

**INTERBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – MARCH 15, 2017**

There was a regular public meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Interboro School District on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., in the Auditorium of the Interboro High School, 16<sup>th</sup> & Amosland Road, Pennsylvania Avenue, Prospect Park, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edward Harris, President and roll call was taken. The following members were present:

Mr. Justin Shivone  
Mr. Kevin McGarvey  
Mr. Paul Eckert  
Mr. Jack Evans  
Mr. Michael Burns  
Mr. William Phelps  
Mrs. Deborah DiBattista  
Mr. Edward Harris

Ms. Kelly Boyle was absent.

Also present were Mrs. Bernadette C. Reiley, Superintendent; Ms. Gabrielle Sereni, Solicitor; David Criscuolo, Director of Human Resources; Mr. George Wolhaffe, Director of Facilities; Dr. Valerie Eckman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Principals; Ms. Nancy DeSanctis, Mr. Ryan Johnston, and Mr. Robert Kelly. Approximately 15 community members and 10 staff members. Mr. Kevin Tustin, Daily Times Reporter.

**STUDENT REPORTS –** Presented by Katie Receveur and Aryonna Orth

**RECOGNITION –**

**2017 Outstanding Young Music Educator Award**

**Hannah Knauss** was selected as the PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) Outstanding Educator of the Year. The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) is a statewide nonprofit organization of over 4,500 members, dedicated to promoting the musical development of all Pennsylvanians. The present membership evolved from a small group of band directors dating from 1933. Today, the organization includes those engaged in music instruction at all levels, from preschool through college and university, as well as those in the music industry, merchandising and publishing. The organization promotes and supports quality music education, learning and performance as well as promoting and supporting music education in schools and communities. PMEA is affiliated with The National Association for Music Education, NAFME.

**COMMENTS FROM PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE –**

**Phyllis Floyd – Prospect Park resident**

- Commends the Board Members for diligently working together on the budget. Students and their education are very important and the prime reason you are here.

**MOTION**

*Public Minutes*

Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista, *that the Minutes of the Interboro Board of School Directors' regular public meeting held on February 15, 2017, be approved.*

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item 5.1 – 3/15/2017)*

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

1) Special Education issues 2) Policy review, 3) Right to Know Requests

**MOTION***Treasurer's Report*

Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista, *that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2017, be approved.*

**MOTION***Funds Disbursement*

Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista, *to ratify and approve All Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$3,422,890.18.*

**MOTION***Budget Transfers*

Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista, *to approve the Budget transfers for 2016-2017.*

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' - motions carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item 7.1 to 7.3 – 3/15/2017)*

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS –**Finance Committee – Mr. Kevin McGarvey – Monday, March 6, 2017

The following are highlights of the meeting:

- For March 2017, the current deficit is at \$1.8 million dollars. The Superintendent and Finance Director in conjunction with District Administrators will be conducting budget meetings throughout the month as the budget process continues.
- To date the PlanCon State subsidy for respective construction debt payments are not making progress. This means that if the state does not budget for these subsidy payments then the District will not be able to budget approximately \$350,000 in state revenue.
  - There were reductions in two areas of the budgeted expenditures, the DCIU Special Education budget saw a decrease of \$63,000 (the final numbers from the DCIU) and the Debt Service budget saw a decrease of \$51,000 (the final numbers were obtained based on the sale of the 2017 General Obligation Bonds – Glenolden HVAC project). This resulted in a total decrease of \$114,000.
- The District's bond rating went from an AA- to an A+. The change in rating means that the District needed to go out and get bond insurance for the latest issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the Glenolden HVAC project. This insurance cost will be spread out over the life of the debt.

GBO Committee – Monday, March 6, 2017

- No report presented this month.

Legislative Update – Mr. Michael Burns

- If both of the following legislations move forward it would be a drastic change from the education system how it's financed:
  - Federal Legislation House Bill 610 complete shift on the education system. Would repeal the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, limiting the Department of Education and introducing school vouchers. Each state would then be responsible for distributing their own block grants for funding.
  - House Bill 76 – would eliminate school property tax. Mainly a concept presently but is a possible threat. If property taxes are eliminated that it is proposed to tax legal services.
    - 2 year phase out
    - School Districts would still be responsible for long term debt.
    - Takes authority away from school board's in terms of their taxing responsibility
- Federal legislation introduced by Rep. Meehan, regarding rent assistance payments and how municipalities deal with the debts from landlords and Section 8 tenants. Discussions on adoption in the Commonwealth. Levying Section 8 landlords for delinquent taxes.

Delaware County Community College – Mr. Kevin McGarvey

- The next Liaison Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2017.

Delaware County Intermediate Unit – Mr. Edward Harris – Wednesday, March 2, 2017

- Congratulated Deneen Mosley on her new position as Director, DCIU Early Head Start/Head Start.
- Approved the 2017-18 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget.
- Approved the 2017-18 Special Education budget.
- Approved the 2017-18 Delaware County Technical Schools budget.
- Approved an agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher to provide benefit consultant services.
- Acceptance of eight (8) Delaware County Education Foundation grants for 2017.
- Approved a contract with the Chester Upland School District for DCIU to conduct the search for the next superintendent of schools.
- For more information please visit: [www.dciu.org](http://www.dciu.org).

**MOTION**  
*Personnel*

Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista *that the Board of School approve the following personnel actions:*

**Appointments**

Name: Roseanna Mitchell  
Position: **LTS Art Teacher**  
Location: Norwood  
Salary: \$200.00 daily  
Effective: February 8, 2017  
Replacing: Tracey Ticknor (Leave of Absence)

Name: Dawn Zirpoli  
Position: **LTS Special Education Teacher**  
Location: Glenolden  
Salary: \$200.00 daily  
Effective: March 20, 2017  
Replacing: Alicia Brough (Maternity)

Name: Leigh Newman  
Position: **LTS Elementary Teacher**  
Location: Tinicum  
Salary: \$200.00 daily  
Effective: April 22 2017  
Replacing: Monica Graney (Maternity)

Name: Michael Keough  
Position: **Temporary Tech Web Technician**  
Location: Administration Bldg.  
Salary: \$18.53 hourly  
Effective: March 16, 2017  
Replacing: William Pullin (Leave of Absence)

Name: Kayla Remshard  
Position: **TV Studio Assistant**  
Location: High School  
Salary: \$17.22 hourly  
Effective: February 22, 2017  
Replacing: Michael Yarabinee (Resignation)

Name: Kayla Nieves  
Position: **Bus Monitor**  
Location: Districtwide  
Salary: \$13.50 hourly  
Effective: March 16, 2017  
Replacing: As needed

Name: Joie Townsend  
Position: **Personal Care Elementary**  
Location: Kindergarten  
Salary: \$10.89 hourly  
Effective: March 16, 2017  
Replacing: George Webber III (Reclassified)

Name: June Dohrmann  
Position: **Personal Care Elementary**  
Location: Norwood  
Salary: \$10.89 hourly  
Effective: March 27, 2017  
Replacing: Maryellen Roberts (Reclassified)

**Please approve the following Supplementals:**

**Nullify:**

Name: Erin McGrenaghan  
Position: Assistant Coach Middle School Girls Lacrosse -  
Districtwide  
Effective Date: February 28, 2017

**Appointments:**

Name: Andrew Cheezum  
Position: Assistant Coach Boys Lacrosse – High School  
Rate of Pay: \$3,060.00 (Level 1, 1 year of service, 8.5 points)  
Effective Date: March 16, 2017  
Replacing: Adam Culbertson

**Please reclassify the following people:**

Name: Kaitlin Bringhurst  
From: **Bus Monitor - Districtwide**  
Rate of Pay: \$13.50 hourly  
To: Bus Driver - Districtwide  
Rate of Pay: \$20.75 hourly  
Effective: March 13, 2017  
Replacing: As Needed

Name: Maryellen Roberts  
From: **Personal Care Elementary - Norwood**  
Rate of Pay: \$11.05 hourly  
To: Instructional Assistant Special Ed. Elementary –  
Norwood  
Rate of Pay: \$9.99 hourly  
Effective: March 20, 2017  
Replacing: Sharon Warren (Resignation)

**Please approve the following person for the Keystone Exam Tutors at their contractual rate of pay:**

Name: Amy Salisbury  
Rate of Pay: \$38.00 per hour

**Please approve the following people for a Leave of Absence:**

*Tracey Ticknor, Teacher at Norwood School, be approved for a Medical Leave of Absence effective February 8, 2017 through March 31, 2017. This leave is to be granted under the guidelines and regulations of FMLA for a maximum period of twelve (12) weeks per year.*

*Erica Krause, Latin Teacher at the High School, be approved for a Medical Leave of Absence effective February 27, 2017 through March 31, 2017.*

*Sharon Books, Kindergarten Teacher, be approved for a Childbearing/Rearing Leave of Absence effective April 10, 2017 through May 22, 2017. This leave is to be granted under the guidelines and regulations of FMLA for a maximum period of twelve (12) weeks per year.*

*Shannon Oden, Teacher at the High School, be approved for a Childbearing/Rearing Leave of Absence effective May 7, 2017 through June 15, 2017. This leave is to be granted under the guidelines and regulations of FMLA for a maximum period of twelve (12) weeks per year.*

*George Webber, Technology Technician at the Administration Bldg., be approved to extend his Medical Leave of Absence through March 31, 2017. This leave is to be granted under the guidelines and regulations of FMLA for a maximum period of twelve (12) weeks per year.*

*Elaine Wasekanes, Personal Care Assistant at Glenolden School, be approved to revise her Unpaid Leave of Absence to begin effective March 24, 2017 through April 3, 2017.*

*Jaclyn Norbeck, Instructional Assistant, Special Education at Glenolden School, be approved to extend her Unpaid Leave of Absence through April 3, 2017.*

*Dawn Bilbrough, Instructional Assistant at Tinicum School, be approved to extend her Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence through May 15, 2017.*

**Please approve the following person as an Extra Curricular Worker at a rate of \$35.00 per game and \$45.00 for tow (2) back to back games for 2016-2017:**

Name: *Christiana Laky*

**Please remove the following person from the 2016-2017 Professional/Homebound Instructional List:**

Name: *Erin McGrenaghan*

**Please remove the following person from the 2016-2017 Custodian Substitute List:**

Name: *Jake Bollinger*

**Please add the following people to the 2016-2017 Homebound Instructional List:**

Name: *Daniel Meli*  
Rate of Pay: *\$40.00 hourly*

Name: Jeffrey Webb  
Rate of Pay: \$40.00 hourly

Name: Anthony Meccariello  
Rate of Pay: \$40.00 hourly

**Please add the following person to the 2016-2017 Clerical Substitute List at a rate of \$11.00 per hour effective February 3, 2017:**

Name: Rose Morin

**Accept the following Resignations:**

Name: Star O'Neill  
Position: School Assistant – Tinicum  
Effective: March 1, 2017

Name: Lynn Fusco  
Position: Personal Care Assistant Elementary – Out of District  
Effective: March 7, 2017

Name: Patricia Duffy  
Position: Personal Care Assistant – High School  
Effective: March 10, 2017

Name: Sharon Warren  
Position: Instructional Assistant Special Ed. Elem. – Norwood  
Effective: March 17, 2017

Name: Stephanie Hundermark  
Position: Guidance Counselor - Kindergarten  
Effective: April 28, 2017

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' – motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item #10 – 3/15/2017)*

**MOTION**

*Retirement*

*Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista that the Board of School Directors approve Cheryl Dorsch, Title I Reading Para-Professional with nineteen (19) years of service to the District for Retirement, effective March 3, 2017.*

**Mrs. Reiley** *wished Cheryl a great retirement. Has known her for many years since her days at Tinicum School and she is an incredible asset to the Title I Program. On behalf of the District, wishes her the best in her retirement and we will miss you.*

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' – motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item #11 – 3/15/2017)*

**MOTION**

*Office of Curriculum &  
Instruction*

*Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista that the Board of School Directors approve the following:*

*That the Board of School Directors approve Lauren Harrell and Kerri Barrar to attend the 2017 PDE Data Summit from March 13 – 14, 2017 to be held at the Hershey Lodge, in an amount not to exceed \$1,095.00, to be paid from Keystones to Opportunity grant funds.*

*That the Board of School Directors approve Bernadette Reiley and Dr. Valerie Eckman to attend the 2017 Education Congress: Delving Deeper Into the Every Student Succeeds Act from March 28 – 30, 2017 to be held at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, at a cost not to exceed \$1,153, to be paid from Title II and District funds.*

*That the Board of School Directors approve Hannah Knauss to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Annual Conference from April 20 – April 21, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$542.00, to be paid from District funds.*

*That the Board of School Directors approve the Overnight Field Trip request for seventy (70) students and eight (8) adults to travel to Paradise Farms Camp in Downingtown PA, from May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 paid for by: Norwood Outdoor Education.*

*That the Board of School Directors approve the following professional staff to attend the Keystones to Opportunity PA Literacy Conference: Literacy is for Life, to be held from June 27 – 29, 2017 at the Hershey Lodge, Hershey PA, at a cost not to exceed \$3,100, to be paid from Keystones to Opportunity Grant funds. PDE requires that a minimum of four participants attend the KtO Literacy Conference.*

*Michele Borcky, Mark Avitabile, Brad Kohlhepp and Andrew Herrmann*

*That the Board of School Directors approve Liliana Ruiz to register for the Advanced Placement Summer Institute for Spanish Language & Culture (APSI) from August 7 – 10, 2017 provided by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, at a cost not to exceed \$975, to be paid from District funds.*

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' – motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item #12 – 3/15/2017)*

**MOTION**

*Office of Special Education/  
Pupil Services*

*Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista that the Board of School Directors approve the following:*

*That the Board of School Directors approve an amendment to the motion to approve an invoice for Special Education services from Buxmont Academy for Student Q. (BA 2/15/2017) Total cost of services will extend until June of 2017 with total cost not to exceed \$17,652, to be paid from District funds.*

*That the Board of School Directors approve the documentation listing transfer IEP Student S as a 4010 student with Wordsworth Academy. Due to this 4010 student status, Interboro School District will be responsible for 40% of the total yearly cost of attendance at Wordsworth Academy. The state will send a complete bill for all 4010 students at the end of the school year.*

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' – motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item #13 – 3/15/2017)*

**MOTION**

*Office of Finance*

*Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Shivone that the Board of School Directors approve the following:*

*That the Board of School Directors, approve an amendment (BA 2/15/17) for the following tax collectors to be exonerated from collecting 2016 School Real Estate taxes in the amounts indicated:*

*Jeffrey Park, Prospect Park from \$243,828.91 to 263,326.54.  
James Fenn, Tinicum Township from \$216,928.62 to \$358,614.27*

*That the Board of School Directors approve the expenditure for the split dollar life insurance premium (policy #1190871640) to Nationwide Life Insurance Company in the amount of \$2,202.99. The current policies are under review by the district solicitor and further premium payments would be pending the solicitor review and school board approval.*

*That the Board of School Directors approve the expenditure for the split dollar life insurance premium (policy #1190871520) to Nationwide Life Insurance Company in the amount of \$1,195.50. The current policies are under review by the district solicitor and further premium payments would be pending the solicitor review and school board approval.*

*That the Board of School Directors approve an increase in the lunch price for Elementary (Grades K-5) from \$2.50 to \$2.60 for the 2017/2018 school year.*

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' – motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item #14 – 3/15/2017)*

**MOTION**

*9<sup>th</sup> Grade Textbooks*

*Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista that the Board of School Directors approve the purchase of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade History Alive! World Connections textbooks from TCI, in the amount of \$26,170.00, to be paid from Keystones to Opportunity grant funds.*

**Roll Call**

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item #15 – 3/15/2017)*

**MOTION**

*2017-2018 DCIU  
General Operating Budget*

*Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista that the Board of School approve the General Operating Budget of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$8,787,320. Interboro School District's share is \$37,380.*

**Roll Call**

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item #16 – 3/15/2017)*

**MOTION**

*2017-2018 DCIU  
Vo-Tech GOB*

*Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista that the Board of School approve the General Operating Budget of the Delaware County Area Vocational Technical School for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$13,226,055. Interboro School District's share is \$1,110,602.*

**Roll Call**

**Mr. Shivone** *commented with the review of this budget, he liked that Interboro School District sends a lot of students to this program and it is very beneficial to them. Appreciates all the help that they provide for us.*

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item #17 – 3/15/2017)*

**MOTION**

*2017-2018 DCIU  
Spec Ed Funding*

*Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista that the Board of School approve the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Special Education Funding and Service Agreement for 2017/2018. Interboro School District's share is \$658,918.*

**Roll Call**

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item #18 – 3/15/2017)*



**MOTION**  
*Policy Revision*

Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista *that the Board of School approve the Revision of the following policy in the category of Finances:*

**600     Finances**  
611     Purchases Budgeted

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item #19 – 3/15/2017)*

**MOTION**  
*First Reading*

Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. DiBattista *that the Board of School approve First Reading of the following policy in the category of Community:*

**900     Community**  
913.1   Advertising and Other Commercial Activity on School Property

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 8-0.  
(Agenda Item #20 – 3/15/2017)*

**OLD BUSINESS –**

None

**NEW BUSINESS –**

None

Comments, announcements, items of interest from the Superintendent and Board Members were invited.

**Superintendent - Mrs. Bernadette C. Reiley**

- The High School Four Diamonds Mini-THON will take place on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – Midnight. The High School has set a goal to raise \$12,000.00 and are currently at \$2,200.00 for Pediatric Cancer. If you would like to make a donation and support this worthy cause, please visit the District Website.
- On March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am to Noon, the District will be hosting a Pre-K Literacy Fair at the Kindergarten Academy. All children ages 3-5 that reside in the District are invited to attend with a parent or guardian. This year's theme is "Poetry in the Park". For more information please visit the District Website.

**Mr. Edward Harris**

- The County Wide Spelling Bee is being held on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am at the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. Please stop by we do have a few students participating.

**Mr. Jack Evans**

- Wanted to thank the Curriculum Department for being proactive and always trying to get the best and newest learning materials for our students. The new history program is very inter-active. Thanks the department for keeping the students current with what is going on in the world.
- Recognized Hannah Knauss. Has enjoyed watching her expand and challenge the music students to bigger and better things. She definitely deserves the recognition.
- If the Elementary Education Act does change, it also does away with the requirement for Special Education, mainstreaming and various other things that many of our students take advantage of today including our Gifted Program and AP Scholars. There is so much wrapped up into this Bill that we really need to pay attention and if necessary don't hesitate to write your legislator.

**Mr. Justin Shivone**

- Commended the Facilities Department for their work during the snow storm and getting the schools up and running today. Great Job!

On Monday, April 3, 2017, a Finance Committee Meeting with the GBO Meeting immediately following will be held at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

The next Work Session of the Interboro Board of School Directors will be convened in the Board Room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly public meeting of the Interboro Board of School Directors will be convened in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Kindergarten Academy on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

**MOTION**

*Adjournment*

Mr. Harris *called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.*

**VOTE**

*All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 8-0.*

---

*Mr. Michael Burns, Board Secretary*