

MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2023 BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Meyersdale Area School District was held Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:05 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: Travis Smith, Mark Ferris, Ron Donaldson, Bryan Stanczyk, Celeste Decker, Missy Platt, Brian Deist, Gidget Brooks, Heather Reese.....9  
Members absent: .....0

Others present: Tracey Karlie-Superintendent, Shannon Brant-Bus.Mgr./Bd. Sec., Ron Repak-Solicitor (virtual), John Wiltout – HS Principal, Wayne Miller – MS Principal, Devin Pritts-Elem. Principal, Ken Klink, Craig Gindlesperger, Lillian Clark, Laurel Daniels, Matt Gombita, Patti Shaulis, Buffy Schurg, Bernie Donaldson, Lisa Comfort, Aurora Comfort.

Public comments: Lisa Comfort and Aurora Comfort both spoke about opportunities for a girls’ wrestling program.

Correspondence: None

President Deist announced there was an executive session following the April 5, 2023 board meeting with no official action taken.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Celeste Decker, to recommend approval of the April 5, 2023 minutes.

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

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A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Celeste Decker, to approve the May treasurers' reports:

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>		<b>MEYERSDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>May 3, 2023 for March</b>		
		<b>Somerset Trust Company</b>		<b>PSDLAF</b>
		Athletic	General	
<b>Cash Balance 3/01/2023</b>		<b>\$ 2,147.63</b>	<b>\$ 192,418.61</b>	<b>\$ 7,170,074.98</b>
<b>RECEIPTS FOR MARCH</b>				
Taxes			55,242.52	
Interest on Investments		0.62	28.25	24,973.16
Investments Cashed			1,600,000.00	
Miscellaneous/Refunds		96.07	1,754.10	
Commonwealth of PA/IUO8				772,823.14
Retiree BC/BS Payments			6,867.31	
Cafeteria			43,383.46	54,410.53
Rentals				
Contribution from Private Source			750.00	
Transfer from general		10,000.00		
Gate Receipts				
Student Fees			200.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>10,096.69</b>	<b>1,708,225.64</b>	<b>852,206.83</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS &amp; BEG. BAL.</b>		<b>12,244.32</b>	<b>1,900,644.25</b>	<b>8,022,281.81</b>
<b>LESS EXPEND. MARCH</b>		<b>\$ 8,755.79</b>	<b>\$1,694,069.71</b>	<b>\$ 1,671,909.96</b>
<b>Balance 3/31/2023</b>		<b>\$ 3,488.53</b>	<b>\$ 206,574.54</b>	<b>\$ 6,350,371.85</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>				
PLGIT			\$378,131.10	
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>			<u>\$378,131.10</u>	
<b>Capital Reserves Fund</b>				
PLGIT	\$	389,277.64		
Somerset Trust Co.	\$	42.21		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$</u>	<u>389,319.85</u>		
To be used for capital projects only				

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<b>CAFETERIA TREASURER'S REPORT</b>				
<b>MAY 3, 2023 for MARCH</b>				
<b>Balance 3-1-2023</b>				<b>\$205,306.23</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Breakfast Sales		241.70		
Lunch Sales		1,125.45		
Ala Carte Sales		6,386.35		
Funds in Trust		(824.43)		
Interest		19.79		
Subsidies		54,410.53		
Other revenue		416.80		
Payroll		5,276.20		
Total Receipts for March				67,052.39
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Salaries/Benefits		43,383.46		
Contracted Service-Nutrition		36,078.36		
Cafeteria Repairs		297.58		
Returned Check		-		
Misc		707.67		
Total Expend. for March				80,467.07
<b>Balance 3-31-2023</b>				<b>\$191,891.55</b>

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

A motion was made by Celeste Decker, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to approve payment of the general fund bills in the amount of \$459,064.09 and the athletic fund bills in the amount of \$7,240.10.

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 items under Personnel:

1. The board of school directors authorizes the school district staff, at the discretion of the Superintendent, to work their summer hours in a four-day work week, Monday-Thursday from June 5, 2023 to August 17, 2023, in order to promote energy savings for the district. Such board authorization will be an annual resolution for a summer hour work schedule.
2. Recommend approval to add Baylee Frampton 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.
3. Recommend approval of MOU with the Meyersdale Area Education Association for supplemental pay for Summer School Program.
4. Recommend approval of MOU with the Meyersdale Area Education Support Professionals Association for supplemental pay for Summer School Program.

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

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A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to recommend acceptance of the articles of agreement with the Meyersdale Area Education Association that ends June 30, 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stanczyk, Platt, Decker, Smith, Ferris, Brooks, Deist, Reese.....8  
Nays: .....0  
Abstain: Donaldson .....1

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Celeste Decker, to recommend the following salaries be set for pre-certification steps in the negotiated teachers' contract:

- Bachelor's Pre-Certification Step One (1) - \$39,000,
- Bachelor's Pre-Certification Step Two (2) - \$41,000,
- Bachelor's Pre-Certification Step Three (3) - \$43,000,

Master's degree will earn an additional \$1,000 each of the starting three years.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stanczyk, Platt, Decker, Smith, Donaldson, Ferris, Brooks, Deist, Reese.....9  
Nays: .....0  
Abstain: .....0

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Celeste Decker, to recommend Gracen Miller be hired as a certified Special Education teacher, beginning with the 2023-24 school year, at pre-step one in the negotiated teacher contract, pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stanczyk, Platt, Decker, Smith, Donaldson, Ferris, Brooks, Deist, Reese.....9  
Nays: .....0  
Abstain: .....0

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Celeste Decker, to recommend Elizabeth Miller be hired as a certified Special Education teacher, beginning with the 2023-24 school year, at the first step in the negotiated teacher contract, pending completion of all relevant clearances and other paperwork and acceptance thereof by the district.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stanczyk, Platt, Decker, Smith, Donaldson, Ferris, Brooks, Deist, Reese.....9  
Nays: .....0  
Abstain: .....0

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to recommend approval of the Act 93 Agreement for John Wiltout as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stanczyk, Platt, Decker, Smith, Donaldson, Ferris, Brooks, Deist, Reese.....9  
Nays: .....0  
Abstain: .....0

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Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to recommend approval of the Act 93 Agreement for Dr. Wayne Miller as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stanczyk, Platt, Decker, Smith, Donaldson, Ferris, Brooks, Deist, Reese.....9  
Nays: .....0  
Abstain: .....0

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to recommend approval of the Act 93 Agreement for Devin Pritts as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stanczyk, Platt, Decker, Smith, Donaldson, Ferris, Brooks, Deist, Reese.....9  
Nays: .....0  
Abstain: .....0

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Heather Reese, to recommend approval of the following items under Academic Education:

1. Recommend approval for Katie Howard and Labrina Ritchey to take the band (8<sup>th</sup> grade -12<sup>th</sup> grade) to Nashville, TN February 29, 2024 – March 3, 2024. Approximate cost to the district is:
 

a. <u>Substitute</u>	\$300.00
Total	\$300.00
2. Recommend Mark Lowery (2004 graduate) be approved as the graduation speaker at a stipend of \$100.
3. Recommend approval of the list of students graduating on June 3, 2023 pending satisfactory completion of graduation requirements.
4. Recommend approval to sign Dual Enrollment agreements with the following Universities: Penn Highlands Community College and Shippensburg University.

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

A motion was made by Celeste Decker, seconded by Mark Ferris, to recommend approval of the following items under Legislation and Policy:

1. Recommend approval of the following changes to the MASD policy manual:  
Updates to policies: 137, 137.1, 137.2, 137.3, 246, 626.1
2. A Motion is made to authorize the District to enter into an Attorney-Client Fee Contract with the Frantz Law Group, ALPC, 402 West Broadway, Suite 860, San Diego, California, 92101, and Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, LLP, 128 West Cunningham Street, Butler, Pennsylvania, 16001, and (insert solicitor if applicable), Ron Repak, for the commencement of a legal action against the Social Media Companies (Meta, Tik Tok, YouTube, etc.) Said action shall be for the purpose of claiming money damages.  
The Attorney-Client Fee Contract shall provide for a Contingent Fee of Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of any recovery. Expenses needed to fund the litigation shall be advanced by Frantz Law Group, APLC, and deducted from any recovery. The District shall not be responsible for any fee

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or cost reimbursement in the event that there is no recovery in the action.

The School Board President and/or District Superintendent are authorized to sign the Attorney-Client Fee Contract.

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

A motion was made by Celeste Decker, seconded by Mark Ferris, to authorize the solicitor to quiet title the SJ Miller property.

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

A motion was made by Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Heather Reese, to recommend approval to transfer fund balances as presented and create two new fund balances; special education and cyber/charter. Copy in folder attached to minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stanczyk, Platt, Decker, Smith, Donaldson, Ferris, Brooks, Deist, Reese.....	9
Nays: .....	0
Abstain: .....	0

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Heather Reese, to recommend adoption of the 2023-2024 Proposed Final General Budget in the amount of \$16,519,110 and authorize it be advertised for final adoption on June 7, 2023. This includes a tax increase of 1.39 mills.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stanczyk, Platt, Decker, Smith, Donaldson, Ferris, Brooks, Deist, Reese.....	9
Nays: .....	0
Abstain: .....	0

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bryan Stanczyk, seconded by Celeste Decker, to recommend approval of the revised 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report for the High 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:

1. Recommend approval of the Extended Family Programs letter of agreement for behavioral support and educational services and for behavioral intervention staff for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
2. Recommend approval of the Camco Physical and Occupational Therapy agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

A motion was made by Travis Smith, seconded by Heather Reese, 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. Cody Stewart – 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Football Coach
- b. Bobby Hartman – 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Football Coach
- c. Riley Whitfield – Volunteer Football Coach

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- d. Glen Hetz – Volunteer Football Coach
- e. Keith Walker – Volunteer Football Coach
- f. D.J. Donaldson – Volunteer Football Coach
- g. Trenton Swan – Volunteer Football Coach
- h. Drake Gindlesperger – Volunteer Football Coach
- i. Josh Bolden – Head Jr. High Football Coach
- j. Duck Donaldson – Assistant Jr. High Football Coach
- k. Tony DiPasquale – Volunteer Football Coach
- l. Joe Brown – Volunteer Football Coach
- m. John Harvy – Volunteer Football Coach
- n. Chris Hutzell – Assistant Cross-Country Coach

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

A motion was made by Travis Smith, seconded by Heather Reese, 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. Ryan Donaldson – Head Varsity Football Coach
- b. Jerry Donaldson – 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Football Coach

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stanczyk, Platt, Decker, Smith, Ferris, Brooks, Deist, Reese.....8  
 Nays: .....0  
 Abstain: Donaldson.....1

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Travis Smith, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to recommend the following items under Athletics & Extracurricular:

- 1. Recommend approval that the Salisbury School District form a band cooperative agreement for Band, with Meyersdale being the host, effective the 2023-2024 school year.
- 2. Recommend approval of the revision for the Turkeyfoot and Meyersdale band cooperative agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Celeste Decker, to move to executive session to discuss personnel matters. President Deist announced there would be no official business after the executive session ends.

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

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Bryan Stanczyk, to close the regular meeting at 8:16 pm.

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