

MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2021 BOARD MEETING

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Meyersdale Area School District was held Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center, 309 Industrial Park Road, Meyersdale, PA. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jeff McKenzie.

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

Roll Call: Members present: Gidget Brooks, Heather Reese, Jeffory McKenzie, Brian Witherite, Bryan Stanczyk, Tammy Witherite, Ron Donaldson, Jami Gindlesperger8
Members absent: Brian Deist.....1

Others present: Tracey Karlie-Superintendent, Shannon Brant-Bus.Mgr./Bd. Sec., John Wilttrout-HS Principal, Wayne Miller-MS Principal, Devin Pritts-Elem. Principal, Craig Gindlesperger, Dan Johnson, Diann Troutman, and Becky Sanner (virtual).

Public comments: Diann Troutman expressed her concerns regarding the Hope for Hyndman Charter School.

A motion was made by Tammy Witherite, seconded by Heather Reese, to move to executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:12 pm

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

The board resumed regular session at 8:13 pm.

President McKenzie announced the executive session was held to discuss personnel matters and health and safety issues, including discussion of the safe schools report.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Brian Witherite, to recommend the following personnel items:

1. Recommend Juliann Isgan be hired as a certified Special Education teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, at pre-step 3 in the negotiated teacher contract, pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district.
2. Recommend approval to add Henry Bockes to the substitute custodian list, at \$10.60/hr. 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 Gidget Brooks, seconded by Heather Reese, to recommend the following academic items:

1. Recommend approval the 2021-2022 Title I Schoolwide Plan.
2. Recommend approval of the Meyersdale Area School District Health and Safety plan as presented.

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

A motion was made by Tammy Witherite, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to recommend approval of the following purchasing items:

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1. Recommend approval to update the schoolwide phone service system to the Zultys Hosted system with American Telecom at a cost of \$19,757.00 with the use of ESSER-CARES funds.
2. Recommend approval to purchase 150 Chromebooks at a cost of \$40,935.00 from BIT Direct, under PEPPM bid #528897, with the use of ESSER-CARES funds.
3. Recommend approval to purchase 80 desktops at a cost of \$43,912.00 from SHI, under the OMNIA Partners – IT Solutions contract # 2018011-02, with the use of ESSER-CARES funds.

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

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to recommend approval to purchase two (2) hot water heaters from Darr Construction at cost of \$21,400.00 which includes installation.

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

A motion was made by Brian Witherite, seconded by Heather Reese, to recommend that the Meyersdale School District join the Inter County Conference (ICC) league athletically beginning the 2022-23 season should they accept our application in the next couple of months.

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

A motion was made by Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to recommend approval to contract with R.L. Abatement Inc. to remove asbestos flooring in the band room at a cost of \$6,940.00 with the use of ESSER-CARES funds. Additional costs will be incurred for air monitoring and air clearance.

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

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm.

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