

The Forbes Road School Board met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2014, 7:10 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Members of the school board present were Merrill Arnold, Teresa Bard, Rheon Gelvin, Byron Helsel, Stacie Keller, Karen Pepper, Chanin Rotz-Mountz (entered at 8:20 p.m.) and Kirby Shoemaker. Absent was Margaret Bolinger. Others in attendance were: Superintendent Mark Loucks, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, K4-12 Principal Maria Scott, John Mixell, R. Gelvin, G. Mellott, A. Brown, J. Brode, T. Rader, L. Hall, D. Horne, K. Baker, L. & J. Lupey, A., D., B., P. Strait, B. Oakman, M. Schepis, L. Kennedy, D. Harnish, K. Hollibaugh, S. Vinson and other community members.

On a Bard/Pepper motion, the August 4, 2014 minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Pepper/Bard motion, the August 2014 treasurer's report was approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bard/Keller motion, the September bills totaling \$298,061.79 were approved for payment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bard/Keller motion, the August 2014 cafeteria report was approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

During the public comment section of the board meeting the following community members addressed the school board regarding the large number of teacher turnovers this summer, communication problems, executive session guidelines, lunch menus & portions, elimination of homerooms and what, if anything, they could do to help or support the district: Lindsey Hall, Pammy Strait, Jim Lupey, Kathy Baker, Dawn Harnish, Debbie Strait, Brad Strait, Kate Hollibaugh, Michele Schepis and Scott Vinson. Comments and answers were given by Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Superintendent Mark Loucks and school board members, Merrill Arnold, Stacie Keller, and Karen Pepper.

Chanin Rotz-Mountz entered at 8:20 p.m.

General Information: Mr. Helsel reported to the board that the vo-tech voted down purchase of a computer program to call in substitutes. The next vo-tech board meeting is scheduled for October 23. Mr. Mixell stated he received sealed bids for the old Ford Truck. Board members stated maybe we could get more for it by taking it to a salvage yard. Ms. Scott gave packets to the school board regarding PSSA scores and a five year comparison. We have grown in four areas and will target other areas to get caught up. Mr. Loucks stated we will be hiring personnel tonight to fill vacant positions. Mr. Arnold stated the IU has 10 candidates they will be reviewing.

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On a Bard/Peffer motion, the following agenda items were approved: **(11)** forgive the cafeteria fund account for payroll reimbursement for \$40,034.55 for the 2013-2014 school year, **(12)** move \$100,000 of committed fund balance allocated for future health insurance rate increases to committed fund balance allocated for future debt service payments as of June 30, 2014, **(13)** adopt a resolution authorizing the amendment to the District's Loan Agreement (with DeVal) as presented (Bond File) and **(14)** approve 2014-2015 elementary and high school field trips as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The school board went into executive session from 8:35 p.m. – 8:49 p.m. for personnel issues. All board members were present with the exception of Margaret Bolinger who was absent. Superintendent Mark Loucks, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli and Tammy Sweger were also present.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

On a Bard/Helsel motion, the following agenda items were approved: **(15)** approve Rick and Anita Bolinger to transport the 2014-15 field trips and Snyder Busing to transport the away sporting events for 2014-15, **(16)** grant tenure to Lori Varner and Benjamin Young, **(17)** accept, with regret, the resignation of Carrie Gingerich as elementary teacher effective August 14, 2014, **(18)** accept, with regret, the resignation of Stacy Horne as math/special education teacher and girls' basketball coach effective September 5, 2014, **(19)** accept, with regret, the resignation of Terri Rader as learning support teacher/director effective August 19, 2014, **(20)** accept, with regret, the resignation of Jill Yablonski as Red Birds teacher effective August 29, 2014, **(21)** accept, with regret, the resignation of Chad Bosley as high school teacher effective August 22, 2014, **(22)** accept, with regret, the resignation of Lori Varner as school nurse effective August 18, 2014, **(23)** accept, with regret, the resignation of Sarah Duvall as elementary teacher effective August 18, 2014, **(24)** accept, with regret, the resignation of Jordan Speck as girls' basketball assistant varsity coach, **(25)** hire Trent Black as the J. V. boys' basketball coach at year 1, which is a salary of \$1,900, **(26)** accept, with regret, the resignation from Tammy Cline as assistant field hockey coach for personal reasons, **(27)** hire Mindy Horne as the new assistant field hockey coach on year 4 which is \$1,800 based on her experience, **(28)** hire Misti Keebaugh as secondary English teacher at \$32,250 for the 2014-2015 school year, **(29)** hire Jacquelyn Brode as elementary teacher AT \$32,250 for the 2014-2015 school year, **(30)** hire Ashley Frye as elementary teacher (4th grade) at \$32,250 for the 2014-2015 school year, **(31)** hire Haylee Mills as elementary teacher (Red Birds) at \$32,250 for the 2014-2015 school year, **(32)** hire Laurel Keegan as special education teacher at \$36,975 for the 2014-2015 school year, **(33)** hire Megan Crouse as school nurse at \$32,250 for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Peffer/Bard motion, the 2014-2015 teacher substitute list was approved as presented. (Board Form & Sub File) Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present in favor of the motion with the exception of Byron Helsel who voted no.

On a Helsel/Bard motion, the 2014-2015 support personnel substitute list was approved as presented. (Board Form & Sub File) Motion carried unanimously.

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On a Keller/Peffer motion, the 2014-2015 bus contractors and their drivers were approved as presented. (Board Form File) Motion carried with all members present in favor of the motion with the exception of Chanin Rotz-Mountz who abstained.

On a Bard/Mountz motion the following agenda items were approved: **(37)** approve an agreement by and between the Forbes Road School District and Seton Hill University from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 regarding terms and conditions of the dual enrollment program, **(39)** approve a request from Beth Crowder for use of the elementary gym for the Nutrition Awareness Program as presented, **(40)** approve a request from Patricia Lashinsky for use of the elementary gym for Girl Scout Troop meetings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays beginning September 25th, **(41)** approve a request from John Mixell for use of the gym on Sunday afternoons when available over the fall & winter months for an over 35 years of age recreational basketball, and **(42)** approve guardianship papers for a high school student. Motion carried unanimously.

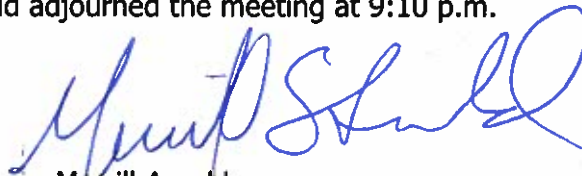
On a Bard/Peffer motion, a request was denied to approve tuition payments for three students residing in the Forbes Road School District to attend Tussey Mountain School District. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bard/Mountz motion, the following agenda items were approved: **(44)** a request from Lisa Black and Sue Truax, advisors for the Junior Class, to hold the 2014-2015 Prom at the American Legion Banquet Hall in McConnellsburg on Saturday, May 9, 2015, **(45)** a request from Paula Snyder to use the elementary gym to conduct Zumba classes on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and **(47)** grant permission to Bolinger Busing to use bus #1. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bard/Keller motion, Karen Peffer's nominations/recommendations, for the school board secretary to cast votes for election as PSBA officers, were approved as follows: President – Kathy Swope, Vice President – Mark Miller, Treasurer – Otto Voit III and At-large Representative (Central) – David Hutchinson. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Peffer/Gelvin motion, bids for the old Ford truck were tabled. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bard/Peffer motion, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.



Merrill Arnold
President



Glenda Wolford
Secretary