and many Shikellamy team members placed

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no additional report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Activities Committee**

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

- a. Mr. John Supsic, Mr. Justin Michaels, Mr. Matt Parlier and the wrestling team to compete in State championship in Hershey, PA on March 4-7, 2015 at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00, which will be paid through athletics.
- b. Mr. John Supsic, Mr. Justin Michaels, Mr. Matt Parlier and wrestling team to compete in regional tournament in Altoona, PA on February 27-28, 2015 at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00, which will be paid through activities.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, nay; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mrs. Garman carried to appoint the following coaches for the 2014/15 school term:

|                 |                                |            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Bob Felmy       | Head Baseball                  | \$1,950.00 |
| Mike Moyer      | Assistant Baseball             | \$1,072.50 |
| John Dunn       | Volunteer Baseball             | \$0        |
| Josh Beddall    | Volunteer Baseball             | \$0        |
| Kevin Lahr      | Volunteer Baseball             | \$0        |
| Derek Alex      | Volunteer Baseball             | \$0        |
| Mark Bettleyon  | Volunteer Baseball             | \$0        |
| Josh Lauver     | Volunteer Baseball             | \$0        |
| Victoria Davis  | Head Girls Track & Field       | \$1,700.00 |
| Jon Evans       | Head Boys Track & Field        | \$2,350.00 |
| David Evans     | Assistant Boys Track & Field   | \$1,480.50 |
| Holly Zimmerman | Head Jr. High Field Hockey     | \$1,245.00 |
| Jonathan Steese | Head Jr. High Boys Soccer      | \$1,431.00 |
| *Danika Mull    | Co-Head Jr. High Girls Soccer  | \$516.75   |
| Chris Rhinard   | Co -Head Jr. High Girls Soccer | \$516.75   |
| Mindy Hoffman   | Head Boys Tennis               | \$2,750.00 |

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, nay; Dr. Walter, yea, Mrs. Wiest, yea

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mrs. Garman carried to appoint the following individuals for the 2015 Spring Musical:

|                   |                              |            |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Ellen Boyer       | Musical Director/Producer    | \$2,080.00 |
| Stefan Eisenhower | Technical Director           | \$500.00   |
| Michael Swank     | Assistant Technical Director | \$400.00   |
| Ellen Boyer       | Costumer                     | \$620.00   |
| Daniel Brehm      | Volunteer Choreographer      | \$0        |
| Jennifer Skelly   | Volunteer Tickets/Playbills  | \$0        |
| Martha Krieger    | House Manager                | \$300.00   |
| Michael Swank     | Sound & Lights               | \$800.00   |
| Verlaine Shaw     | Vocal Director               | \$800.00   |
| Benjamin Shemory  | Assistant Vocal Director     | \$200.00   |

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, nay; Dr. Walter, yea, Mrs. Wiest, yea

#### Education Committee

A motion by Mrs. Garman, seconded by Mr. Michaels carried to ratify Board action taken on December 12, 2014 as follows: Student #4534267428 shall be expelled for a one (1) year period December 13, 2015. This out-of-school expulsion shall be suspended and he shall be

permitted to return to school on December 18, 2014 and continue as a student in the school so long as he does not violate School Board Policy and remains of good behavior.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea, Mrs. Wiest, yea

#### Finance Committee

A motion by Mrs. Wiest, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to approve a Notice of Intent for Adopting a Preliminary General Operating Budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year, and making said Preliminary Budget available for public inspection by January 29, 2015.

Mrs. Garman inquired if this was discussed at the work session, which was affirmative. Preliminary budget would be without any referendum exceptions applied and is not locked into any tax rate increases. There is no tax increase shown, just the difference between revenue and expenditures. The purpose of this is to simply secure approval to prepare the preliminary budget and apply for referendum exceptions.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, nay; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

A motion by Mrs. Wiest, seconded by Mrs. Garman carried to approve the following:

1. Be it resolved that the Shikellamy School District Collectors be released of further responsibility from the collection of Per Capita and Occupation Taxes that were levied on July 1, 2014 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, upon a settlement of the duplicates with the Secretary after December 31, 2014.
2. Be it resolved that the Shikellamy School District Collectors be released of further responsibility from the collection of Real Estate Taxes that were levied on July 1, 2014 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 upon a settlement of the duplicates with the Secretary after December 31, 2014.

Mrs. Garman stated that in previous years she recalled debates on whether or not to change how to go after delinquent taxes collection. She requested a new discussion on the topic. According to Mr. Sinopoli, a discussion on Act 24 could occur and a review of the timeline would need to be part it. Mr. Sinopoli explained the amount outstanding shown on the audit is not lost; it is simply the amount outstanding at year-end. Real estate tax is almost always collected and is in the area of 98% collection. The tax which is difficult to collect is occupation. That is the tax that you could change using Act 24. The result is hopefully less delinquencies.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

#### Personnel Committee

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Cianflone carried to establish the following position: In-School Suspension Monitor for the remainder of the 2014/15 school term based on discussion at the January 8, 2015 work session.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, nay; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Cianflone carried to approve the job description of In-School Suspension Monitor.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, nay; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Cianflone carried to appoint the following individuals for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program at an hourly rate of \$20.50 unless otherwise indicated.

|   |                                      |                                       |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sierra Miller                             | Lindsey Fleming                      | David Evans                           |
| Victoria Evans                            | Margaret Bartolomucci                | Marsha Kouf                           |
| Katrina Dry                               | Sue Herman @ her regular hourly rate | Tracy Feese @ her regular hourly rate |
| Katrina Everett @ her regular hourly rate |                                      |                                       |

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, nay; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Garman carried to appoint Maribeth Karpinski as general office aide 5.75 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$10.85 effective January 16, 2015, with her initial assignment at Chief Shikellamy Elementary School.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, abstain; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Garman carried to appoint Lyndsay Debo as a personal care aide 5.75 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$10.85 effective January 16, 2014, with her initial assignment at Shikellamy High School.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, abstain; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Garman carried to appoint Yvonne Donovan as a personal care aide 5.75 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$10.85 effective January 16, 2015, with her initial assignment at Shikellamy High School.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, abstain; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

A motion by Dr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Cianflone carried to appoint the following substitutes: Tania Shiffer – Aide Kayla Hedricks – Aide

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, nay; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

Property Committee

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to authorize the administration to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) and advertise the band field renovation services with payment to come from the Capital Reserve Fund. The only fee involved in this action is payment for advertisement.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

#### Safety/Security/Transportation Committee

A motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Mr. Karpinski carried to enter into an agreement with the Shamokin Area School District for the remainder of the 2014-15 school term, to transport one Shamokin Area student attending Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Pittsburgh, PA back and forth weekly from Sunbury to Camp Hill. Specific conditions are noted in the attached contract, including the weekly reimbursement rate of \$350.00 from the Shamokin Area School District.

Vote: Mrs. Cianflone, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Dr. Hartman, yea, Mr. Karpinski, yea; Mr. Michaels, yea; Mr. Stepp, yea; Dr. Walter, yea; Mrs. Wiest, yea

#### SUN Area Technical Institute

Mr. Michaels announced the Joint Operating Committee is in the process of interviewing architects for the expansion of the former Playworld building, which will become SUN Area Technical Institute West. Participating districts will be asked to monetarily support the upgrades. There will be an informational meeting on March 19, 2015 at 5:00 pm at the institute and they would like all Board Directors from each district to attend. A light lunch will be served at the café'.

#### INFORMATION

Mr. Michaels attended the Football Booster Banquet on Sunday evening. He was asked to distribute 30-40 academic certificates to the football team. He was impressed with the coaches emphasis put on academics. Shikellamy School District students can perform in the classroom. Mr. Karpinski will work with staff to communicate this achievement to the public.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mrs. Garman, carried and was unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 pm. An executive session was held for the purpose of legal and personnel matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Garman  
Board Secretary