

Official Proceedings of the GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, April 3, 2023 - Education Center

Board Members in Attendance - Mrs. Caryn Friedlander, Mr. Jeffrey Haggerty, Mrs. Dawn Palange, Mr. Andrew Pannafino, Dr. Lisa Peterson, Dr. Michele Roby, Mr. James Ulrich, Mrs. Christina Worley - 8. Absent - Mrs. Elizabeth Adams - 1.

Administrators in Attendance - Mr. William McKay, Superintendent; Mrs. Diane Richards, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Stephanie Seifrit, Director of Human Resources; Mr. David Argentati, Director of Pupil Services; Mrs. Ashley Shannon-Huembes, Director of Communications & Community Relations; Mr. Tim Ziegler, Director of Operations; Mr. Pat Tulley, Athletic Director; Mrs. Melissa Paparella, Principal, Mifflin Park Elementary; Mr. Cory Crider, Principal, Intermediate School; Ms. Carissa Harley, Associate Principal, Intermediate School.

Others in Attendance - Ms. Sharon Patton, Board Recording Secretary; Julian Colamarino and Lydia Kitsch, Student Board Representatives; professional staff and citizens.

The Meeting was **Called to Order** at 7:05pm by Mr. James Ulrich, Board President, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Mr. Ulrich announced that the Board held an **Executive Session** prior to the meeting for discussion of a legal issue, contract discussion and a personnel matter.

Citizens Requests

Jim & Sue Fitzpatrick spoke on the topic of preventing school violence, stressing the increase in tragic events nationwide. They requested that the Board issue a report to the community on what policies and measures the District has in place regarding school violence, and thanked the Board, administration and staff for all they do.

Mr. Jeffrey Wolfe had Human Resources questions regarding the vetting of candidates for employment based on qualification and 'fit' with the mission statement, vision statements and beliefs & shared values of the district. He also inquired as to what role the Human Resources Department has in informing candidates of their rights regarding union membership and payroll deduction for union dues.

Mrs. Elizabeth Aulenbach inquired as to how much money was spent in conducting the search for our new superintendent. It was clarified that the Board did not hire or pay money to any outside agency to conduct the search on its behalf. The Board conducted its own search through appropriate nationwide advertising resources. Ms. Stephanie Seifrit, Director of Human Resources, said she would be happy to provide Mrs. Aulenbach with the total amount of the advertising costs.

BOARD BUSINESS

An update on the progress of the new GMACC construction project was provided by Mr. Brian Shaffer, of SitelogIQ. The newest photos provided updated views of roofing, exterior and interior progress. He also shared that a group of high school students, interested in careers associated with the building project, had the opportunity to tour the site and ask questions. He also said the Board is scheduled to tour the site for a first-hand look at the progress on Tuesday, April 4th.

During review of the Agenda, voting action was taken on the following item:

Motion by Peterson and second by Roby to Approve the following **Buildings & Grounds Use Requests**

Berks United FC

Berks United Soccer Game
Multipurpose Field
3/21/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Fields & times assigned by Athletic Director
No Charge

Mifflin Area Wrestling Assoc.

MAWA Wrestling Practice
HS Wrestling Room
3/28/23 - 5/04/23
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
No Charge

MAGSA

MAGSA Softball Practice
Varsity Softball Field
4/03/23 - 6/09/23; weekdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Fields & times assigned by Athletic Director
No Charge

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MAGSA	MAGSA Softball Practice Cumru Softball Field 4/03/23 - 6/09/23; weekdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm Fields & times assigned by Athletic Director No Charge
MAGSA	MAGSA Softball Practice Cumru Gym 4/03/23 - 6/09/23; weekdays, 6:00p - 8:00pm Fields & times assigned by Athletic Director No Charge
BCSA	BCSA Spring Meeting Middle School Cafeteria 4/24/23; 6:00pm - 8:00pm No Charge
Berks United FC	Berks United Soccer Game Multipurpose Field 4/28/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm Fields & times assigned by Athletic Director No Charge
MAGSA	MAGSA Softball Opening Day Varsity Softball Field 4/29/23; 7:00am - 6:00pm Fields & times assigned by Athletic Director No Charge

GM Youth Field Hockey

Youth Field Hockey Practice

GM Athletic Fields A and B

8/07/23 - 10/25/23

Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Fields & times assigned by Athletic Director

No Charge

GMHS Football Club

Homecoming 5K Run/Walk

High School Grounds & Parade Route

10/07/23; prior to Homecoming Parade

No Charge

BCIU

BCIU Designer Purse BINGO

GMIS Cafe, Kitchen & Grounds

11/05/23; 9:00am - 5:00pm

Rental Fees Apply

MOTION CARRIED.

Prior to adjournment, the following thoughts were shared:

Mrs. Caryn Friedlander spoke on behalf of Mrs. Betsy Adams who could not be in attendance, as she was chaperoning the AP European trip. Mrs. Adams wanted to express how impressed she was with the recent Learning Expo event.

Mrs. Christina Worley inquired about whether a rally was held by some high school students last week. Mr. McKay said he would have Mr. Steve Murray, High School Principal, be in touch with her to answer her questions.

Dr. Lisa Peterson shared that she would be volunteering to present at this year's PSBA School Leadership Conference.

Dr. Michele Roby shared that she thought the recent Learning Expo event was awesome and also praised the High School's Spring Swing production of *The Spongebob Musical*, saying it was an amazing, top-notch performance.

Mr. Andrew Pannafino reminded his fellow Board members of the PSBA webinar on School Safety & Security, scheduled for April 4th at 6:00pm. He also gave a shout-out to the April 1st Dodgeball for Life event, saying the turnout was wonderful and the volunteers were amazing, as everyone came together to raise money for cancer research.

Mr. Bill McKay shared that the district received an anonymous letter from a senior citizen, who felt that the paperwork process for the tax rebate program was too complicated for seniors to navigate. He said that anyone aware of a senior citizen who needs guidance with filing for the rebate should encourage them to contact the administrative office for assistance.

Motion by Peterson and second by Roby to **Adjourn the Meeting** at 7:43pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon L. Patton", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sharon L. Patton
Board Recording Secretary