

**McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**June 24, 2015**

<b>Presiding</b>	Patricia Maksin, Board President
<b>Date, Time, Place</b>	Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 7:40 PM, Board Room, Administration Building, 3590 O’Neil Boulevard, McKeesport, PA 15132.
<b>Opening Exercises</b>	Mrs. Maksin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge to the Flag. We did meet in Executive Session prior to the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel and potential litigation items and issues.
<b>Present</b>	Trisha Gadson Chris Halaszynski Mary Jane Keller Terri Kisan – by phone Steve Kondrosky Joe Lopretto Thomas Maglicco Patricia Maksin Scott Smith – by face time
<b>Others Present</b>	Dr. Rula S. Skezas, Superintendent Dr. Harry A. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent David M. Seropian, Business Manager/Board Secretary James G. Humanic, Director of Human Resources/ Assistant to the Business Manager James Dodaro, Solicitor

**Board President’s Remarks** – As we finish celebrating and commemorating the 2014/2015 school year, let’s also remind students, parents and community members about the wonderful opportunities that are available in our buildings and other local facilities during the summer months. These include breakfast and lunch programs, summer reading opportunities, credit recovery options and new and inventive learning adventures. Check out our website for details or call the school district for more information. It is vitally important that our students continue with the learning that has taken place during the school year and are prepared for the next step in their educational journey. Be safe, healthy and excited about learning over the summer.

**Superintendent's Report** – Good evening. I've had the opportunity actually to visit three of our summer programs. One at our high school, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Credit Recovery Program, very well attended and as you'll see this evening, we're adding an additional three teachers because of the tremendous response we have for kids wanting to attend, as well as our second graders reading at Twin Rivers Primary School yesterday, it was great, their parents were there, they were reading amongst each other and they were actually able to take books home with them which is a wonderful opportunity. Finally, I saw camp invention in action and they had different set ups, three different stations and next Wednesday at 9:30 AM will be their culminating day actually because it is a daily program. They're at Twin Rivers Intermediate School and parents are going to be asked and welcomed to come. I'm excited, Dr. Bauman and I are planning to visit as well. If you missed graduation, there is a complete video clip of the commencement ceremony on our website home page. Following up on our new tradition at our summer board meeting, the following students will round out the group who have received scholarships during the 2014-2015 school year. Kathleen Bayer – Abbot Scottish Rite Scholarship, Duane & Alta Watkins Duquesne – McKeespoort Masonic Lodge Scholarship, Antoncic Family Scholarship; Jason Brletic – Commonwealth College Scholarship; Breanne Brooks – William P. "Billy" Memorial Scholarship; Tosha Bryant – Central Blood Bank Scholarship; Anna Chappell – Joan L. Burns Memorial Scholarship, Rotary Club of White Oak Scholarship Award; Napier Crawford – Semper Fidelis Scholarship; Angela Dirle – M. Dolan Evanovich Award; Cody Dishong – Mary V. Tomko Scholarship; Rotary Club of White Oak Scholarship Award; Daniel Domiano – Antoncic Family Scholarship; Luke Eckels – Vern G. Sharbaugh Scholarship, Y Achievers Scholarship; Shadawn Hammons – Semper Fidelis Scholarship; Savanna Hardin – Nick Bakalis Memorial Award; Rachel Jacklitch – Zon Fleckenstein Memorial Scholarship; Paige Jones – Rotary Club of White Oak Scholarship Award; Thomas Kaylor – Penn State Blue & White Scholarship; Aaron Kercell – the PTSA Scholarship; Susan Kraus – Palms at O'Neil Scholarship; Jason Light – National Association of School Safety and Law Enforcement Officials Regional Scholarship; Anna Shelly – Rotary Club of White Oak Scholarship Award; Justice Smith – Kathy McCall Sportsmanship Award; Jacob Suba – Mary V. Tomko Scholarship; Carly Tanney – PTSA Scholarship; Olivia Walker – Antoncic Family Scholarship; Lilly Wallace – Central Blood Bank Scholarship. Congratulations, you make us proud. We wish you all the best. Thank you. In conclusion I would like to thank you all again, School Board Directors, Administration, staff and parents for your partnership in the education of our MASD students. I hope that the summer break gives you and all of us a chance for rejuvenation. Have a safe, restful, enjoyable summer and I look forward to working with all of you during the 15/16 school year. Thank you.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2015. Seconded by Mrs. Keller.

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Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Hearing of Citizens** – none

**Minutes** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the minutes of the Open Agenda Meeting of May 20, 2015, Regular Meeting of May 27, 2015 and Special Meeting of May 28, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Bills** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the list of bills. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Refunds** – Mr. Maglicco moved to approve property tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Gadson.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Resolution** – Mrs. Gadson moved to approve Resolution #1123 – 2015/2016 Budget in the amount of \$59,423,209 with a millage rate of 16.15 mills as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Keller.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Transfers** – Mr. Lopretto moved to authorize the Business Manager to make necessary year end budgetary transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 as per the auditor's recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Treasurer** – Mr. Lopretto moved to reappoint James G. Humanic as the school district Treasurer for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. Seconded by Mr. Maglicco.

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Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Insurance** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the Workers’ Compensation Insurance with a premium of \$182,722 through UPMC Health Insurance Group for the 2015/2016 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Keller.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Resolution** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve Resolution #1124 – Homestead, Farmstead and Small Business Properties exclusion. Seconded by Mr. Maglicco. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**List** – Mrs. Keller moved to approve the CTC book list. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Plan** – Mr. Maglicco moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan for Francis McClure Primary/Intermediate School. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Committee** – Mr. Maglicco moved to appoint the following individuals to the Comprehensive Plan Committee:

Local Business Members	Keith Jones (Laurel Printing) Fred Coder (Rita’s Italian Ice)
Community Members	Dr. Linda Croushore Marty Allen
Parents	Stacy Sebilis Jen Vertullo

Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

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**Agreement** – Mr. Halaszynski moved to approve an agreement with Mon-Yough Community Services to provide student assistance. Seconded by Mrs. Gadson. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Agreement** – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve an agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide special education services to students in MASD during the 2015/2016 school term. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Policy** – Mrs. Keller moved for second reading and adoption of the following Board Policy:

610 – Finances – Purchases Subject to Bid

Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Green Sheets** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve personnel recommendations (green sheets). Seconded by Mrs. Keller.

Act 93:

RESIGNATION: Effective 7/1/15:

Anthony Popowitz

Assistant Principal, High School

### PROFESSIONAL:

Resignation: Effective 8/21/15:

## Steven Guydo

Engineering Teacher, High School

FURLOUGH: Effective 6/15/15: Act 97 Waiver expires 7/1/15:

Craig Slafka

Elementary Teacher, McClure Primary School

Board action to create the following professional staff positions effective 7/1/15: (Paid for by Pre-K Counts Grant):

1 Pre-K

TO BE HIRED: Extra Curricular Department Heads for the 2015-2016 school year: (salary per

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current contractual rate pending on department size):

1.	Erica Guadalupe	English
2.	Stefanie Burgh	Physical Education
3.	Marla Hayes	Science
4.	Diane Pazuchanics	Art/ I.A./ Home Economics
5.	Myleen Kiska	Mathematics
6.	Tim Kunes	Social Studies
7.	Rachel Mitchell	Foreign Language
8.	Beth Eger	Music Coordinator
9.	Jonna Flannery	Vocational Technology

TO BE HIRED: Extra Curricular Activities effective for the 2015-2016 school year:

1.	Alice Saxon	Senior Project Coordinator	\$1,816.11
2.	Karen Cole	Additional work with Band	\$4,721.89
3.	Mark DeCarlo	Additional work with Band	\$2,996.59
4.	Sarah Persin	Additional work with Orchestra	\$2,088.53
5.	Beth Eger	Additional work with Choir	\$2,179.33
6.	Kristen Davis	Red & Blue (shared)	\$1,089.66
7.	Bonnie Butler	Red and Blue (shared)	\$1,089.66
8.	Jennifer Wunderly	Student Council (shared)	\$ 681.04
9.	Myleen Kiska	Student Council (shared)	\$ 681.04
10.	Toni Graham	Ticket Manager	\$2,724.17
11.	Brian Tharp	Senior Class (shared)	\$ 908.06
12.	Stacey Tharp	Senior Class (shared)	\$ 908.06
13.	Beth Eger	Stage (shared)	\$ 908.06
14.	John Light	Stage (shared)	\$ 908.06
15.	Mike Locke	Skills USA (shared)	\$ 908.06
16.	Monica Kitta	Skills USA (shared)	\$ 908.06
17.	Lyndsay Brown	Yearbook	\$2,905.78
18.	Jill Hershey	FBLA	\$ 908.06
19.	Kim Moore	Forensics	\$2,360.95
20.*	Julia Finnegan	Majorettes	\$2,360.95
21.	Tina Lepidi-Stewart	Producer – Musical (shared)	\$1,180.47
22.	Carolyn Carreiro	Producer – Musical (shared)	\$1,180.47
23.	Tina Lepidi-Stewart	Director – Musical	\$1,452.89
24.	Kristen Martinelli	Choreographer – Musical	\$1,452.89
25.	George Lepsch	Music Director – Musical	\$1,452.89

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26.	Katlyn DeCarlo	Colorguard	\$2,360.95
27.	Brad Braverman	Magazine Advisor	\$ 908.06
28.	Anna Giuliano	SADD Advisor (shared)	\$ 454.03
29.	Allison Attenberger	SADD Advisor (shared)	\$ 454.03
30.	Joan Smith	Environmental Club (shared)	\$ 454.03
31.	Marla Hayes	Environmental Club (shared)	\$ 454.03
32.	Brad Braverman	Chess Club	\$ 908.06
33.	Mark Bacco	Bowling Club	\$ 908.06
34.	Bonnie Butler	Cultural Diversity Club (shared)	\$ 454.03
35.	Sarah Traeger	Cultural Diversity Club (shared)	\$ 454.03
36.	Jonna Flannery	FTA	\$ 908.06
37.	Tim Kunes	Interact Club	\$ 908.06
38.	Toni Stolic	Future Nurses Club	\$ 908.06
39.	Brad Braverman	Academic Games	\$1,271.28
40.	Lyndsay Brown	Photographer	\$ 908.06
41.	Anna Giuliano	Foreign Language Club (shared)	\$ 454.03
42.	Allison Attenberger	Foreign Language Club (shared)	\$ 454.03
43.	George Lepsch	National Honor Society (shared)	\$ 681.04
44.	Erica Guadalupe	National Honor Society (shared)	\$ 681.04
45.	Kim Moore	Director – Children’s Club	\$1,089.67
46.	Alice Saxon	College Recruitment	\$ 908.06
47.	Jeffrey Richardson	Culinary Arts Club	\$ 908.06

Board action to approve the following change in status effective 7/1/15: (Due to Unit Clarification):

Timothy Brown	From:	Alternative Education Transition Specialist
	To:	Secondary Transition Specialist 210 Day Employee

Board action to eliminate the following support staff position effective 6/30/15:  
1 South Hall Guidance Secretary

Board action to create the following support staff position effective 7/1/15:  
1 Alternative Education/South Hall Guidance Secretary, Category 4

Board action to adjust the categories of the following support staff positions:  
Vocational Education Secretary from Category 4 to Category 5 – effective 6/5/15  
Special Education Secretary from a Category 4 to Category 5 – effective 7/1/15

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\*Pending receipt of Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, 168 Disclosure Releases, T.B. Tine Test and Drug Test results

Conference Request:

Autumn Grata	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community 2015 Summer Institute
Lisa Miracle	Sponsored by the US Department of Education in Dallas, Texas
	July 27, 2015 through July 29, 2015
	(Paid for by the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Grant – Cohort 6A)
	\$1,209.76/each

ADDENDUM:

Professional:

Temporary change in status: Effective 7/1/15 through 6/30/16:

Dale McCall	From:	Social Studies Teacher, Founders Hall
	To:	Acting Assistant Principal, High School
	Stipend of:	\$5,000

To be hired: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Credit Recovery Summer School: Rate of pay will be \$24.13/hour:

Substitutes:

Melissa Mehn  
Sherry Yocco  
Alice Saxon

Voting aye. Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, \*Mr. Smith

Voting no. Mrs. Gadson

\*Mr. Smith abstained on page 2 – items #22 and #24.

Lost the phone connection with Mrs. Kisan.

**Notes** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to consider the issuance of general obligation notes for the purpose of currently refunding all or a portion of its October 1, 2015 debt service payment (on several separate series of outstanding bonds) and authorize the School District's Administration to work with Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, as Investment Banker, in connection with the structuring, marketing and issuing of the notes. Seconded by Mr. Maglicco.



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Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Notes** – Mr. Maglicco moved to appoint Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, with respect to the proposed issuance of its General Obligation Notes, Series of 2015 (the “2015 Notes”) for the purpose of currently refunding all or a portion of its October 1, 2015 debt service payment (on several separate series of outstanding bonds) and authorize Dinsmore & Shohl LLP to take such actions as may be required for the approving of the 2015 Notes as required by the Local Government Unit Debt Act (including, specifically, the publishing of required notices). Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Proposal** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to accept the proposal from Hallet Associates, Inc. to provide a valuation report for compliance with the requirements of GASB 45 as of July 1, 2015 in the amount of \$6,000. Seconded by Mr. Maglicco. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

**Committee Reports -**

**Athletic** – Mary Jane Keller/Terri Kisan – Mrs. Keller reported. The Athletic Committee met on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The following items were discussed and recommended for action. The field design and scoreboard lettering for the George L. Smith field at Weigle-Schaeffer Stadium was approved. A new policy for school boosters/support/parent organizations was presented and is being finalized this month. Discussion was held about a tiger head design for the inside of Neenie Campbell gymnasium along with the location of banners from our winning teams’ years. The Neenie Campbell lettering for the outside of the gym which has long been absent will be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup> in time for this year’s homecoming events. That’s my report.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Scott Smith – I’m just going to bring up two projects. Currently the maintenance department is removing ceramic tile that has been a problem in the stadium. That project should be done within the next week and a half. We have ordered the materials for the renovation associated with the alternate education center at the high school. That’s my report.

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Career & Technology – Terri Kisan – Dr. Skezas reported. I met with the CTC staff last year as the new director of the program. I'm very excited and there are some great ideas that are coming forth as well as some grants that we are applying for and hope to receive so that we can add to our programming in the CTC area of our high school. I want to thank all of those students that were acknowledged tonight and their thinking about the next step in the next chapter of their career, I want to take the opportunity once again to thank Alice Saxon who is in the audience for initiating and helping along parents and students in getting these scholarships. I know it does take a lot of work and do a lot of networking to meet the various requirements that occur with these scholarships. So I just want to say thank you and continue the good work for 15/16.

Community Relations/Cultural Diversity –Trisha Gadson – Madame President, we met today. The focus of the discussion was on the back to school bash. This will be our third annual. We generally hold it on the Saturday, the date of the first scrimmage for the school district. So the date is August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM and that is where we distribute book bags filled with supplies to all students who are registered to attend schools within the McKeesport Area School District public schools. So, we are planning to distribute over 500 book bags to students who are registered within our district at any grade level. Again, they will have school supplies in them. In addition, we will have prizes and different raffles so that students and their families can obtain supplies to prepare them for the 15/16 school year. The meetings we have planned in the summer will all focus around that. That concludes my report.

Education/Legislation/Policy – Mary Jane Keller – My committee did not have to meet at all in June. All program information for the 2015/2016 school year and all policies and activity on the policies were complete.

Finance/Grants/Outside Funding–Tom Maglicco – Yes, Madame President, we did meet and our year-long meetings area reflected on the budget that's put forth for tonight. Our budget continues to be a big concern and our Administration and our Board will continue to work toward reducing our budget in every department in our district in the 2016/2017 school year. This process will continue to get more difficult as we have been reducing our staff through attrition and we have reduced our budget to the point where it is getting harder to make cuts without hurting programs in our district. As I stated earlier, we are going to have to work diligently to reduce the budget for next year and that starts tomorrow. Thank you Madame President.

Personnel –Joe Lopretto/Tom Maglicco – Mr. Lopretto reported. Yes, we did have a meeting Madame President and the green sheets reflect that. Again, I can just commend Dr. Bauman, Dr. Skezas, Mr. Humanic for doing the hard work and getting everybody in the right places.

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Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – We had a meeting yesterday. We had a representative from every building and we talked about any safety concerns and after talking with everybody, everything seems to be in shape and I still think we have one of the safest schools around. I'm proud to say that.

**Solicitor's Report** – No report.

**Correspondence** – None.

**New Business** – Mrs. Maksin – I just want to bring up, I guess there was a bill that was just put before the State Senate having to do with school taxes, about doing away with school taxes up to a certain extent, so I think it's everybody's best interest to keep tabs on what is going on at the State level, watch the news reports, read the newspapers and find out what's going on because that could really be a benefit to the taxpayers of a district especially like ours that many of us or most of us in this district if this plan does come to fruition could really get a rebate for our entire school tax amount. We need to keep on top of that. We need to make ourselves aware of what's going on. We need to advocate for those types of things and I do believe that Senator Brewster was one of the sponsors of this new bill. It's in the very early stages, but it's certainly something that we here at McKeesport Area School District we need to keep on top of and make sure we are being an advocate for that kind of funding because it would be of great benefit to a district like McKeesport.

**Adjournment** – 8:10 PM PM–Mr. Kondrosky moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. All Members present.

**ATTEST:**

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David M. Seropian, Business Manager/Board Secretary