

St. Marys Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Meeting  
October 9, 2017, 7:00P.M.  
Library, St. Marys Area High School

## Minutes

An executive session was held prior to start of meeting to discuss personnel.

The St. Marys Area Board of School Directors held their regular meeting October 9, 2017 at 7:00PM in the Library of the St. Marys Area High School. The meeting was called to order by board president Dr. Clythera S. Hornung.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Directors Present: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg (7:03PM), Jerry Zimmerman. Directors Absent: Bryan Chiappelli, Eric Wonderling.

Others Present: Dr. G. Brian Toth, Dr. James Wortman, Ginger Williams, Robin Johnson, Warren Beck, Noel Petrosky, Dan Vollmer, Christine Kuhar, Julie Boyer, Karen Lucanik, Terry Straub, Mark Romain, Mike Belovesick, Aaron Simbeck, Atty. Richard Brown, representatives from *The Daily Press*, *The Courier-Express* and one (1) visitor.

Comments from visitors including comments on federal programs.

### Superintendent Comments

Lori Jordan (Elementary Librarian) – DOT Day  
Robin Johnson (Director Special Services) – Special Education  
Aaron Simbeck (Technology Director) – Technology

The minutes of the regular meeting held on September 11, 2017 were approved.

Motion by Kathryn Blake, seconded by Stacy McKee – motion carried by a voice vote of all members present.

The treasurer's report for August 2017 was approved.

Motion by Stacy McKee, seconded by Kathryn Blake – motion carried by a voice vote of

all members present.

#### Approved Payment of Bills

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|-------------------|---|
| General Fund      | October 2017 and office checks for September 2017 |
| Bond Fund         | October 2017 and office checks for September 2017 |
| Food Service Fund | October 2017                                      |
| Athletic Fund     | August 2017                                       |
| Payroll Wire Fund | September 2017                                    |
| Payroll Fund      | September 2017                                    |

Motion by Danielle Abrahamson, seconded by James Condon; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.

#### Board Procedures

#### Board Policy

Approved revised Policy #204, Attendance.. (Attachment No. 1)

Motion by Stacy McKee, seconded by Danielle Abrahamson; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.

#### Business Affairs

Motion by school board president to combine sections 1&2 under A as one vote.

#### Tax Collectors

Approved exoneration of the City of St. Marys and Benezette, Fox and Joy Township tax collectors from the collection of real estate taxes in the amount of \$555,279.37 for the 2016 tax year. These taxes have been returned to the county for collection. (Attachment No. 2)

Approval was granted for Charles E. Bloam III, City of St. Marys tax collector, to establish bank accounts utilizing the St. Marys Area School District tax identification number for the purpose of collecting school real estate and occupational millage tax for the District. (Attachment No. 5)

Motion by Kathryn Blake, seconded by Danielle Abrahamson; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.

Motion by school board president to combine section B,C&D under X. A as one vote.

#### Consultant

Approved Dr. Fran Serenka, Special Education Consultant, at \$550/day plus travel expenses beginning October 9, 2017, not to exceed fifteen (15) days.

#### Special Olympics Bank Account

Approved the transfer of Special Olympic funds currently held by the District in the amount of \$3,085.63 to the Special Olympics Pennsylvanian Elk/Cameron County program that is now operating under a centralized accounting environment. (Attachment No. 6)

#### Bond Funds

Approved a change order for high school fitness center in the amount of \$15,688.68 to be funded with Series A of 2015 Bond Proceeds. (Attachment No. 7)

Robert Sorg requested a discussion be held on these items prior to the vote.

Motion by Stacy McKee, seconded by Kathryn Blake; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Jerry Zimmerman Voting no: Robert Sorg – motion carried.

#### General School Affairs

#### Memorandum of Agreement

The Memorandum of Agreement between St. Marys Area School District and the St. Marys Area Education Association was approved. (Attachment No. 3)

Motion by Stacy McKee, seconded by Danielle Abrahamson; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.

#### Transportation

Motion by school board president to combine all sections under XII. Transportation as one vote.

#### Agreement

Approved the Agreement between the St. Marys Area School District and the Area Transit Authority for transportation of student. (Attachment No. 4)

## Bus Stops

Approved the following bus stops:

1991 Bucktail Road, St. Marys  
1201 E. Eschbach Road, St. Marys  
127 Averyville Road, St. Marys  
425 South Michael Road, St. Marys  
695 Spring Run Road, Weedville  
397 Toby Road, Kersey

## School Vehicle Drivers

Approved the following school vehicle drivers:

Eugene Sidelinger, Ingram Contracting  
Jenny Novak, Muccio School Transportation, LLC

Motion by Danielle Abrahamson, seconded by Stacy McKee; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.

## Student Activities

### Student Activity Club

Approval was given to dissolve the Pay It Forward Student Activity Club at St. Marys Area High School due to inactivity for the past two years. Any remaining funds will be transferred to the Student Government Account.

Motion by Stacy McKee, seconded by Kathryn Blake; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.

## Buildings and Grounds

Motion by school board president to combine all sections under XIV as one vote.

## Use of Facility

Approved the request to use the St. Marys Area High School Natatorium for the Blue Tide Swim Team to host a championship swim meet on Sunday, February 18, 2018 from 6:30AM until 6:30PM.

Approved the request to use the Bennetts Valley Elementary School for the Halloween Parade sponsored by the Bennetts Valley Lions Club on Sunday, October 29, 2017 from

12:30PM until 3:30PM.

Approved the request to use the South St. Marys Street Elementary School for the Halloween Parade sponsored by the St. Marys Rotary Club on Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 12:00PM until 3:00PM.

Motion by Danielle Abrahamson, seconded by Stacy McKee; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.

#### Personnel

Approved personnel actions as listed. All employment approvals are provisional for thirty days pending receipt of Act 151 clearance documentation.

#### Transfer, Personnel

Name: Marjorie Schlimm  
Transfer from: Elementary Teacher, South St. Marys Street Elementary School  
Transfer to: Special Education – English as Second Language District Instructor  
Effective: October 10, 2017

Name: Ashley Chiappelli  
Transfer from: Title I Tutor, South St. Marys Street Elementary School  
Transfer to: Elementary Teacher, South St. Marys Street Elementary School  
Effective: October 10, 2017

Motion by Kathryn Blake, seconded by Danielle Abrahamson; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.

#### Hire Personnel

Name: Melissa Aloï  
Position: Health Aide  
Terms: \$21.00/Hour; 7 Hours/Day; 5 Days/Week  
Effective: October 6, 2017  
Degree: B.S. in Nursing with a Minor in Psychology  
Experience: St. Marys Area School District – Part Time Health Aide and Substitute  
Experience: Northern Tier Community Action Head Start; Registered Nurse  
Consultant  
Building: Fox Township Elementary School

Name: David Baker  
Position: Title I Tutor (Temporary)  
Terms: \$11.30/Hour; 5 Hours/Day; 5 Days/Week

Effective: September 21, 2017  
Degree: B.S. in Biology  
Experience: US Marine Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Defense Spec.  
Experience: PAPA John's – Delivery Driver  
Building: Bennetts Valley Elementary School

Name: Deborah Nesbitt  
Position: Transportation Aide  
Terms: \$9.00/Hour; 4 Hours/Day; 5 Days/Week  
Effective: September 21, 2017  
Experience: WeeBulls, Inc. – Manager  
Experience: D&H Distributing – Logistics Manager  
Building: Bennetts Valley Elementary School

Name: Julie Hart  
Position: Personal Care Aide  
Terms: \$9.00/Hour; 5 Hours/Day; 5 Days/Week  
Effective: October 16, 2017  
Degree: Associates Degree  
Experience: Ann Forbes PreSchool – Teacher's Aide  
Experience: Seneca Highlands IU9 - Substitute Teacher's Aide  
Experience: Ridgway Area School District – Substitute Teacher's Aide  
Building: South St. Marys Street Elementary School

Motion by Kathryn Blake, seconded by James Condon; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.

#### Hire Substitute Health Aide, 2017-2018 Contract Pay Rate

Name: Janel Castellano  
Effective: October 10, 2017  
Degree: Bachelor of Science  
Certification: Registered Nurse  
University: Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Experience: Penn Highlands Elk – Registered Nurse  
Experience: Community Nurses – Registered Nurse  
Building: All

Name: Jessica Erich  
Effective: September 12, 2017  
Degree: Associate of Science  
Certification: Registered Nurse  
University: University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
Experience: Fox Township Elementary School – Health Aide  
Experience: Elk Regional Health Center – Registered Nurse

Building: All

Motion by Danielle Abrahamson, seconded by Stacy McKee; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.

#### Hire, Homebound Personnel, 2017-2018 Contract Pay Rate

Name: Mattie Maletto  
Effective: September 28, 2017  
Degree: Bachelor of Science Education  
Certification: Mental and/or Physically Handicapped, Elementary K-6  
Program Specialist ESL, Reading Specialist  
Experience: St. Marys Area School District Teacher  
Building: All

Motion by Kathryn Blake, seconded by Stacy McKee; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.

#### Hire, Supplemental Contracts, 2017-2018 School Year

Name: Brian Fenton  
Position: Wrestling Coach - Elementary  
Terms: \$500.00 (Renew)

Name: Zachary Hoy  
Position: 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Varsity Wrestling Coach  
Terms: \$1,680.00 (Renew)

Name: Adam Resch  
Position: 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Varsity Wrestling Coach  
Terms: \$2,029.00 (Renew)

Name: Steven Simchick  
Position: 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Wrestling Coach – Jr. High  
Terms: \$2,029.00 (Renew)

Name: Matthew Frank  
Position: Musical Producer  
Terms: \$1,200.00 (Renew)

Name: Matthew Frank  
Position: Drama Club Advisor  
Terms: \$371.00 (Renew)

Name: Michele Tripodi  
Position: Science Department Head  
Terms: \$400.00 (Renew)

Name: Cathy Zimmerman  
Position: Freshman Class Advisor  
Terms: \$250.00 (Renew)

Name: Seth Rhed  
Position: Boys Basketball Coach – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Terms: \$2,482.00 (Renew)

Name: John Azzato III  
Position: Asst. Wrestling Coach – Jr. High  
Terms: Volunteer (New)

Name: Tommy Paropacic  
Position: Asst. Wrestling Coach  
Terms: Volunteer (Renew)

Name: Julie Bish  
Position: Math Chairperson  
Terms: \$400.00 (Renew)

Motion by Danielle Abrahamson, seconded by Stacy McKee; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg. Jerry Zimmerman abstained from the vote – motion carried.

Motion by school board president to combine all sections under XV. F&G as one vote

Approved eleven (11) student workers for the 2017-2018 school year at a special student minimum wage of \$6.16 per hour for a maximum of four (4) hours per week.

#### Volunteers

South St. Marys Street Elementary School  
Tiffany Azzato  
Anjanette Catalone

Bennetts Valley Elementary School  
Cara Lynn Shrubbs

Motion by Stacy McKee, seconded by Danielle Abrahamson; voting yes: Danielle Abrahamson, Kathryn Blake, James Condon, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung, Stacy McKee, Robert Sorg, Jerry Zimmerman – motion carried.



Board Discussion

Executive Session

An executive session was held immediately following adjournment to discuss personnel.

Adjournment

Motion by Kathryn Blake; seconded by Danielle Abrahamson - meeting adjourned  
7:39PM

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Board President, Dr. Clythera S. Hornung

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Board Secretary, Ginger Williams