

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2019 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Meyersdale Area School District was held Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:08 pm in the Media Center, 309 Industrial Park Road, Meyersdale, PA. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Ron Donaldson. Ron Donaldson announced that an executive session had been held prior to the board meeting.

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

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Heather Reese, to accept the resignation of Brian Witherite as Head Rifle Coach.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mr. Deist, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Gindlesperger, Mr. Stanczyk, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McKenzie.....7
Abstention: Mrs. Witherite.....1
Motion carried.

Roll Call: Members present: Gidget Brooks, Brian Deist, Jami Gindlesperger, Jeffory McKenzie, Brian Witherite, Bryan Stanczyk, Tammy Witherite, Ron Donaldson, Heather Reese.....9

Others present: Tracey Karlie-Superintendent, Jennifer Dambeck-Solicitor, Shannon Brant-Bus.Mgr./Bd. Sec., John Wilttrout-HS Principal, Wayne Miller-MS Principal, Devin Pritts-Elem. Principal, Dan Johnson-Maint. Supervisor, Craig Gindlesperger-Athletic Director, Lakyn Roadman, Alix Tipton-Student Board Representative, Patti Shaulis-MAESP, Ginger Ackerman-MASD, Terri Karlie, Julie Stahl, Andy Stahl, Dave Blaney, Angie Benning, Rene Hay- MAEA, Kevin Masciantonio-Nutrition Group, Becky Sanner, Eric Kieta-Press, Abbi Benning, Larissa Miller, Addie VanMeter-Student, Brad Troutman, Diane Troutman, Lisa Deal, Brenda Haer, Tracy Haer, Stephanie Haer, Jeffery Haer, Karen Brown, Charlie Brown, Sara VanMeter, Jessica Savage, Katrina Flamm, Britannia Oester-Citizen.

A motion was made by Tammy Witherite, seconded by Jeff McKenzie, to appoint solicitor Jennifer Dambeck temporary president. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Jennifer Dambeck administered the Oath of Office to newly elected members.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to nominate Bryan Stanczyk for President.

A motion was made by Jamie Gindlesperger, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to nominate Jeff McKenzie for President.

A motion was made by Tammy Witherite, seconded by Brian Deist, to close the nominations for President. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to appoint Bryan Stanczyk President.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mr. Witherite, Mrs. Witherite, Mrs. Reese,3
Nays: Mr. Stanczyk, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McKenzie, Mrs. Gindlesperger, Mr. Deist.....6
Motion failed

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A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Jami Gindlesperger, to appoint Jeff McKenzie President.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mr. Witherite, Mrs. Witherite, Mrs. Reese, Mr. Stanczyk, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McKenzie, Mrs. Gindlesperger, Mr. Deist.....9
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to nominate Heather Reese for Vice President.

A motion was made by Tammy Witherite, seconded by Brian Deist, to close the nominations for Vice President. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tammy Witherite, seconded by Brian Deist, to appoint Heather Reese for Vice President. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jami Gindlesperger, seconded by Brian Deist, to nominate Ron Donaldson as the Legislative Chairman.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Jami Gindlesperger, to close the nominations for Legislative Chairman. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jami Gindlesperger, seconded by Brian Deist, to appoint Ron Donaldson Legislative Chairman. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Jami Gindlesperger, to nominate Ron Donaldson as the Joint Operation Committee and Authority Representative.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Brian Witherite, to close the nominations for Joint Operation Committee and Authority Representative. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Brian Witherite, to appoint Ron Donaldson as Joint Operation Committee and Authority Representative. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jami Gindlesperger, seconded by Heather Reese, to nominate Gidget Brooks as the Alternate Joint Operation Committee and Authority Representative.

A motion was made by Brian Witherite, seconded by Heather Reese, to close the nominations for the Alternate Joint Operation Committee and Authority Representative. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jami Gindlesperger, seconded by Brian Witherite, to appoint Gidget Brooks as the Alternate Joint Operation Committee and Authority Representative.. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to nominate Tammy Witherite as the board liaison to PSBA.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Jami Gindlesperger, to close the nomination for board liaison to PSBA. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Jami Gindlesperger, to designate Tammy Witherite as the board liaison to PSBA. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Brian Deist, to recommend the next meeting to be held on January 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Comments to the Board

Attorney Dambeck addressed the audience in regards to public comments:
Comments should not include student names for confidentiality reasons
Explained the chain of command for addressing concerns to school officials
The board is not obligated to answer questions at this time
Policy dictates that only residents and taxpayers are permitted to address the board and notification of intent should be given prior to the start of the meeting.

Lisa Deal addressed the board on concerns of bullying in the school.
Brenda Haer asked that something be done to prevent bullying and recommended a program be instituted to give kids an option to speak to a counselor.
Diane Troutman spoke about bullying and questioned the ability to see the annual safety report.
Karen Brown spoke on her concerns with bullying and would like to see improved means of communication
Jessica Savage spoke on the relationship between bullying and mental health and requested a committee be formed to address these issues.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Brian Witherite to allow Brad Troutman to make public comment although he did not note his intention prior to the start of the meeting. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Brad Troutman addressed concerns on bullying in the school and the use of cell phones.

Correspondence

Dr. Karlie gave a statement on behalf of the district in regards to this difficult time for the school and community.
Recognition was received from Representative Matthew Dowling in regards to the Remarkable Raider program

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Jami Gindlesperger, to recommend approval of the minutes of the November 6, 2019 board meeting. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to approve the December treasurers' reports:

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TREASURER'S REPORT
GENERAL FUND

MEYERSDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
December 4, 2019

	Somerset Trust Company		PSDLAF
	Athletic	General	
Cash Balance 11/01/2019	\$ 6,221.60	\$ 349,613.05	\$ 2,098,601.87
RECEIPTS FOR November			
Taxes		156,713.20	
Interest on Investments	1.94	83.45	9,103.55
Investments Cashed			-
Miscellaneous/Refunds		10,965.58	
Commonwealth of PA/IUO8			460,943.00
Retiree BC/BS Payments		18,086.77	
Cafeteria		44,229.39	
Rentals		-	
Contribution from Private Source		1,084.91	
Transfer from general	8,000.00	600,000.00	
Gate Receipts	4,581.00		
Student Fees		575.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,582.94	831,738.30	470,046.55
TOTAL RECEIPTS & BEG. BAL.	18,804.54	1,181,351.35	2,568,648.42
LESS EXPEND. November	\$ 15,840.19	\$ 817,240.91	\$ 655,729.02
Balance 11/30/2019	\$ 2,964.35	\$ 364,110.44	\$ 1,912,919.40

INVESTMENTS

PLIGIT	366,531.04
PSDLAF POOL/CD	4,120,000.00
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 4,486,531.04

Capital Reserves Fund \$ 651,340.92
To be used for capital
projects only

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CAFETERIA TREASURER'S REPORT				
December 4, 2019				
Balance 11-1-19				\$113,823.77
RECEIPTS:				
Breakfast Sales		1,629.35		
Lunch Sales		8,396.00		
Ala Carte Sales		6,767.55		
Funds in Trust		(943.37)		
Interest		14.92		
Subsidies		37,743.09		
Other revenue		610.40		
Payroll		5,111.75		
Total Receipts for November				59,329.69
EXPENDITURES:				
Salaries/Benefits		44,229.39		
Contracted Service-Nutrition		26,980.33		
Cafeteria Repairs		-		
Returned Check		-		
Misc		8.89		
Total Expend. for November				71,218.61
Balance 11-30-19				<u>\$101,934.85</u>

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Jeff McKenzie to adjourn to executive session at 8:01 pm to discuss personnel matters. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jami Gindlesperger, seconded by Brian Deist, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

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 the general fund bills in the amount of \$263,795.80 and athletic fund bills in the amount of \$17,362.99. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to recommend approval of the following Personnel items:

1. Recommend approval for Chloe Thomas to attend Elements of HR in Pittsburgh on December 11, 2019. Approximate cost to the district will be:
 - i. Registration \$ 185.00
 - ii. Mileage \$ 98.95

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Total \$283.95

- 2. Recommend approval of the following be added to the substitute Instructional Aide and substitute Cafeteria list, Tiffany Fultz, Courtney Beach, and Tina Boyce pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district.
- 3. Recommend approval to add Tessa Masula and Addison Holyfield to the approved substitute teacher list for Ignite Education Solutions.

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

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Heather Reese, to recommend approval to sign Dual Enrollment agreements with the following Universities: IUP, Mt. Aloysius, California U., ACM, Penn Highlands, Delaware Valley University. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeff McKenzie, seconded by Jami Gindlesperger, to recommend approval of the following changes to the MASD policy manual:

- a. Updates to policies: 201, 204, 220, 333, 808

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

A motion was made by Tammy Witherite, seconded by Brian Deist, to recommend the following Budget and Purchasing items:

- 1. BUDGET
 - a) Recommend approval of a resolution stating Meyersdale Area School District does not plan to raise school taxes above the state index for the 2020-2021 school year. Meyersdale’s adjusted index rate is 3.7%.
- 2. PURCHASING
 - a) Recommend approval to sell the two pianos in the auditorium.

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

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Heather Reese, to recommend the following coaches be approved, as listed, for the upcoming 2019-20 seasons, pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district:

- a. Jen Knopsnyder- Volunteer Softball Coach.
- b. Eli Kerr- Volunteer Wrestling Coach

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

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Heather Reese, to accept the resignation of Brandon McIver as the Assistant Rifle Coach.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mr. Deist, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Gindlesperger, Mr. Stanczyk, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McKenzie.....7
 Abstention: Mrs. Witherite, Mr. Witherite.....2
 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Heather Reese, to approve Brandon McIver as the Head Rifle Coach.

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mr. Deist, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Gindlesperger, Mr. Stanczyk, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McKenzie.....7
Abstention: Mrs. Witherite, Mr. Witherite.....2
Motion carried

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Heather Reese, to approve Brian Witherite as a Volunteer Rifle Coach.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mr. Deist, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Gindlesperger, Mr. Stanczyk, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McKenzie.....7
Abstention: Mrs. Witherite, Mr. Witherite.....2
Motion carried

A motion was made by Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Brian Witherite to adjourn to executive session at 8:05 pm to discuss legal and safety matters. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Attorney Dambeck announced that there would be no official business conducted after the executive session. The executive session ended at 9:05 pm.