

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10 DECEMBER 2015
CARMICHAELS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
6:56 P.M.**

The Carmichaels Area School District Board of Education held its regular meeting on December 10, 2015 in the Middle-Senior High Media Center. Thomas M. Ricco, Board President, presided over the meeting.

Attending the meeting were John Menhart, Superintendent; Amy L. Todd, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Samuel Davis, Solicitor; Mark Batis, Technology Administrator; David Franks, Maintenance Supervisor; Ronald Gallagher, Middle School Principal; Fred Morecraft, Elementary Principal; Lisa Zdravecky, Senior High Principal; district residents and news media representatives.

An Executive Session was held from 6:20 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. for personnel and legal matters.

I. ROLL CALL.

The following Board members were in attendance: Ronald T. Ferek; Kenneth A. Ganocy; Dr. Richard L. Krause; Lewis G. May; Edmond F. McIntire, Jr., Vice-President; Pete Shlosky, Treasurer; Jason J. Voithofer and Cheryl L. Voytek.

II. MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION.

A moment of silent meditation was observed by all in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF RESCHEDULED BOARD MEETING OF 19 NOVEMBER 2015 HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2015.

Mr. McIntire moved to approve the minutes of the rescheduled Board meeting of November 19, 2015 held on November 12, 2015. Second by Mr. Ferek - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

V. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA / APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Mr. Ferek moved to approve the addition of items A. to D. below to the agenda. Second by Mr. Shlosky - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

- A. WCCC College in High School Agreement
- B. Interagency Agreement Addendum - School-to-Work Program
- C. Custodial-Maintenance Position
- D. Security Services

Mr. Shlosky moved to approve the addition of item E. below to the agenda. Motion failed for lack of a second.

E. Contract Addendum - The Hayes Design Group

Dr. Krause moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Mr. Ganocy - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

VI. REMARKS FROM VISITORS.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

A. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT.

B. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT.

C. MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT.

D. SENIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL REPORT.

E. TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT.

F. MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR REPORT.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. HUMAN RESOURCES (Ferek, Krause).

1. POLICY 2ND READINGS.

Mr. Ferek moved to approve the second reading of policy item a. below as presented. Second by Mr. Shlosky - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

a. 008 ORGANIZATION CHART.

2. WCCC COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL AGREEMENT.

Mr. Ferek moved to approve the agreement with Westmoreland County Community College effective August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2017 as presented. Second by Mr. Voithofer - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

3. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT ADDENDUM - SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAM (Exhibit I).

Mr. Ferek moved to approve the school-to-work program agreement addendum with Intermediate Unit 1 and West Greene School District as presented. Second by Mrs. Voytek - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

4. CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE POSITION.

Mr. Ferek moved to offer the custodial-maintenance position to Joshua Novotny with salary and terms per the SEIU contract effective December 14, 2015. Second by Mr. Shlosky - 8 ayes; 1 nay (May).

5. SECURITY SERVICES.

Mr. Ferek moved to authorize the Superintendent to hire security services on an ad hoc basis as needed. Second by Mr. McIntire - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

B. BUDGET & FINANCE (McIntire, Krause).**1. TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCES 2016-2021 (Exhibit II).**

Mr. McIntire moved to approve the Tax Abatement Ordinance items a. to d. below as presented. Second by Mr. Shlosky - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

a. 15-16 - 01 RE TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION.**b. 15-16 - 02 RE TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN DWELLING UNITS.****c. 15-16 - 03 RE TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL, AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES YEARS 1-5.****d. 15-16 - 04 RE TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL, AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES YEARS 6-9.****2. YEARBOOK ADVERTISEMENT.**

Mr. McIntire moved to place a full page ad in the 15-16 yearbook at a cost of \$400.00. Second by Dr. Krause - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

3. CONTRACT - PSBA POLICY SERVICES.

Mr. McIntire moved to approve the contract with PSBA for the merged employee section service at a cost of \$1,650.00. Second by Mrs. Voytek - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

4. ADVERTISE 2016-17 PRELIMINARY BUDGET.

Mr. McIntire moved to authorize the district to advertise the 2016-17 preliminary budget in order to qualify for any potential Act 1 exceptions. Second by Mr. Shlosky - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

5. PREMIER POWER CONTRACT EXTENSION.

Mr. McIntire moved to approve a 2-year extension with Premier Power with rate set at or below the current rates. Second by Mr. Shlosky - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

6. BUDGET TRANSFERS (Exhibit III).

Mr. McIntire moved to approve the budget transfers as presented. Second by Mr. May - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

C. ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS (Ganocy, Voithofer, Shlosky).

1. FIELD TRIP.

Mr. Ganocy moved to approve the field trip request items a. to c. below as presented. Second by Mrs. Voytek - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

a. JR. STANDING COMMITTEE NIGHT IN PITTSBURGH -> Pittsburgh - December 10, 2015.

b. GRADE 5 CTC TOUR -> Waynesburg - May 4, 2016.

c. FRENCH CLUB BREAKFAST/TOUR -> Pittsburgh - December 21, 2015.

2. RESIGNATION - F. MORECRAFT, ASST SOFTBALL COACH.

Mr. Ganocy moved to accept the resignation dated November 19, 2015 of Fred Morecraft as assistant softball coach. Second by Mr. Shlosky - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

D. TRANSPORTATION & BUILDING/GROUNDS (Voithofer, Shlosky).

1. FACILITIES.

Mr. Voithofer moved to approve the request for facilities items a. and b. below as presented. Second by Mrs. Voytek - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

a. BREAKFAST WITH SANTA -> MSH cafeteria - December 19, 2015.

b. YOUTH WRESTLING TOURNAMENT -> MSH & aux gym/concession stand - January 31, 2016.

X. BUSINESS MANAGER/ BOARD SECRETARY REPORT.

A. BILLS FOR PAYMENT (Exhibit IV).

Mr. McIntire moved to approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$1,700,261.86 as presented. Second by Mr. Ferek - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

B. SECRETARY / TREASURER / FINANCIAL REPORTS (Exhibit V).

Mr. Ferek moved to approve the secretary, treasurer and other financial reports as presented. Second by Mr. McIntire - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

XI. OTHER REPORTS.

A. FEDERAL PROGRAMS (Menhart).

B. LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Ferek).

C. PUBLIC RELATIONS (Krause, Gallagher, Morecraft, Zdravecky).

D. STRATEGIC PLAN REPRESENTATIVE (Krause).

E. GCC&TC REPRESENTATIVE (Shlosky).

XII. ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Ferek moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Second by Mr. McIntire - 9 ayes; 0 nays.

Amy L. Todd, Board Secretary

Thomas M. Ricco, Board President