

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2023 BOARD MEETING

The re-organizational meeting of the Board of Directors of the Meyersdale Area School District was held Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:02 pm in the Media Center, 309 Industrial Park Road, Meyersdale, PA. The meeting was called to order by President, Brian Deist.

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

Roll Call:

Members present: Mandy Marteney, Brian Deist, Missy Platt, Ron Donaldson, Matt Bennett, Mark Ferris, Bryan Stanczyk, Celeste Decker, Travis Smith.....9
Members absent:0

Others present: Tracey Karlie-Superintendent, Shannon Brant-Bus.Mgr./Bd. Sec., Tom King, Solicitor (Virtual), John Wiltrout-HS Principal, Wayne Miller – MS Principal, Devin Pritts-Elem. Principal, Dan Johnson, Leigh Deist, Patti Shaulis, Craig Gindlesperger, Matt Gombita, Laurel Daniels, Bailey Knotts.

Tom King, solicitor, was appointed as temporary chair.

Dr. Karlie performed the Oath of Office for the newly elected members; Brian Deist, Ron Donaldson, Mark Ferris, Mandy Marteney, Melissa Platt and Bryan Stanczyk.

Brian Deist made a motion to nominate Celeste Decker for President, hearing no other nominations, a motion was made by Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Travis Smith, to close nominations for President. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote to elect Celeste Decker for the Office of President
Ayes: Decker, Stanczyk, Ferris, Marteney, Platt, Bennett, Smith, Deist.....8
Nays: Donaldson1
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Celeste Decker to nominate Brian Deist for Vice President, hearing no other nominations, a motion was made by Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Mark Ferris, to close nominations for Vice President. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote to elect Brian Deist for the Office of Vice President
Ayes: Bennett, Ferris, Stanczyk, Platt, Marteney, Deist, Decker, Smith.....8
Nays: Donaldson1
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to appoint Celeste Decker as the Legislative Chair. Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Celeste Decker, seconded by Brian Deist, to appoint Ron Donaldson as the Joint Operation Committee and Authority Representative.

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

A motion was made by Mark Ferris, seconded by Brian Deist, to appoint Travis Smith 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 Celeste Decker, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to elect Brian Deist as the board liaison to PSBA.

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

Celeste Decker assumed the role of President at this time.

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Mark Ferris, to recommend approval of the 2024 meeting dates and times. Copy in folder attached to minutes.

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

Public comments: None

A motion was made by Brian Deist, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to recommend approval of the November 1, 2023 minutes.

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

A motion was made by Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Missy Platt, to approve the December treasurers' reports:

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MEYERSDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT				
TREASURER'S REPORT				
GENERAL FUND				
DECEMBER 6, 2023 for OCTOBER				
		SOMERSET TRUST CO	PSDLAF	PLGIT
		General	Investments	Investments
Cash Balance 10/01/2023		\$ 265,182.04	\$ 6,321,034.34	\$ 387,591.26
RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER				
Taxes		\$ 962,059.46		
Interest on Investments		\$ 76.33	\$ 27,004.07	\$ 1,700.05
Investments Cashed		\$ 500,000.00		
Miscellaneous/Refunds		\$ 229.73		
Commonwealth of PA/IUO8		\$ 167,347.50	\$ 1,283,401.73	
Retiree BC/BS Payments		\$ 1,259.38		
Cafeteria		\$ 65,889.84	\$ 8,801.25	
Rentals				
Contribution from Private Source		\$ 151.05		
Transfer from general				
Gate Receipts		\$ 5,478.50		
Student Fees				
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 1,702,491.79	\$ 1,319,207.05	\$ 1,700.05
TOTAL RECEIPTS & BEG. BAL.		\$ 1,967,673.83	\$ 7,640,241.39	\$ 389,291.31
LESS EXPEND. OCTOBER		\$ 1,204,769.72	\$ 527,435.53	\$ -
Balance 10/31/2023		\$ 762,904.11	\$ 7,112,805.86	\$ 389,291.31
Capital Reserves Fund				
	PLGIT	\$ 401,019.92		
	Somerset Trust Co.	\$ 42.21		
	TOTAL	\$ 401,062.13		
Capital projects only				

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CAFETERIA TREASURER'S REPORT				
DECEMBER 6, 2023 for October				
Balance 10-1-2023				\$237,510.05
RECEIPTS:				
Breakfast Sales		246.53		
Lunch Sales		1,490.15		
Ala Carte Sales		\$ 6,472.30		
Funds in Trust		\$ (959.10)		
Interest		\$ 18.81		
Subsidies		\$ 8,801.25		
Other revenue		\$ 1,821.12		
Payroll		<u>\$ 7,141.53</u>		
Total Receipts for October				\$ 25,032.59
EXPENDITURES:				
Salaries/Benefits		\$ 65,889.84		
Contracted Service-Nutrition		\$ 38,987.68		
Cafeteria Repairs		\$ 407.80		
Returned Check		\$ -		
Misc		<u>\$ 189.71</u>		
Total Expend. for October				\$105,475.03
Balance 10-31-2023				\$157,067.61

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

A motion was made by Mark Ferris, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to approve payment of the general fund bills in the amount of \$536,825.69.

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

President Decker announced there was an executive session held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

A motion was made by Mark Ferris seconded by Brian Deist, to recommend approval of the following items under Personnel:

1. Recommend approval to add Zoey Hayman to the approved substitute nurses list and Symantha Yutzky 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 acceptance of the resignation of Lisa Lenhart, cafeteria worker, effective December 22, 2023 for the purpose of retirement.
3. Recommend approval for Meyersdale Area School District to be a clinical site for SCTC Practical Nursing students.
4. Recommend approval for Ginger Ackerman to attend the 2024 PDE Data Summit in Hershey, PA on March 11 and 12, 2024. Approximate cost to the district is:
 - a. Registration \$325.00
 - b. Mileage \$211.70
 - c. Hotel \$170.00
 - Total \$706.70

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

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A motion was made by Mark Ferris, seconded by Brian Deist, to recommend Tiffany Miller be hired as a Personal Care Aide/Instructional Aide at the rate of 10.50 per hr., pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bennett, Ferris, Stanczyk, Platt, Marteney, Deist, Decker, Donaldson, Smith.....9
Nays:0
Abstain:0

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Ferris, seconded by Brian Deist, to recommend approval of the following items under Academic Education:

1. Recommend approval to continue the Dual Enrollment agreement with Del Valley for Agriculture classes.
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 Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Travis Smith, to recommend the following items under Purchasing and Tax Collection:

Purchasing

1. Recommend approval to negotiate a contract with Kevin Yoder from Appalachian Engineering Group LLC for preliminary plans and drawings for a stadium multi-purpose building.

Tax Collection

1. Recommend approval of a resolution stating Meyersdale Area School District does not plan to raise school taxes above the state index for the 2024-2025 school year. Meyersdale’s adjusted index rate is 7.5%

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

A motion was made by Travis Smith, seconded by Brian Deist, to recommend the following coach(es) and volunteer(s) be approved, as listed, for the upcoming 2023-24 sporting seasons, pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district:

- a. Roger Beal – Boy’s basketball volunteer
- b. Jim Kretchman – Boy’s basketball volunteer
- c. Valerie Brant – Girl’s Basketball volunteer
- d. Drake Gindlesperger – Wrestling volunteer
- e. Becky Hetz – Rifle Volunteer

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

A motion was made by Ron Donaldson, seconded by Brian Deist, to recommend permission for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Fayette-Somerset Counties to use the elementary forum every Tuesday (when school is in session) starting January 23, 2024 – April 16, 2024 after dismissal.

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

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Consensus of the board in regards to committees for 2024.

- There will be a board committee meeting December 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm to select committees and chairpersons.
- The Committee of the Whole will hold a work session on the last Wednesday of each month during 2024, at 6:00 pm, to review the agenda for the following weeks meeting.
- The official board meeting will take place on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Travis Smith, seconded by Missy Platt, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:34 pm.
Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

**Note Mark Ferris left the meeting at 7:55 pm