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Highlights from the Keystone Oaks Board of School Directors Meeting

Meeting Information: Business/Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Board member Rob Brownlee was not in attendance.

[Click here to view the January 2017 “Highlighting Excellence” presentation](#), which showcases ways in which students and staff members are excelling inside the classroom and in the community.

The Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss the KOEA Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiation session that was held on Friday, January 13, 2017 and the upcoming session scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2017. An Executive Session was held after the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

BUSINESS/LEGISLATIVE MEETING

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Board approved the Reorganization Minutes and the Work Session Minutes of December 6, 2016 and the Business/Legislative Minutes of December 13, 2016. [The minute will be made available online.](#)

The Board adopted the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* as the District’s official newspaper.

The Board established a Diversity Committee in the Keystone Oaks School District. [Please read the announcement on the District’s website.](#)

The Board approved the amendment to the Shannon Transit Village Tax Increment Financing Plan.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Board appointed **Karen Brown** as the Interim Principal for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the first reading of Policy No. 2016: Student Records and the first reading of Attachment No. 216-AR-1: Release of Directory Information “Opt Out.” [The policy and attachment can be found at the end of the agenda for the January 17 Business/Legislative Meeting.](#)

The Board approved five conference requests:

Dr. William Stropkaj	PASA 2017 Education Conference	\$770
Dr. William Stropkaj	The Forum for Western PA School Superintendents	\$790
Carol Persin	PA Educational Technology Expo & Conference	\$965 (for 2)
Anna Benvenuti	PA Educational Technology Expo & Conference	
Beth Smith	Future Business Leaders of America	\$1,939
Abigail Ubinger	Advanced Autism Intervention Training	\$615

EDUCATION REPORT

The Board approved the Keystone Oaks Middle School Program of Studies for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the Keystone Oaks High School Program of Studies for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved Camp Invention for the following dates: June 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., located at Dormont Elementary School. **Ms. Jennie Martin**, Elementary STEAM teacher, will be the Program Director.

PUPIL PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board approved the Agreement between Pressley Ridge and the Keystone Oaks School District for the purpose of collaboration in assisting children and their families, effective January 18, 2017, until either party deems it necessary to terminate the agreement.

The Board approved the **Safe School Helpline Agreement** for the Keystone Oaks School District, effective February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018, at a cost of \$1,544.67 per year. The **Safe School Helpline** is a 24-hour service for all District staff, parents, students and community members to report safety concerns and seek immediate support.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board accepted the letter of resignation from **John Rago**, custodian, Keystone Oaks High School, effective December 23, 2016.

The Board approved the employment of **Jocelyn Hiber**, Emotional Support teacher, effective January 18, 2017 with a salary of \$47,500 (M, Level 12) – to be prorated.

The Board approved the employment of **Juliene Graham**, as a long-term substitute for 7th grade science at Keystone Oaks Middle School, effective January 18, 2017 with a salary of \$43,000 (B +48, Level 16) – to be prorated.

The Board approved the employment of **Thadeus Weitershausen**, custodian, Keystone Oaks High School, effective January 18, 2017 at a salary of \$27,357 – to be prorated.

The Board approved the employment of **Raven Payne**, Paraprofessional, Keystone Oaks High School/Keystone Oaks Middle School, effective January 24, 2017, at a salary of \$12.04 per hour.

The Board approved **Joyelle Galiszewski**, Special Education teacher, Keystone Oaks High School, for a sabbatical leave for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year and the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the following individual for Family & Medical Leave:

K.G. – Effective January 3, 2017 with an anticipated return date of May 2017.

The Board approved \$7,900 in compensation for Secondary Teacher Stipends for Class Sizes at 30 or Above for the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved \$13,800 in compensation for Secondary Teacher Stipends for Teaching 7 out of 8 periods for the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved \$2,000 in compensation for Secondary Teacher Stipends for Teaching More than One Course during the Same Period for the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved \$3,280 in compensation for Elementary Teacher Stipends for the First Semester for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved **Michael Kercher** as a substitute custodian at a pay rate of \$10.50 per hour, effective December 19, 2016.

The Board approved 27 Spring sports, coaches and stipends for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved two coaches for Middle School Girls Basketball for the 2017 season.

FINANCE REPORT

The Board voted to approve the following Accounts Payable lists as presented in the *Finance Package*:

A. General Fund as of December 31, 2016 (Check No. 52856 - 53060)	\$633,999.50
B. Risk Management as of December 31, 2016 (None)	\$0.00
C. Food Service Fund as of December 31, 2016 (Check No. 9111 - 9112)	\$2,960.97
D. Athletics as of December 31, 2016 (None)	\$0.00
E. Capital Reserve as of December 31, 2016 (Check No. 1554 - 1556)	\$176,130.26
TOTAL	\$813,090.73

The Board adopted Resolution 01-17 certifying to the PA Department of Education that the Keystone Oaks Board of School Directors will not raise the tax rate of any tax for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by more than its 2.5% index.

FACILITIES REPORT

The Board approved the revised contract effective December 2016 through August 2019 for the natural gas service provided by UGI Energy Services, LLC, at a cost of -\$0.480 per Dth basis.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The Board of School Directors February Work Session meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Board Room. [The final agenda will be posted on the website.](#)

Upcoming Committee Meetings (as of 1-18-17):

- Policy Committee – Monday, January 23, 2017, 7 p.m.
- Communications Committee – Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
- Education Committee – Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 6:30 p.m.