Date October 28, 2026	Regular Meeting Kind of Meeting	High School Career Center Where Held	Kevin Wigoda Presiding Officer

Members Present:		Members Absent
Kevin Wigoda	Sarah R. Newton	James O'Brien, Jr.
Michael Andruchek	William Yourey	
Timothy Sohosky	Cynthia Lubinsky	
Albert D. Marazas	James T. Croley, II	

The regular monthly meeting of the Minersville Area Board of Education was held in the Career & Counseling Center of the Junior-Senior High School and Zoom on Wednesday evening, October 28, 2026. The meeting was called to order by President, Kevin Wigoda at 7:00 PM.

On roll call, the following responded: Kevin Wigoda, Albert D. Marazas, Sarah R. Newton, William Yourey, Michael Andruchek, Cynthia Lubinsky, James T. Croley, II, and Timothy Sohosky.

Others present: Michael Maley, Superintendent; Brittany Doyle, Business Manager; Nicholas A. Quinn, District Solicitor; and Barbara Conville, Secretary to the Superintendent/Assistant to the Secretary.

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Andruchek, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 23, 2026. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve Meeting Minutes of 09/23/2026

MOTION - by Andruchek, seconded by Lubinsky to approve the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of October 15, 2026. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Approve Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of 10/15/2026

AGENDA

Mr. Maley began the agenda items with the recognitions. First Mr. Maley recognized the Students of the Month for October as Alexis Hummel and Pierce Eichenberg. Both students introduced themselves and spoke of their activities, goals and future plans for college. The Board congratulated both students on their accomplishments and the students were dismissed.

Recognition - Students of the Month

MOTION by Newton, seconded by Marazas to Record in minutes the donation of the following library books and donors to the Minersville Elementary Center and Llewellyn Early Childhood Center libraries participating in "Dolly Parton Day" honoring the late Dolly Parton. This event was organized by Mrs. Kara Perzel and Mrs. Jolene Gretsky.

Recognition - Library donations

	Title:	Donor:
a.	Who Was Dolly Parton?	Jenette Stapert:
b.	Who Was Dolly Parton?	Patti Denchy
c.	Baby's Very First Mix & Match Emergency	Johnna Spotts
d.	Muddle & Match Superheroes	Johnna Spotts
e.	How to Save a Dolphin	Johnna Spotts
f.	Hooky Volume 1	Emily Huff
g.	Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring	Ashley Thompson
h.	Austin Plays Fair	Laura Yazemboski
i.	Waffles and Bear	Lisa Frantz
j.	Jolene the Fluffy Cow	Jolene Gretsky
k.	The Scarecrow's Hat	Sara Sukeena
l.	Pete the Cat and the Cookie Catastrophe	Angel Sabol
m.	The Sun Thief	Kara Perzel
n.	Dog Man	Ashley Hopkins

All members voted in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Sohosky to record in minutes receipt of letters from the Department of Education that both the Elementary Center and the High School successfully completed the 2026 Governor's School Breakfast Challenge. Only 68 schools in the Commonwealth completed this challenge and will be receiving a certificate of recognition, a Governor's School Challenge recipe book and a banner to signify

Governor's Breakfast Challenge

Minersville Area School District's commitment to school breakfast, child Nutrition, and contribution to the education of students.

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

Use of Facilities

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Croley to approve the following "Use of Facility" requests approved by the Superintendent under standing policy:

a. 09/8/2026 - 05/17/2027 - Choir Rehearsal every Monday in Room 111 of the Elementary Center from 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM.
b. 09/29/2026 - 11/19/2026 - Drama Club Rehearsals in the high school auditorium every Tuesday 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM and Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.
c. 11/19/2026 - 11/21/2026 - Drama Club Production in the high school auditorium, 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM.
d. 11/05/2026 - PIAA Pottsville Chapter - Use of the high school auditorium for Schuylkill County Basketball Coaches Meeting, PIAA Rules & Interpretation Meeting, and PIAA Pottsville Basketball Chapter Regular Meeting from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.
e. 11/22/2026 - Boys' Soccer Banquet - High school cafeteria from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.
f. 03/08/2027 - Title I Staff hosting a Parent Night at the High School Cafeteria 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM for Llewellyn and Elementary students.

On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Credit reimbursements

MOTION - by Yourey, seconded by Sohosky to approve payment for credits earned to:

a. Bianca Dunn - 3 credits @ $525 = $1,575

On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Eastern University LOA

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Newton to authorize Superintendent to sign Letter of Agreement with Eastern University to cooperate with student teaching instruction as part of the university's certification requirements.

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

Special Education Service Agreement 2026/2027

MOTION - by Yourey, seconded by Lubinsky to authorize proper Board signatures on Special Education Service Agreement between the Minersville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 for the fiscal year 2026/2027 at an estimated cost of $816,435 paid in scheduled quarterly installments of $204,109.

On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Little Aevidum Club approval

MOTION - by Newton, seconded by Andruchek to approve the start of the Little Aevidum Club as an official club at the Elementary Center for students led by Mrs. Ashley Hopkins. Mrs. Hopkins and four students attended training at Blue Mountain School District on October 1, 2026.

On a voice vote, all members voted in favor. Motion carried.

E. Ehlinger named Play Director 2026/2027

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Sohosky to approve Mrs. Emily Ehlinger as the Annual Play Director for 2026/2027 at the board approved salary of $1,500 effective immediately.

On a roll call vote all members in favor. Motion carried.

Approved IEE

MOTION - by Andruchek, seconded by Sohosky to approve Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for student #296322, to be completed by Dr. Lisa Hain, Psy.D., at the public's expense for an amount not to exceed six thousand five hundred dollars ($6,500), in accordance with the District's IEE procedures.

On roll call, all members in favor. Motion carried.

Add'l transportation runs

MOTION - by Newton, seconded by Lubinsky to approve additional transportation runs and changes with Earl Renninger, Inc. as follows:

a. Revise M24 - BHA and Llewellyn for $62.00 per day effective September 16, 2026.
b. Revise M24 - BHA and Llewellyn for $78.00 per day effective October 7, 2026.
c. Revise M27 and M28 due to change in driver and vehicle.
   M28 ended September 11, 2026.
   M27 started September 14, 2026 for $63.00 per day.
d. M28 - MKV Ashland (A.M. only) for $68.00 per day for the period of September 24, 2026 through October 12, 2026.
e. Revise M28 - MKV Ashland/Frackville (A.M. only) for $86.00 per day effective October 13, 2026.
f. Add an additional run to M28 MKV Frackville (P.M. only) for $60.00 per day effective October 13, 2026 to be billed to Shenandoah Valley School District.
g. Add M26 MKV PAHS additional run (A.M. only) for $60.00 per day effective October 13, 2026.
h. Add additional run to M27 MKV Schuylkill Haven (P.M. only) for $60.00 per day for the period of October 1, 2026 - October 16, 2026.

All members voted in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

FMLA request

MOTION - by Newton, seconded by Sohosky to approve the FMLA request for employee #1721 beginning October 19, 2026 for 12 weeks, returning January 11, 2027. Leave of absence will exhaust all accumulated sick leave and remaining time off will be unpaid.

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

K. Laudeman hired - FT Custodial Staff

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Andruchek to approve on recommendation of the Mr. Greg Stephen, Head of Maintenance, the hire of full-time general custodian, Keith Laudeman, subject to assignment, at a rate in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement beginning on or about November 2, 2026 pending acceptable clearances.

On roll call, all in favor. Motion passed.

E. Maley hired - PT Paraprofessional

MOTION - by Sohosky, seconded by Newton to approve the hire of Ms. Elizabeth Maley as part-time instructional aide, subject to assignment, beginning on or about November 2, 2026 at an hourly rate of $16.10 for up to 29 hours per week, pending acceptable clearances.

All in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Resignation - Bowers

MOTION - by Sohosky, seconded by Croley to accept the resignation of Ms. Courtney Bowers, a full-time professional employee, effective October 26, 2026 for personal reasons. {Employed with the District for 2 months}

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

Resignation - Brinich

MOTION - by Newton, seconded by Marazas to accept the resignation of Mr. Ralph Brinich, a full-time maintenance custodian, effective November 6, 2026 for personal reasons. {Employed with the District for approximately 10 years}

Resignation accepted on a voice vote. Motion carried.

Advertise for open positions

MOTION - by Newton, seconded by Yourey to authorize Superintendent to properly advertise for open positions.

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

2026/2027 FID approved

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Andruchek to acknowledge notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, PDE, approval to implement up to five (5) Flexible Instruction Days (FID) during

the 2026/2027 school year.

FID Approval 2026/2027

All members in favor on a group voice vote. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff Reports

Solicitor Quinn had nothing new to add to his monthly report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Treasurer's Report

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Newton to approve the Treasurer's Report as prepared and submitted. On a voice vote - all in favor; Motion passed.

MOTION - by Sohosky, seconded by Andruchek to ratify the payment of bills for October 2026 from the General Fund in the amount of $2,547,649.36; Cafeteria Account in the amount of $221,983.93; 21st CCLC - Schuylkill Achieve Account in the amount of $1,531.15; Federal Programs Account in the amount of $120.90; High School Athletics in the amount of $38,215.56 High School Activities Account in the amount of $6,809.75 for a total bills payable $2,816,310.65.

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

Statement of Taxes

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Sohosky to approve Statement of Taxes as prepared and submitted. All in favor on a voice vote. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports

Marazas said he is setting up a Finance Committee Meeting for December. Andruchek has a Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting set for November 11, 2026 at 7 PM; Lubinsky will be having a Curriculum Committee Meeting in coming weeks once Shane Spotts shares his availability; Sohosky reported Policy Committee minutes are included in the Livebinder. New policies on AI and Acceptable Use will be adopted in coming months. Croley shared interest in an upcoming Technology meeting once Sean Palmer srts. He is set to start on November 2, 2026. The Governor passed a new Bell to bell no cell phone policy. Members had a brief discussion on what that will look like for the faculty and students.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Members were updated on the recent Audit by Doyle. Auditorium update and Solar updates from Mr. Maley. A new scoreboard is being installed on 11/19 in the Thomas J. Fitzpatrick gymnasium.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Maley asked the Board to remain following the meeting for a discussion. No board action will take place.

There being no further business to report or discuss, the meeting adjourned on MOTION by Andruchek, seconded by Newton at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah R. Newton, Secretary

Barbara J. Conville

Barbara J. Conville, Assistant to the Secretary