

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VOTING MEETING HELD ON JUNE 20, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cindy Cook, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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
Darcelle Slappy, Member
Susan Smith, Treasurer
Dr. Donna Nugent, Superintendent
Tony Giglio, Solicitor
Gary Ceccarelli, Business Manager
Joyce Depenhardt, Director of Student Services
Mary Beth Leeman, Special Education Compliance Director
Doug Rowe, High School Principal
Tom House, Middle School Principal
Jonell Egan, Central Elementary Assistant Principal
Chad Thomas, Big Beaver Principal
Rodney Bobin, Technology Director
Jim Carbone, Athletic Director

Absent:

Carla Schriver, Member
Kayla Stevenson, Member
Dave Woods, High School Assistant Principal
Josh Ginther, Middle School Assistant Principal
Bryan Fabyanic, Central Elementary Principal
Chris Posset, Director of Physical Plant

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 May 16, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

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

General Fund - \$1,590,137.34

Motion was passed unanimously.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Treasurer’s Report – May 2024
Budget Recap – May 2024
Student Activities Fund – May 2024

Motion was passed unanimously.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a Thank You card from Tom Beighey.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

TEACHER TENURE: The Administration recognizes the following teachers and certifies them for tenure: Josh Duffie, Carley Dunmyer, Robert Goode, and Laura Halligan.

STUDENT RECOGNITION: PIAA Track Student Winners-Mikayla Anderson, Da’Sean Anderson, Za’Sean McElvy, Demeitris Taylor, and Da’Karri Williams.

1. PERSONNEL

A. Leave of Absence

- 1. Mr. Jason Wallace is requesting two unpaid leave of absence days for May 15 and 16, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve Jason Wallace’s two unpaid leave of absence days for May 15 and 16, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

- 2. Mrs. Nicole Garroway is requesting to extend her unpaid leave of absence days, with benefits, through September 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Michele Manno and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve Nicole Garroway’s unpaid leave of absence days, with benefits, through September 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

B. Retirement

- 1. Tom Sivy has submitted his letter for retirement from the maintenance department effective September 3, 2024, with 10 years of service to the District.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve Tom Sivy's retirement from maintenance department effective September 3, 2024, with 10 years of service to the District.

Motion was passed unanimously.

C. Appointments

1. The Administration recommends appointing Elisia Holsinger as the Middle/High School Mental Health Counselor at a Step 1 Master salary of \$51,900.00 effective August 20, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve appointing Elisia Holsinger as the Middle/High School Mental Health Counselor at a Step 1 Master salary of \$51,900.00 effective August 20, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

2. The Administration recommends appointing Natalie Wallace as the Middle School Guidance Counselor at a Step 1 Master salary of \$51,900.00 effective the 2024/2025 school year.

MOTION

Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve appointing Natalie Wallace as the Middle School Guidance Counselor at a Step 1 Master salary of \$51,900.00 effective the 2024/2025 school year.

Motion was passed unanimously.

3. The Administration recommends appointing Leah Martin as the High School Spanish Teacher at a Step 1 Bachelor salary of \$47,900.00 effective August 20, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve appointing Leah Martin as the High School Spanish Teacher at a Step 1 Bachelor salary of \$47,900.00 effective August 20, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

4. The Administration recommends appointing Jennifer Ceriani as the Secondary Program Director for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program contingent upon official PDE approval starting tentatively July 15, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve appointing Jennifer Ceriani as the Secondary Program Director for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program contingent upon official PDE approval starting tentatively July 15, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

5. The Administration recommends appointing Jenny Barnes as the Elementary Program Director for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program contingent upon official PDE approval starting tentatively July 15, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board approve appointing Jenny Barnes as the Elementary Program Director for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program contingent upon official PDE approval starting tentatively July 15, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

6. The Administration recommends appointing Rachel Barsottini as a Para-educator in Central Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$16.25 per hour effective August 21, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Michele Manno and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve Rachel Barsottini as a Para-educator in Central Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$16.25 per hour effective August 21, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

7. The Administration recommends appointing Kimberly Shearer as the Secretary to the Superintendent at a salary of \$52,000.00 effective June 4, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve appointing Kimberly Shearer as the Secretary to the Superintendent at a salary of \$52,000.00 effective June 4, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

8. The Technology Director recommends appointing Steve Milovich as a summer intern at a rate of \$15.00 per hour beginning June 17, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Tom Karczewski that the Board approve Steve Milovich as a summer intern at a rate of \$15.00 per hour beginning June 17, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

D. Student Summer Workers

The Building and Grounds Director recommends appointing Jaivona Smith, Jailah Tarver, Kamriona Mobley, Sincere Freeman, Derrick Wilder, Andrew Dennis, and Michael Chen as student summer workers at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

MOTION

Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve appointing Jaivona Smith, Jailah Tarver, Kamriona Mobley, Sincere Freeman, Derrick Wilder, Andrew Dennis, and Michael Chen as student summer workers at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

Motion was passed unanimously.

2. OMNI, INC. 403b PROVIDER

The Administration recommends approving Omni, Inc. as the District's 403b provider for the 2024/2025 school year at an approximate cost of \$3,700.00.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Terrie Ellinwood that the Board approve Omni, Inc. as District's 403b provider for the 2024/2025 school year at an approximate cost of \$3,700.00.

Motion was passed unanimously.

3. PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Administration recommends awarding the Property and Casualty Insurance renewal proposal to Caputo Insurance Agency in the approximate amount of \$118,031. The final amount will be based on finalized appraisal.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board approve awarding the Property and Casualty Insurance renewal proposal to Caputo Insurance Agency in the approximate amount of \$118,031. The final amount will be based on finalized appraisal.

Motion was passed unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF THE FINAL 2024/2025 BUDGET

The Administration recommends adoption of the 2024/2025 Final Budget in the amount of \$37,295,606 with an approximate increase of 1.1 mills. The final millage is 11.66 but due to increased homestead/farmstead money, the billable tax rate will be 11.50 mills for all properties.

MOTION

Motion was made by Tom Karczewski and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve adoption of the 2024/2025 Final Budget in the amount of \$37,295,606 with an approximate increase of 1.1 mills. The final millage is 11.66 but due to increased homestead/farmstead money, the billable tax rate will be 11.50 mills for all properties.

Motion was passed unanimously.

5. ACT 44 SECURITY PLAN

The Administration recommends approving the Act 44 Security Plan.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve the Act 44 Security Plan.

Motion was passed unanimously.

6. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Mrs. Micija, Mr. Maruca, and Mrs. Cobb are requesting permission to take 40 senior class students to Disney World on March 31 through April 4, 2025 to attend the Senior Class Trip.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve Mrs. Micija, Mr. Maruca, and Mrs. Cobb permission to take 40 senior class students to Disney World on March 31 through April 4, 2025 to attend the Senior Class Trip.

Motion was passed unanimously.

7. WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Business Manager recommends awarding the Worker's Compensation Insurance renewal to USI Insurance in the amount of \$72,403.00 for the 2024/2025 school year.

MOTION

Motion was made by Tom Karczewski and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board approve awarding the Worker's Compensation Insurance renewal to USI Insurance in the amount of \$72,403.00 for the 2024/2025 school year.

Motion was passed unanimously.

8. REVISED HOMESTEAD / FARMSTEAD RESOLUTION

The Administration recommends adopting the revised Homestead/Farmstead Resolution for all eligible properties in the amount of \$581.83 with an exclusion amount of \$49,900.00 per household. The remaining \$117,062.33 of the property tax reduction money will be used for additional tax relief for all district properties.

MOTION

Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Ron Miller that the Board approve adopting the revised Homestead/Farmstead Resolution for all eligible properties in the amount of \$49,900.00 per household. The remaining \$117,062.33 of the property tax reduction money will be used for additional tax relief for all district properties.

Motion was passed unanimously.

9. REVISED TAX RESOLUTION

The Administration recommends approving the revised Tax Resolution adopting a budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year providing for the levying, assessment, and collection of taxes. The Per Capita Tax will be eliminated effective July 1, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Tom Karczewski that the Board approve the revised Tax Resolution adopting a budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year providing for the levying, assessment, and collection of taxes. The Per Capita Tax will be eliminated effective July 1, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

10. INDUSTRIAL APPRAISALS

The Administration recommends approving the request from Industrial appraisals in the amount of \$8,915.00 for a district appraisal. This is used for insurance purposes.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve the request from Industrial appraisals in the amount of \$8,915.00 for a district appraisal. This is used for insurance purposes.

Motion was passed unanimously.

11. JOURNAL AND AUDIT ENTRIES

The Business Manager recommends approving the necessary journal and audit entries for the 2023/2024 school year.

MOTION

Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve the necessary journal and audit entries for the 2023/2024 school year.

Motion was passed unanimously.

12. HIGH SCHOOL TSI PLAN

The High School administration and math department is recommending approval of the BFHS TSI (Targeted Support and Improvement) Plan. The focus of this plan is to raise math achievement and increase regular attendance.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve the BFHS TSI (Targeted Support and Improvement) Plan. The focus of this plan is to raise math achievement and increase regular attendance.

Motion was passed unanimously.

13. MIDDLE SCHOOL A-TSI PLAN

The Middle School administration is recommending approval of the BFMS A-TSI (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement) Plan. The MS A-TSI Plan also focuses on raising math achievement and increasing regular attendance.

MOTION

Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve the BFMS A-TSI (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement) Plan. The MS A-TSI Plan also focuses on raising math achievement and increasing regular attendance.

Motion was passed unanimously.

14. HIGH SCHOOL CENGAGE LEARNING TEXTBOOKS

The High School administration and math department is recommending approval of the following Cengage Learning textbooks: 25 copies of *Contemporary Mathematics for Business and Consumers* (9th Edition) with 50 six-year WebAssign student digital licenses, for Business Math and 30 copies of *Precalculus with Limits* (5th Edition) with 30 six-year WebAssign student digital licenses, for Precalculus. The total cost of these textbooks with student digital licenses is \$15,941.42.

MOTION

Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the following Cengage Learning textbooks: 25 copies of Contemporary Mathematics for Business and Consumers (9th Edition) with 50 six-year WebAssign student digital licenses, for Business Math and 30 copies of Precalculus with Limits (5th Edition) with 30 six-year WebAssign student digital licenses, for Precalculus. The total cost of these textbooks with student digital licenses is \$15,941.42.

Motion was passed unanimously.

15. HIGH SCHOOL BFW TEXTBOOKS

The High School administration and math department is recommending approval of the following BFW textbooks: 50 copies of *Statistics and Probability with Applications* (4th Edition) with 60 six uses of Achieve online student licenses, for Basic Statistics and Honors Statistics. The total cost of these textbooks with online licenses is \$11,370.24.

MOTION

Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Tom Karczewski that the Board approve the following BFW textbooks: 50 copies of Statistics and Probability with Applications (4th Edition) with 60 six uses of Achieve online student licenses, for Basic Statistics and Honors Statistics. The total cost of these textbooks with online licenses is \$11,370.24.

Motion was passed unanimously.

16. HIGH SCHOOL PEARSON TEXTBOOKS

The High School administration and math department is recommending approval of the following Pearson textbooks: 25 copies of *Algebra for College Students* (9th Edition) with 50 six-year MyMathLab online student licenses, for College Algebra. The total cost of these textbooks with online licenses is \$8,465.16.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Tom Karczewski that the Board approve the following Pearson textbooks: 25 copies of Algebra for College Students (9th Edition) with 50 six-year MyMathLab online student licenses, for College Algebra. The total cost of these textbooks with online licenses is \$8,465.16.

Motion was passed unanimously.

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

An Executive Session was held on June 13, 2024, after the Discussion Meeting, to discuss personnel matters.

X. BVIU AND CTC UPDATES

Ron Miller gave an update on the CTC and BVIU.

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XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Kyleigh Wiggins, 213 14th St, Beaver Falls inquiring about soccer league in district or co-op.
2. Curt Friebs, 1301 7th Avenue, Beaver Falls informed the Board about upcoming Holocaust exhibit at the Beaver Falls Library.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Terri Ellinwood, Secretary

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