

The Steelton-Highspire School Board met on the above date for the purpose of planning and developing the agenda for the regular meeting of March 17, 2016 with the following members present: Ms. Mary J. Carricato, President; Ms. Natalie Bowman; Ms. Janice Elliott; Mr. Derek Lewis; Mr. Samuel Petrovich; Mr. John Salov; and Ms. Natasha Woods. Ms. Rachel M. Slade and Mr. Robert Spizzirri, Vice President were absent. Also present were Mr. Travis Waters, Interim Active Superintendent; Mr. Vincent Champion, School Solicitor; Ms. Cynthia Craig, Business Manager; Mr. Mick Iskric, High School Principal; Mr. Scott Smith, Elementary Principal and Ms. Debora Kagarise Board Secretary.

Attached is a copy of a list of names of the members of the public who were present.

Ms. Carricato called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag”.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Carricato announced an Executive Session was held prior to tonight’s meeting to discuss a legal situation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments on agenda items.

### **PRESENTATION**

Brown, Schultz, Sheridan & Fritz, certified public accounts, completes the district’s annual mandated audit. Mr. John Bonawitz, partner, gave an overview of the initial findings of the audit including Government Audit Standards, internal control and compliance of federal award programs with the district receiving two million dollars from federal programs. He reported there were no disagreements as financial accounting, reporting or auditing matter to resolve the financial statements and they encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing the audit.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

### **RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the request from Ms. Rachel Gonzalez-Montiel to return from leave of absence on March 14, 2016. Second by Mr. Salov. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 2 absent)

**F.M.L.A.**

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve a request from Cheryl Lehigh, Elementary Secretary, for F.M.L.A. from February 26, 2016 to the end of April 2016. Second by Ms. Woods. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 2 absent)

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT**

Ms. Elliott made a motion to approve the continuance of Mr. Dushawn Beecher, as a Temporary One-on-One Paraprofessional at \$9.25 an hour, for a special education student placed at Hilltop Diagnostic. Second by Ms. Bowman. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 2 absent)

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Detz, as a Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. Second by Ms. Bowman. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 2 absent)

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Dushawn Beecher, as an Emergency Permit PK-12 Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher for the 2015-2016 school year, after his temporary one-on-one Paraprofessional assignment is completed. Second by Ms. Elliott. Ms. Woods questioned when the assignment was ending, Mr. Waters answered it is currently ending. Mr. Salov thought this person was a full time teacher. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 2 absent)

**APPOINTMENT**

Ms. Woods made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Brooke Conjar as Special Education Transition Coordinator, at a salary of \$3,000.00, effective March 8, 2016. Second by Mr. Petrovich. Mr. Lewis questioned if this position is under special education, Ms. Poston. Mr. Waters explained it is a position districts have implemented with extensive paperwork needed for IEPs transition and setting up internships. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 2 absent)

**FIELD TRIP**

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve a request by the basketball team for a field trip to Penn State University, State College on March 6, 2016. The cost of the trip will be covered by Highmark. Second by Mr. Petrovich. Ms. Bowman questioned only boys invited for the trip,

Ms. Craig confirmed Highmark would only support one box. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 2 absent)

### **STUDENT EXPULSION**

Mr. Petrovich made a motion to approve the Admission of Fact and Waiver of Expulsion Hearing dated February 29, 2016, for student #151601101. A copy is on file in the Administration Office. Second by Ms. Bowman. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 2 absent)

### **STUDENT EXPULSION**

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the Admission of Fact and Waiver of Expulsion Hearing dated March 7, 2016, for student #151601102. A copy is on file in the Administration Office. Second by Ms. Elliott. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 2 absent)

### ***Financial Report***

Financial reports for the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Student Activities Fund, Athletic Fund for February 2016 and CAIU 2016-17 General Operating Budget will be brought forward for approval at the March 17, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

### ***Personnel Report***

Various personnel items will be brought forward for approval at the March 17, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

### ***Property and Supplies Report***

Facilities usage report March 2016 will be brought forward at the March 17, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

### ***Transportation***

Field trip requests will be brought forward at the March 17, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

### ***Student Activities Report***

Various fundraisers will be brought forward for approval at the March 17, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

### ***Pupil Services Report***

An Anti-Violence Youth Town Hall Forum will be brought forward for approval at the March 17, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

***Superintendent's Report***

2016-2017 School Year Calendars and conference requests will be brought forward at the March 17, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Salov reported baseball practice has officially begun and added track will soon begin. The basketball team went to a game at Penn State.

**PSBA REPRESENTATIVE**

There was nothing to be reported.

**HACC REPRESENTATIVE**

There was nothing to be reported.

**CAIU REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Salov reported he is planning to attend a board meeting next week and he'll give an update.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

There was nothing to be reported.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Mr. Lewis said the sewer line problem is on-going; Ms. Craig said she is expecting to receive three quotes, then a camera will be used to check the lines.

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE**

There was nothing to be reported.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Salov reported how ridiculous it is to try and work on the 2016-17 budget when 2015-16 hasn't been established as the state continues impasse.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (ANY TOPIC)**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Lewis. Second by Mr. Salov. All members present voted aye.

***Debora Kagarise***

Debora Kagarise, Board Secretary