

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VOTING MEETING HELD ON MAY 16, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cindy Cook, President, called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present:

Cindy Cook, President
Terri Ellinwood, Secretary
Tom Karczewski, Member
Michele Manno, Member
Ronald Miller, Vice President
Carla Schriver, Member
Darcelle Slappy, Member
Kayla Stevenson, Member
Dr. Donna Nugent, Superintendent
Tony Giglio, Solicitor
Gary Ceccarelli, Business Manager
Joyce Depenhart, Director of Student Services
Mary Beth Leeman, Special Education Compliance Director
Doug Rowe, High School Principal
Dave Woods, High School Assistant Principal
Tom House, Middle School Principal
Josh Ginther, Middle School Assistant Principal
Bryan Fabyanic, Central Elementary Principal
Jonell Egan, Central Elementary Assistant Principal
Chad Thomas, Big Beaver Principal
Rodney Bobin, Technology Director
Chris Posset, Director of Physical Plant
Jim Carbone, Athletic Director

Absent:

Susan Smith, Treasurer

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Tom Karczewski and seconded by Ron Miller that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Voting Meeting held on April 18, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve the following bills for payment:

General Fund - \$1,427,214.63

Motion was passed unanimously.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve the following financial reports:

- Treasurer’s Report – April 2024
- Revised Treasurer’s Report – March 2024
- Budget Recap – April 2024
- Student Activities Fund – April 2024

Motion was passed unanimously.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a Thank You card from the Seniors who attend the Senior Trip to Disney.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

PRESENTATION: National AGOLA Tournament - Gifted Students
Representative Jim Marshall – Presentation

INFORMATIONAL: Medical Opt-Out Incentive

1. PERSONNEL

A. Resignations

- 1. Ms. Catherine Brown has submitted her letter of resignation as a cafeteria server at Central Elementary School effective April 24, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve Catherine Brown’s resignation as a cafeteria server at Central Elementary School effective April 24, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

- 2. Ms. Tonya Romigh has submitted her letter of resignation as a cafeteria server at the Middle School effective June 7, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve Tonya Romigh’s resignation as a cafeteria server at the Middle School effective June 7, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

- 3. Miss Bella Posset has submitted her letter of resignation as Central Elementary School secretary effective June 7, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Carla Schriver and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve Bella Posset’s resignation as Central Elementary School secretary effective June 7, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

B. Leave of Absence

1. Mrs. Darcy Clark is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning April 29 through May 24, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Carla Schriver and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve Darcy Clark's request for a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning April 29 through May 24, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Ryan Houk is requesting a ½ day unpaid leave for Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and two unpaid leave days for May 14 & 16, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Carla Schriver and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve Ryan Houk's request for a ½ day unpaid leave for Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and two unpaid leave days for May 14 & 16, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

3. Mrs. Paige Grim is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning September 13, 2024 through January 5, 2025.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve Paige Grim's request for a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning September 13, 2024 through January 5, 2025.

Motion was passed unanimously.

C. Appointments

1. The Administration recommends appointing Tiffany Slappy as the secretary at Central Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$18.40 per hour effective May 17, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve appointing Tiffany Slappy as the secretary at Central Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$18.40 per hour effective May 17, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

2. The Administration recommends appointing Najhier Troy-Payne as a para-professional at Central Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$15.65 per hour effective May 17, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve appointing Najhier Troy-Payne as a para-professional at Central Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$15.65 per hour effective May 17, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

3. The Food Service Director recommends appointing Joyce McCutcheon as a server in the Central Elementary School cafeteria at a Step 1 rate of \$14.37 per hour effective May 17, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve appointing Joyce McCutcheon as a server in the Central Elementary School cafeteria at a Step 1 rate of \$14.37 per hour effective May 17, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION:

Ayes – Cook, Karczewski, Manno, Miller, Schriver, Slappy, Stevenson

Nays – Ellinwood

Motion was passed by a vote of 7-1.

4. The Building & Grounds Director recommends appointing Tom Beighey as a maintenance worker at a Step 1 rate of \$23.17 per hour effective June 17, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve appointing Tom Beighey as a maintenance worker at a Step 1 rate of \$23.17 per hour effective Jun 17, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

5. The Building & Grounds Director recommends appointing Monica Box as a custodian at a Step 1 rate of \$19.83 per hour effective July 1, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Tom Karczewski and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve appointing Monica Box as a custodian at a Step 1 rate of \$19.83 per hour effective July 1, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

6. The Athletic Director recommends appointing the following football coaching staff effective the 2024/2025 school year:
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| 1. Jacarri Cleckley, Assistant Varsity | \$3,800 |
| 2. Michael Nardone, Assistant Varsity | \$3,800 |
| 3. Dwight Collins, Assistant Varsity | \$3,000 |
| 4. Bryan Weaver, Assistant Varsity | \$2,700 |
| 5. Marlo Cleckley, Assistant Varsity | \$2,700 |
| 6. Devin Little, Assistant Varsity | \$2,300 |
| 7. Pete Lyons, Head Jr. High | \$1,800 |
| 8. Phil Clark, Assistant Jr. High | Volunteer |
| 9. Gregg Frankhauser, Assistant Varsity | Volunteer |
| 10. Donovan Jeter, Assistant Varsity | Volunteer |
| 11. Zach Mooney, Assistant Jr. High | Volunteer |
| 12. Mark Wildes, Assistant Jr. High | Volunteer |

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Carla Shriver that the Board approve appointing the football coaching staff effective the 2024/2025 school year.

Motion was passed unanimously.

7. The Athletic Director recommends appointing Anthony Griswold as a Jr. High Assistant Baseball coach effective the 2023/2024 school year at a salary of \$1,300.00.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve appointing Anthony Griswold as a Jr. High Assistant Baseball coach effective the 2023/2024 school year at a salary of \$1,300.00.

Motion was passed unanimously.

D. Addition to the Custodial Substitute List

The Building and Grounds Director recommends adding Robert Franconeri to the custodial substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Shriver that the Board approve adding Robert Franconeri to the custodial substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

Motion was passed unanimously.

E. Additions to the 2023-2024 Instructional/Non-Instructional Substitute List

The Administration recommends approving the additions to the 2023-2024 Instructional/Non-Instructional Substitute list.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve the additions to the 2023-2024 Instructional/Non-Instructional Substitute List.

Motion was passed unanimously.

2. ADOPTION OF THE PRELIMINARY FINAL 2024/2025 BUDGET

The Administration recommends adoption of the 2024/2025 Preliminary Final Budget in the amount of \$37,295,606. The proposed budget includes an approximate 1.1 mill tax increase. It will be available for public inspection in the Business Office beginning May 17, 2024. Final adoption will be June 20, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve adopting the 2024/2025 Preliminary Final Budget in the amount of \$37,295,606. The proposed budget includes an approximate 1.1 mill tax increase. It will be available for public inspection in the Business Office beginning May 17, 2024. Final adoption will be June 20, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

3. BEAVER FALLS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024

The Administration recommends approval of the Beaver Falls High School graduating Class of 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve the Beaver Falls High School graduating Class of 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

4. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

- A. Mr. Goode is requesting permission to take 30-40 band students to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, June 1, 2024.
- B. Mrs. Gossett and Mrs. Markle are requesting permission to take 20 students to the Double Tree Hotel and Ichiban Restaurant in Cranberry, PA on Friday, May 31, 2024.
- C. Ms. Fryer is requesting permission to take 15 students to Living Treasures Animal Park in New Castle, PA on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. All expenses will be paid by the BBF Education Foundation.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Ron Miller that the Board approve the above field trips on dates and at locations as listed.

Motion was passed unanimously.

5. SCHOOL BOARD TREASURER

The Board of Education recommends appointing Susan Smith as the School Board's Treasurer who will serve for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Tom Karczewski that the Board approve appointing Susan Smith as the School Board's Treasurer who will service for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

6. AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Administration recommends approval of the proposal from Medic Rescue to provide ambulance service for the 2024/2025 school year at an approximate cost of \$3,500.00.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve the proposal from Medic Rescue to provide ambulance service for the 2024/2025 school year at an approximate cost of \$3,500.00.

Motion was passed unanimously.

7. KUBECK & KUBECK, LP TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL SETTLEMENT

The Administration recommends approving the settlement in the Kubeck & Kubeck, LP tax assessment appeal for four parcels of property located in the City of Beaver Falls as recommended by the solicitor. The settlement decreases the total 2024 reassessment of all parcels from \$2,446,400 to \$1,967,400 which reflects a school tax reduction of \$5,418 from the original 2024 reassessment. The settlement reflects an overall tax increase of \$13,622 from 2023 to 2024 due to the countywide reassessment.

MOTION

Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the settlement in the Kubeck & Kubeck, LP tax assessment appeal for four parcels of property located in the City of Beaver Falls as recommended by the solicitor. The settlement decreases the total 2024 reassessment of all parcels from \$2,446,400 to \$1,967,400 which reflects a school tax reduction of \$5,418 from the original 2024 reassessment. The settlement reflects an overall tax increase of \$13,622 from 2023 to 2024 due to the countywide reassessment.

Motion was passed unanimously.

8. HIGH SCHOOL ROOF GRANT RESOLUTION

The Director of Building and Grounds recommends adoption of the Public School Facility Grant Resolution authorizing the Big Beaver Falls Area School District to apply for the DCED Grant to replace the high school roof for approximately 2 million dollars with matching funds of 25% of the total project.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board approve adoption of the Public School Facility Grant Resolution authorizing the Big Beaver Falls Area School District to apply for the DCED Grant to replace the high school roof for approximately 2 million dollars with matching funds of 25% of the total project.

Motion was passed unanimously.

9. REVISED MCCARTER TRANSIT CONTRACT

The Administration recommends approving the one-year contract revision to McCarter Transit increasing the yearly percentage from 2.3% to 4.6% for the 2024/2025 school year.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve the one-year contract revision to McCarter Transit increasing the yearly percentage from 2.3% to 4.6% for the 2024/2025 school year.

Motion was passed unanimously.

10. MCCARTER TRANSIT CONTRACT

The Administration recommends approving a five-year contract with McCarter Transit beginning the 2025/2026 school year with a yearly increase of 5%.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve a five-year contract with McCarter Transit beginning the 2025/2026 school year with a yearly increase of 5%.

Motion was passed unanimously.

11. ELEMENTARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM

The Elementary Administration, along with the District and BOE Curriculum Councils, are recommending approval for the purchase of the Amplify Science Program for Kindergarten through 5th grade at the cost of \$200,043.10 for a six-year digital teacher and students licenses and replenishment of grade level science kits.

MOTION

Motion was made by Tom Karczewski and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board approve purchasing the Amplify Science Program for Kindergarten through 5th grade at the cost of \$200,043.10 for a six-year digital teacher and students licenses and replenishment of grade level science kits.

Motion was passed unanimously.

12. WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

The Administration recommends approving USI Insurance Services as Broker of Record for the District's worker's compensation insurance effective July 1, 2024. The previous broker was EHD Insurance who sold some of their business because of personnel changes.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Tom Karczewski that the Board approve appointing USI Insurance Services as Broker of Record for the District's worker's compensation insurance effective July 1, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

13. HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXEMPTION

The Administration recommends approval of the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Real Estate Assessment Reduction for the Big Beaver Falls Area School District's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act. The final exemption numbers will be calculated upon receipt of the Homestead and Farmstead information for the Beaver County Assessment Office.

MOTION

Motion was made by Tom Karczewski and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Real Estate Assessment Reduction for the Big Beaver Falls Area School District's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act. The final exemption numbers will be calculated upon receipt of the Homestead and Farmstead information for the Beaver County Assessment Office.

Motion was passed unanimously.

14. TAX RESOLUTION OF 2024/2025

The Administration recommends approval of the Tax Resolution adopting a budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year providing for the levying, assessment and collection of taxes. This Resolution also eliminates the collection of the Per Capita school tax effective July 1, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve the Tax Resolution adopting a budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year providing for the levying, assessment and collection of taxes. This Resolution also eliminates the collection of the Per Capita school tax effective July 1, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

An Executive Session was held on May 9, 2024, after the Discussion Meeting, to discuss personnel & litigation matters.

X. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT – KAYLEE MUSQUIRE

Avina Norman is the Rotary Student of the Month for May.

The Prom was held May 10th at Shakespeare's. Adrian Underwood was crowned Queen and Da'Sean Anderson was King.

Tuesday began the spring cycle of Keystone Testing.

The final attendance incentive will be a pool party, barbeque and ice cream on June 4th. Over 200 students will be invited.

The Mancini Awards are May 19th. "Elf" received 6 nominations: Demetris Taylor for Best Actor, Nate Toney for Best Supporting Actor, Best Technology Execution/Crew, Best Ensemble, Best Direction, and Best Overall Show.

The Tiger marching band will perform in the Beaver Falls Memorial Day Parade on May 27.

The annual Senior Walk will be May 28th.

The Senior Awards Assembly is May 30th at 8:00 a.m. in the LGI.

Commencement will be held in the Middle School Gym on June 6th at 7:00 p.m.

XI. BVIU AND CTC UPDATES

Ron Miller gave an update on the CTC and BVIU.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Seven students on the track team have qualified to attend the State Track Meet in Shippensburg.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Terri Ellinwood, Secretary

