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## **Highlights from the Keystone Oaks Board of School Directors Meeting**

**Meeting Information:** Business/Legislative Meeting, Thursday, May 28, 2015

**Board Members Dave Hommrich, Raeann Lindsey and Rob Brownlee were absent.**

*\*Meeting Highlights do not serve as the official Meeting Minutes. They are provided as a service to community and for the purpose of informing the public of actions that were taken at the meeting. Meeting Minutes will be approved at a later date and will be posted on the website for public review.*

### **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

The Board recognized two groups of students at the beginning of the meeting:

- A group of middle school students who had their artwork published in the Spring 2015 Celebrating Art publication
- A group of students from Dormont Elementary School who participated in the Odyssey of the Mind competition

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was held prior to or after the meeting.

### **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Board voted to appoint Mr. Matt Cesario to the Office of Treasurer to serve for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2015.

The Board voted to approve the Special Voting Minutes of April 9, 2015, Work Session Minutes of April 21, 2015 and the Business/Legislative Minutes of April 30, 2015. The minutes will be posted on the District's website for review.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Board voted to approve the renewed contract for Christopher Swickline, Director of Buildings, Grounds & Transportation, for a term effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

The Board voted to approve the following policy:

- No. 836: Workers' Compensation Transitional Return-to-Work Program

This policy has now been enacted and will be [posted on the District's website](#).

The Board approved the First Reading of the following new policies:

- No. 213: Assessment of Student Progress
- No. 218: Student Discipline
- No. 227: Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

- No. 250: Weapons
- No. 251: Terroristic Threats

These policies can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

The Board approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's *Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds* in compliance with the federal requirements of 34 CFR 300.101 through 300.624 as part of the IDEIA Application for the 2015/2016 school year.

The Board approved the recognition of the Keystone Oaks Alumni Band beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

## **EDUCATION REPORT**

The Board voted to adopt and purchase the following textbooks for AP Comparative Governments & Politics:

- **Introduction to Comparative Politics: Political Challenges and Changing Agendas** at a cost of \$4,719.00
- **Doing Comparative Politics: An Introduction to Approaches & Issues** at a cost of \$859.00.

## **PUPIL PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board voted to approve the *Agreement with Wesley Spectrum Services and the Keystone Oaks School District* (elementary, middle and high schools) for the 2015-2016 school year. This agreement includes the professional services of two Intervention Specialists at the cost of \$149,800.00 (\$74,900.00 for each individual).

## **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

The Board voted to approve the "Alumni Achievement Award" rules and nomination form.

## **PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board voted to accept the retirement date change of Gerald J. Jeannett, Elementary Guidance Counselor, to June 29, 2015.

The Board voted to accept the retirement of the following employees:

- Loretta Angotti, Food Service Worker, effective March 27, 2015
- Stephen Messes, Maintenance, effective October 29, 2015
- Darlene Strauch, Paraprofessional, effective June 11, 2015
- Donald Tambellini, Custodian, effective June 26, 2015
- Dorothy Zangrilli, Paraprofessional, effective June 11, 2015

The Board voted to accept the letter of resignation from Debra Argento, Food Service Worker, effective May 8, 2015.

In compliance with **Board Policy No. 405 – Employment of Substitute Professional Employees**, the Board voted to approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Blithe Brouwers, Music K-12
- Lisa Over, Mathematics 7-12
- Dennis Reft, Jr., Mid-Level Math; Elementary K-6

In compliance with the Keystone Oaks Education Association Agreement 2011-2016, Article VII, Teaching Load, the Board approved compensation for a number of individuals.

In compliance with **Board Policy No. 404 – Employment of Professional Employees**, the Board recognized Shane Hallam for completing the requirements according to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and achieving tenure with a Professional Contract, effective April 30, 2015.

The Board voted to approve bereavement days for full-time Food Service employees as follows:

- Three days leave for a death in the immediate family
- Two days leave for death of a near relative
- One day leave for the death of a friend

## **FINANCE REPORT**

The Board voted to approve the following Accounts Payable list:

General Fund	\$510,678.00
AIU-ESY (Check No. 46270 for \$166,852.86)	
Risk Management	\$439,419.92
Food Service Fund	\$38,571.69
Athletics	\$6,837.65
Renovations	\$29,229.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,191,589.12</b>

The Board voted to approve the **Contract to Sell of Purchase Meals from Schools** between the Keystone Oaks School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Head Start Program located in Dormont Elementary School, for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board voted to approve a number of budget transfers, which are available for review by [clicking here](#).

## **FACILITIES REPORT**

The Board voted to approve North Star Communications, Inc. for the installation of cameras at Aiken, Dormont and Myrtle Avenue Elementary Schools at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

The Board voted to approve the contract with NaviGate Prepared for the purchase of a school safety response data system at a cost of \$8,200 for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board voted to approve AT&T to upgrade its antennas on the Keystone Oaks Middle School roof as per the Consent Letter. Additional RF testing will follow after installation.

The Board voted to approve water-based traffic markings for the newly paved surfaces on all District property.

### **NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

The next meeting of the Board of School Directors is Tuesday, June 16, 2015. [The final agenda will be posted on the website.](#) Committee meetings will be held throughout the month and are open to the public. [Please visit the District Calendar for a list of upcoming committee meetings.](#)