



ActionLine

A Recap of the February 3, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting

At the February 3rd Regular Board Meeting, the Board approved the following routine personnel actions.

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

Kathy Bockol, aide, CHS
Susan Cropper, general kitchen worker, TEMS
Tammy Eckman, Accounts Receivable/Clerk "A", TEAO
Karen Fad, general kitchen worker, CHS
Nathaniel Gore, custodian, CHS
William Graf, paraeducator, VFES
Bernadette Green, confidential secretary, TEAO
Brian Kelly, paraprofessional, BES
Jonathan Marziale, crossing guard, District
Joy McCormick, secretary/clerk "A", TEAO, retirement
Roberta Menapace, paraeducator, VFES
Rita Melbourne, substitute aide, District
Valeria Mini, paraeducator, CHS
Stephanie Schrampf, teacher, VFES
Joanne Tucker, paraprofessional, VFMS

Leaves of Absence in Accordance with Policy 4200; 4220; 4600

Britta Groth-Nelson, aide, VFES
Brenda Hansen, paraeducator, VFMS
Patricia Jackson, general kitchen worker, CHS
Robert Kelly, aide, HES
Veronica Rodriguez, teachers, VFMS
Dolores Zodda, paraprofessional, TEMS

Appointments

Jennifer Alleva, substitute teacher, District
Cassandra Close, substitute teacher, District
Francine Cocchia, (.69) paraeducator, VFMS
Michelle Dailey, teacher, VFES
Gregory Decina, teacher, VFMS
Maria Deenis, (.69) paraeducator, HES
David Francella, controller, TEAO

Lisa Gaenslen, substitute teacher, District
Veena Gaikwad, substitute paraeducator, District
Brian Gillin, (.69) aide, CHS
Ruth Guillo, substitute accounts/receivable clerk, TEAO
Eileen Hofstetter, (.69) paraeducator, CHS, substitute secretary, District
Sarah Jefferis, substitute teacher, District
Jennifer McLuckie, confidential secretary, TEAO
Kylie Meyer, homework club teacher, homework club aide, BES
Mary Minicozzi, confidential secretary to the business manager, TEAO
Turquoise Pratt, (.56) general kitchen worker, VFMS
Kelly Roberts, teacher, VFMS
Lauren Robertson, (.69) paraeducator, TEMS
Tricia Rubin, (.69) paraeducator, TEMS
Kay Ryan, accounts receivable/clerk "A", TEAO
Lauren Shamritsky, change in FTE (.59) paraeducator, HES
Rebecca Shenkle, (.69) paraeducator, VFES
Kelly Showers, (.4) teacher, CHS
Christie Strayer, (.69) paraeducator, VFES
Bunnie Sutter, substitute secretary, District
Rebecca Tidwell, substitute teacher, District
Mikayla Tollefson, substitute teacher, District
Michael Werley, teacher, long term substitute contract extension, CHS
Anthony Wesley, custodian, change in location to CHS
Benjamin Whitermore, teacher, Long Term Substitute Contract Extension, CHS

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Under Priority Discussion/Action**Adoption of the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget**

The Board of School Directors adopted the resolutions that pertain to the approval of the 2015-2016 preliminary budget proposed by the District's administration.

The proposed 2015-2016 preliminary budget includes a tax increase of approximately 3.68%, or \$188 on the average assessed home in T/E. The proposed preliminary budget uses property tax revenue from the Act 1 index of 1.9%, property tax revenue from allowable exceptions to the Pennsylvania Taxpayer Relief Act of 1.78% and a contribution from the fund balance to close the projected budget imbalance of approximately \$5.3 million.

Under the Consent Agenda**Minutes of the January 5, 2015, Special Board Business Meeting****Receive Financial Reports****Acceptance of Gifts**

The Board of School Directors accepted with pleasure and appreciation the following donations:

- Carlo Robelli cello and case to VFMS from one of its students;
- Carlo Robelli viola and Jean Baptist trumpet to VFMS from the Aufiero Family;
- Baritone instrument to CHS from Lisa Howell;
- Alto saxophone to CHS from Elizabeth Unger;
- An employer matched donation to TEMS from Karen Shahoian, Wells Fargo Bank;
- A framed lithograph of the Diamond Rock Octagonal Schoolhouse in Valley Forge to CHS from its Class of 1962;
- A donation to the VFMS 7th grade Williamsburg field trip from Cynthia Borger;
- Snare drum kit, including stand, case and rolling cart, to TEMS from Deryck Marsh.

CHESCONET Agreement

The Board of School Directors approved the agreement with CHESCONET for the provision of fiber optic data transmission services from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 for a price of \$40,000.

Successful Bids

The Board of School Directors awarded a contract to the following successful bidder(s) for:

Capital Projects 2015-2016:

- Classroom Addition & Interior Renovations at NEES:
 - General Contract - L.J. Paolella Construction, Inc.
 - Mechanical Contract - Myco Mechanical, Inc.
 - Electrical Contract - Cook's Service Company, Inc.
 - Plumbing Contract - Myco Mechanical, Inc.

Educational Services Agreement**Authorization of Diploma****Wellness Committee Members****Policy Recommended for Second Reading:**

- Policy 3510: Continuing Disclosure and Post-Issuance Compliance and Record Retention for District Bond Obligations

Under Other Recommended Action:**Policy 1300, Volunteers, First Reading****Policy 4030, Appointment of Employees and Required Clearances, First Reading****Policy 5402, Student Wellness and Nutrition, First Reading****Policy 5403, Allergies, First Reading****Policy 5423, Self-Harming Behavior, First Reading**

Policy 5118, Educational Tours and Trips, First Reading Repeal

Affordable Care Act Update

Effective July 1, 2015, the Board hereby directs the Administration to offer District aides, paraeducators and paraprofessionals, who are in good standing and who are currently scheduled to work for more than 27.5 hours per week the following options:

1. Continue employment with the District and be scheduled for no more than 27.5 work hours per week effective July 1, 2015 to ensure that they meet the definition of part-time employees pursuant to the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) for the 2016-2017 school year; or
2. Effective July 1, 2015, be placed in the District through a vendor to be selected by the District with no limitation on that aide or paraeducator’s District work hours.
3. Employee election must be made by May 1 unless this deadline is extended by further Board action.

The Board also directs the Administration not to schedule any current or future District aides, paraeducators and paraprofessionals in excess of 27.5 work hours per week, including all employment attributable to the District under the ACA, effective July 1, 2015 to ensure that they meet the definition of part-time employees pursuant to the ACA for the 2016-2017 school year. Once a vendor is selected, all future aides, paraeducators and paraprofessionals will be hired through the vendor.

Public Comment

The Board received comments from six members of the public:

- Jamie Lynch commented on Valley Forge Elementary School enrollment and class size policy.
- Stephanie Crean commented on Valley Forge Elementary School enrollment and class size policy.

- Kris DePolo commented on Valley Forge Elementary School enrollment and facilities planning.
- Ray Clarke commented on enrollment trends, tax increases and budget planning.
- Cindy Verguldi commented on volunteer clearances and volunteer selection.
- Karen Reaume commented on healthcare insurance and payment to support services vendors.
- Ray Clarke commented on healthcare insurance projections and the new staffing plan for aides.
- Cindy Verguldi thanked the maintenance and custodial staff for ice and snow removal. She also commented on the TEMS fencing project and communication to TEMS neighbors.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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2014-2015 Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Board meetings will be held at Conestoga High School, 200 Irish Road in Berwyn. All meetings begin at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

August 25, 2014	February 23, 2015
September 22, 2014	March 23, 2015
October 27, 2014	April 27, 2015
November 17, 2014	May 11, 2015
December 1, 2014	May 27, 2015 **
January 5, 2015	June 15, 2015
January 26, 2015	

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

Meetings are held in Room 200 of the TEAO, 940 West Valley Road, Suite 1700, Wayne.

- Finance Committee Meeting, February 9, 2015, 7:00 pm, TEAO
- Education Committee Meeting, February 10, 2015, 1:30 pm, TEAO
- Policy Committee Meeting, February 12, 2015, 6:30 pm, TEAO
- Facilities Committee Meeting, February 13, 2015, 2:00 pm, TEAO
- Public Information Committee Meeting, February 17, 2015, 6:30 pm, TEAO
- Legislative Committee Meeting, February 17, 2015, 7:00 pm, TEAO
- Regular School Board Meeting, February 23, 2015, 7:30 pm at CHS