

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2022 BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Meyersdale Area School District was held Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 7:02 pm in the Media Center, 309 Industrial Park Road, Meyersdale, PA. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Reese.

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

Roll Call:

Members present: Heather Reese, Travis Smith, Brian Witherite, Ron Donaldson, Bryan Stanczyk, Celeste Decker (virtual), Darren Gnagey, Gidget Brooks.....8

Members absent: Brian Deist.....1

Others present: Tracey Karlie-Superintendent, Shannon Brant-Bus.Mgr./Bd. Sec., Ron Repak-Solicitor(virtual), John Wiltrout-H.S. Principal, Wayne Miller-M.S. Principal, Devin Pritts-Elem. Principal, Dan Johnson, Matt Gombita, Ginger Geiger, Doreen Jamison, Patti Shaulis, Lillian Clark, Melanie Reither, Cathleen Deal, Jordan Wilburn, Rene Hay, Becky Sanner, Christa Porter, John Porter.

Vice-President Reese announced that the meeting would be recorded.

Vice-President Reese announced that there was an executive session held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 for personnel items and no action was taken.

Public comments: John Porter spoke on COVID related concerns.

Correspondence: None

A motion was made by Brian Witherite, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to recommend approval of the January 5, 2022 minutes.

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

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Travis Smith, to approve the February treasurers' reports:

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TREASURER'S REPORT		MEYERSDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT		
GENERAL FUND		February 2, 2022 for December		
		Somerset Trust Company		PSDLAF
		Athletic	General	
Cash Balance 12/01/2021		\$ 7,488.83	\$ 293,328.70	\$ 6,219,160.57
RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER				
Taxes			189,680.71	
Interest on Investments		0.78	31.47	23.62
Investments Cashed			1,700,000.00	
Miscellaneous/Refunds		177.14	1,357.59	
Commonwealth of PA/IUO8			-	1,809,872.89
Retiree BC/BS Payments			9,209.14	
Cafeteria				17,614.48
Rentals			-	
Contribution from Private Source			25,000.00	
Transfer from general		8,000.00		
Gate Receipts		516.00		
Student Fees			100.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		8,693.92	1,925,378.91	1,827,510.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS & BEG. BAL.		16,182.75	2,218,707.61	8,046,671.56
LESS EXPEND. DECEMBER		\$ 5,043.89	\$2,100,942.51	\$ 1,734,395.33
Balance 12/31/2021		\$ 11,138.86	\$ 117,765.10	\$ 6,312,276.23
INVESTMENTS				
PLGIT			\$368,799.50	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			<u>\$368,799.50</u>	
Capital Reserves Fund				
PLGIT	\$	379,224.04		
Somerset Trust Co.	\$	42.21		
TOTAL	<u>\$</u>	<u>379,266.25</u>		
To be used for capital projects only				

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CAFETERIA TREASURER'S REPORT				
February 2, 2022 for December				
Balance 12-1-2021				\$ 95,058.76
RECEIPTS:				
Breakfast Sales		163.40		
Lunch Sales		666.90		
Ala Carte Sales		3,748.50		
Funds in Trust		(579.02)		
Interest		11.03		
Subsidies		17,614.48		
Other revenue		65.85		
Payroll		-		
Total Receipts for December				21,691.14
EXPENDITURES:				
Salaries/Benefits		-		
Contracted Service-Nutrition		24,950.03		
Cafeteria Repairs		-		
Returned Check		40.00		
Misc (VOID)		(6.90)		
Total Expend. for December				24,983.13
Balance 12-31-2021				\$ 91,766.77

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

A motion was made by Celeste Decker, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to approve payment of the general fund bills in the amount of \$354,051.52 and the athletic fund bills in the amount of \$3,298.01.

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 of the following personnel items:

1. Recommend approval to add Alexander Schrock, Julia Simpkins, Ashely Respet, Bryanna (Yahnert) Keiser RN, Billie Johnson, Mirissa Murdock RN, Tamara Nichols to the approved substitute teacher list for Ignite Education Solutions, pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district.
2. Recommend approval of the following salary increase for support employees on a tiered basis:

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- 0-10 years of service \$1.00/hr.
- 11-20 years of service \$.50/hr.
- 21+ years of service \$.25/hr.

This increase will be presented to the Meyersdale Area Education Support Professionals in the form of a MOA for their consideration. The salary increase will become effective at the start of the next pay period following approval of the support professionals. Copy in folder attached to minutes.

3. Recommend approval for Bonnie Miller be added to the Substitute Secretary and Cafeteria Substitute list, pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district.
4. Recommend approval for Claire Hotchkiss be added to the Substitute Aide list, pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district.

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

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Brian Witherite, to recommend the following Academic items:

1. Recommend approval for Cassie Arnold to take eleventh graders to a college fair at the SCTC center on April 5, 2022. Approximate cost to the district:

a. <u>Bus</u>	<u>\$114.00</u>
Total	\$114.00
2. Recommend approval for the Elementary After School Program to go to Seven Springs on Feb 10, 2022 snow tubing.

a. Bus	\$155.00
b. <u>Passes</u>	<u>\$1662.00</u>
Total	\$1817.00
3. Recommend approval for the High School After School Program to use the school van to go to the Wisp in February 2022. Approximate cost to the district is \$700.00.

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

The consensus of the board was to review the remaining items on the agenda and return to a discussion of the Health and Safety plan at the end of the meeting.

A motion was made by Brian Witherite, seconded by Celeste Decker, to recommend the following policies be presented for review and will be recommended for approval at the March 2, 2022 board meeting:

- a. Updated policies: 249, 610, 611, 626, and 800.1

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

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A motion was made by Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Celeste Decker, to recommend approval of the following budget items:

- a. Approval of the 2nd quarter report for the High School Activities account
- b. Approval of the 2nd quarter report for the Middle School Activities account.

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

A motion was made by Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to recommend the following items under purchasing:

- a. Recommend approval to keep the old Drivers Education Car for use as a spare vehicle.
- b. Recommend approval to purchase furniture and classroom supplies for the elementary media center at a cost of \$11,122 with the use of ESSER funds.
- c. Recommend approval to purchase supplies for Mrs. Wiltrout's classroom at a cost of \$2,897 with the use of ESSER funds.
- d. Recommend approval to purchase furniture for Mr. Gindlesperger's office and conference room at a cost of \$3,391 with the use of ESSER funds.
- e. Recommend approval to contract with Flooring Solutions By Houpt LLC. under Omnia contract #R171703, to replace carpet with vinyl flooring in the elementary hallways, high school classrooms, and the auditorium at the cost of \$262,450.00 with the use of ESSER funds.
- f. Recommend approval to purchase a double gas convection oven from Superior Sales, Co. at a cost of \$15,995.00. The district has been awarded \$11,995 from the 2021 Food Service Equipment Grant and the additional \$4,000 will come from the general fund. (The additional cost is due to the volatility and supply shortages of the current market.)

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

A motion was made by Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Brian Witherite, to recommend the tax collectors be exonerated from collecting the 2021 delinquent per capita tax and that JP Harris be appointed to collect the delinquent per capita tax.

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

A motion was made by Travis Smith, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to recommend the following athletics and extracurricular items:

1. Recommend the following coach(es) be approved, as listed, for the upcoming 2021-22 sporting seasons, pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district:
 - a. Tim Miller – Softball Head Varsity
 - b. Jeff Hobbs, Jr. – Softball Junior High
 - c. Jeff Daniels – Softball Volunteer
 - d. Paul Bud Howsare – Head Varsity Baseball
 - e. Glen Hetz – Assistant Varsity Baseball

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- f. Ryan Vogt – Junior High Baseball
- g. Jerry Donaldson – Volunteer Baseball
- h. Wayne Miller – Volunteer Baseball
- i. Brady McKenzie – Baseball Volunteer
- j. Tanner Krause – Baseball Volunteer
- k. Doug Whitfield – Baseball Volunteer
- l. Dan Steinberg – Baseball Volunteer
- m. Dara Seibert – Assistant Track
- n. Erin Miller – Track Volunteer
- o. Scott Hutchinson – Softball Volunteer
- p. D.J Donaldson – Softball Volunteer
- q. David Daughton – Softball Volunteer
- r. Frank Long – Softball Volunteer
- s. Jim Kretchman – Track Volunteer
- t. Denny Hainsworth – Softball Volunteer

- 2. Recommend approval for the Meyersdale Area School District join the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference for all sports beginning the 2023-2024 school year.

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

A motion was made by Ron Donaldson, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to recommend permission for the Meyersdale Girls' Softball League to utilize the Softball facilities for 2022, when they are not in use by the MAHS Softball team.

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

By consensus of the board, a return to discussion on the Meyersdale Area School District Health and Safety Plan in regards to COVID items including quarantining, masking and contact tracing.

A motion was made by Brian Witherite, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to move to executive session at 8:26 pm to discuss personnel and safety issues.

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

The regular meeting resumed at 9:27 pm.

The following motions are made with respect to the Health and Safety plan and include the following changes:

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Ron Donaldson to: move to a 5 day quarantine for positive cases, and upon return:

Individual must wear a mask for 5 days

Or

No mask with a medical exemption or a negative test

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Or

Won't mask - parent must supply a negative test result from a physician or a physician clearance.
Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Heather Reese, to no longer do contact tracing outside of the school

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Smith, Reese, Witherite, Stanczyk, Gnagey, Brooks, Decker, Donaldson.....8
Nays:0
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Heather Reese, to no longer do contact tracing within the school.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reese, Stanczyk, Brooks, Decker, Smith.....5
Nays: Witherite, Gnagey, Donaldson3
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Heather Reese, to no longer do contact tracing on the buses but leave it to the PA Dept. of Health.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stanczyk, Gnagey, Brooks, Decker, Smith, Reese, Donaldson7
Nays: Witherite1
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Heather Reese, in regards to a household contact: as long as a household member is asymptomatic or has not tested positive within 24 hours the person will not be quarantined.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Decker, Smith, Reese, Witherite, Stanczyk, Gnagey, Brooks7
Nays: Donaldson.....1
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Celeste Decker, in the case of Meyersdale school sanctioned activities, a positive test will have a 5 day quarantine, followed by a 5 day masking, including the activity, or supply a negative test result from a physician or a physician clearance

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Decker, Smith, Reese, Witherite, Stanczyk, Gnagey, Brooks, Donaldson...8
Nays:.....0
Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to make these changes effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Decker, Smith, Reese, Witherite, Stanczyk, Gnagey, Brooks, Donaldson...8

Nays:.....0

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Travis Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 pm.

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