

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2017 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Meyersdale Area School District was held Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:04 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room, 309 Industrial Park Road, Meyersdale, PA.

The meeting was called to order by President Gnagey.

Dr. Karlie opened the meeting with an invocation and led those present in the flag salute.

Roll call was taken.

Members present: Gidget Brooks, Brian Deist, Ron Donaldson, Jeffrey Moser, Erik Schafer, Brad Troutman, Tammy Witherite, Tina Gnagey..... 8  
Others present: Tracey Karlie-Superintendent, Tim Kretchman-Curriculum Coord., Becky Grube-Bus.Mgr./Bd. Sec., Jennifer Dambeck-Solicitor, Devin Pritts-Elem. Principal, John Wiltrout-HS Principal, Dan Johnson-Maint. Supervisor, Ali Bragg, Brooke Crouse-Student Board Representatives, Becky Sanner, Eric Kieta-Press, Katie Strong-MAEA, Ginger Ackerman-Support, Brian Witherite-Rifle Coach, Diann Troutman, Brenda Thomas-Taxpayers, Heather Reese, Jami Reese, Nan Johnson-Board Candidates.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Jeffrey Moser, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 board meeting. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tammy Witherite, seconded by Brian Deist, to approve payment of general fund bills in the amount of \$227,731.98 and athletic fund bills in the amount of \$13,474.27. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Comments to the Board

Diann Troutman asked if there was a closed door session following her resignation on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Board members responded there were individual conversations but a meeting was not held.

Brian Witherite thanked Dan Johnson and the maintenance staff for all of their work on the rifle range in preparation for the state match. He commented the state official who toured the range was impressed with the facilities as well as the support and work from the Superintendent and other administrators on down. As of now, there is a team registered who will be traveling from 4 hours away to participate in the state match.

Katie Strong, band director, presented a trip proposal to the board. The band trip would be planned for May 2018 and students would perform at Cedar Point and also visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio. She anticipates the student cost to be less than \$200 each. She also mentioned Meyersdale will be the host school for county band next fall.

Correspondence

Dr. Karlie passed around a thank you note from a family who received a monetary gift from a dress down day held prior to Christmas.

A letter from Roger Johnston was shared. Prior to Christmas, band students performed Christmas songs at several locations including the Children’s Aide Home and the Area Agency on Aging. The Area Agency on Aging sent a \$30 check to help offset transportation costs.

A report from the Meyersdale Borough Police Department detailed their involvement in patrolling the school from October through December 2016. The department reported no incidents during the three month time period.

Three Region 3 residents, Nan Johnson, Heather Reese, and Jami Reese, interested in filling the vacant board position were interviewed individually by the entire board.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Moser, seconded by Brian Deist, to have a ballot vote where board members write the first and last name of all 3 individuals interested in filling the vacancy in order of choice 1, 2 and 3.

Choice 1 Ballot Count: 4-3-1

Choice 2 Ballot Count: 4-3-1

No majority. Motion lost.

A motion was made by Tammy Witherite, seconded by Ron Donaldson, to appoint Jami Reese to fill the unexpired term of Diann Troutman.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Moser, Mrs. Witherite, Mrs. Gnagey.....4

Nays: Ms. Brooks, Mr. Deist, Mr. Schafer, Mr. Troutman .....4

Motion lost.

A motion was made by Erik Schafer, seconded by Brad Troutman, for board members to cast a ballot with the name of only one candidate. Ballot Count: 4-3-1. No majority. Motion lost.

A motion was made by Erik Schafer, seconded by Brian Deist, for members to cast a ballot voting for one of the top 2 from the previous ballot, Nan Johnson or Jami Reese. Ballot Count: 4-4. No majority. Motion lost.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Brad Troutman, to appoint Nan Johnson to fill the unexpired term of Diann Troutman.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mr. Deist, Mr. Schafer, Mr. Troutman, Ms. Brooks .....4

Nays: Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Moser, Mrs. Witherite, Mrs. Gnagey .....4

Motion lost.

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to hold a special meeting before February 16<sup>th</sup> to re-evaluate candidates interested in filling the unexpired term of Diann Troutman.

Recorded Vote: 7-1, with Mr. Troutman in opposition. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Moser, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to grant permanent certification (tenure) to Craig Tresnicky. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Moser, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to add Amber Homa to the substitute instructional aide list and the substitute nurse list pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Moser, seconded by Erik Schafer, to hire Dave Blaney as a middle school science long-term substitute teacher for the second semester, retroactive to the start of the semester, upon receipt of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district. Compensation will be equal to pre-certification Bachelor's step one, \$36,000. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Moser, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to hire Nicole Beal as an elementary special education long-term substitute teacher to fill a sabbatical leave for the second semester, retroactive to the start of the semester, upon receipt of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district. Compensation will be equal to pre-certification Bachelor's step one, \$36,000. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Donaldson, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to approve the following changes to the MASD policy manual. Copy in folder attached to minutes:

Update policies: 006, 007, 237, 251, and 827.

Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tammy Witherite, seconded by Brian Deist, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report for the High School Activities account. Copy in folder attached to minutes. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Erik Schafer, seconded by Brian Deist, to approve the following coaches, as listed, for the upcoming 2016-17 season, pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district:

- a. Cameron Gnagey – Head Track Coach
- b. John Wright – Assistant Track Coach
- c. Dara Seibert – Head Jr. High Track Coach
- d. Rich Leonard – Assistant Softball Coach
- e. Jerry Donaldson – Assistant Baseball Coach

Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Erik Schafer, seconded by Brian Deist, to approve the following volunteer coaches, as listed, for the upcoming 2016-17 seasons, pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district:

- a. Charlene Klink – Volunteer Softball Coach
- b. Tim Miller – Volunteer Softball Coach
- c. Dennis Stahl – Volunteer Softball Coach
- d. Brian Witherite – Volunteer Track Coach
- e. Ian Edwards – Volunteer Track Coach
- f. Jim Kretchman – Volunteer Track Coach

- g. Stephen Stanley – Volunteer Baseball Coach
- h. Matt Donaldson – Volunteer Baseball Coach
- i. John Wilttrout – Volunteer Baseball Coach
- j. Ryan Donaldson – Volunteer Baseball Coach

Recorded vote: 6-0-2 with Mr. Donaldson and Mrs. Witherite in abstention. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Erik Schafer, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to give approval for Dan Pletcher, Mindy Pletcher and Hannah Brant to take the Cheerleaders to Hershey Park in June, 2017. There will be no cost to the district. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Erik Schafer, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to approve a band trip to Cedar Point and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There will be no cost to the district. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Jeffrey Moser, to give permission for the Alumni Association to hold the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Banquet in the MASD cafeteria on Saturday, May 27, 2017. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to give permission for the PA Maple Festival to use the high school auditorium for rehearsal and performances of *Legend of the Magic Water* in 2017. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to give permission for the Buffalo Creek 4-H Club to use the high school home economics room for sewing project meetings to be held after school. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Moser, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.