



**UPPER ST. CLAIR BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017 - 7:24 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD ROOM**

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Notice having been advertised and posted and members duly notified, a meeting of the Board of School Directors was held on November 13, 2017 in the Central Office Board Room.

School Board Members in attendance:

Mrs. Angela B. Petersen, President
Mrs. Amy L. Billerbeck, Vice President
Mrs. Barbara L. Bolas
Mr. Phillip J. Elias
Mrs. Buffy Z. Hasco
Mr. Patrick A. Hewitt (via speaker phone)
Mr. Louis P. Mafrice, Jr.
Mr. Harry F. Kunselman

School personnel in attendance:

Dr. Patrick O'Toole, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Sharon Suritsky, Deputy/Assistant Superintendent
Dr. John Rozzo, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Scott P. Burchill, Director of Business & Finance
Dr. Judith Bulazo, Director of Curriculum & Professional Development
Mr. Raymond Berrott, Director of Technology
Mrs. Amy Pfender, Director of Student Support Services
Mr. Brad Wilson, Supervisor of Customized & On-Line Learning
Mrs. Mary Ann Stabile, Stenographer
Mr. Robert Prorok, Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER (Petersen)

Mrs. Petersen called the meeting to order at approximately 7:24 p.m.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There were no residents' comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Petersen)

MOTION: By Hasco: I move that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Bolas, and carried on unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED BOND ISSUE

Dr. O'Toole stated that the school district has met with the Township Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners regarding the unified conditional approval of proposed capital projects. He stated that Mr. Mike Bova of Boenning & Scattergood and Ms. Lisa Chiesa of Clark Hill would provide information regarding the proposed financing of the projects.

Mr. Bova reviewed two proposed financing scenarios. He explained the benefits of approving one of the financing scenarios during 2017 prior to the possible approval of tax bills proposed by the Senate and House.

Ms. Chiesa reviewed the terms of the financing noting that funds for the capital projects would be required to be used within three years. She added that the description of the project could be changed, if needed, to address other capital projects.

There was a full discussion regarding removing the wording in the resolution of the incurrence of non-electoral indebtedness that indicated that it would be contingent upon approval of the Unified Conditional Use/Preliminary and Final Land Development Plan by the Township. Concerns were expressed regarding not limiting the funding to be used for the capital projects being considered should the Township not grant approval due to the modifications requested for the multi-use complex at the high school stadium. There was also further discussion regarding moving forward with the proposed financing before the end of the calendar year, which would be in the best interest of the taxpayers.

APPROVAL OF BOND UNDERWRITER FOR 2017 SERIES C BOND ISSUE (O'Toole/Burchill)

MOTION: By Billerbeck: I move that the Board ratify the appointment of Boenning & Scattergood as bond underwriter for the proposed 2017 Series C bond issue. Seconded by Bolas, and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BOND COUNSEL FOR 2017 SERIES C BOND ISSUE (O'Toole/Burchill)

MOTION: By Mafrice: I move that the Board ratify the appointment Clark Hill PLC as bond counsel for the 2017 Series C bond issue at a fee of no more than \$21,000 plus fees and expenses. Seconded by Hasco, and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR INCURRENCE OF NON-ELECTORAL INDEBTEDNESS (O'Toole/Burchill/Bova/Chiesa)

MOTION: By Elias: The Committee recommends and I move that the Board approve a resolution authorizing the incurring of non-electoral debt by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed ten million dollars (\$10,000,000); covenanting to pay, and pledging all available taxing power for the payment of the bonds; establishing a sinking fund and appointing a sinking fund depository; fixing the form, interest rates, maturity dates, redemption and other provisions for the payment thereof; covenanting to accept a proposal for the purchase of the bonds; authorizing a filing of required documents with the Department of Community and Economic Development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the bonds AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING. Seconded by Mafrice, and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY FOR THE DISTRICT'S OUTSTANDING BONDS (O'Toole/Burchill/Bova/Chiesa)

MOTION: By Kunselman: The Committee recommends and I move that the Board approve a resolution authorizing the removal of the current sinking fund depository and the appointment of a successor sinking fund depository for the district's outstanding bonds AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING. Seconded by Bolas, and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF ALMABASE CONTRACT FOR ALUMNI RELATIONS SOFTWARE (Suritsky)

MOTION: By Bolas: The Committee recommends and I move that the Board approve the contract with Almbase, Inc. for Alumni Relations Software, subject to final approval by the Superintendent and Solicitor, AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING. Seconded by Hasco, and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded, and carried on unanimous voice vote that the meeting adjourn at approximately 7:54 p.m.

Angela B. Petersen, President
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Scott P. Burchill, Secretary
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Submitted by: Mary Ann L. Stabile
School Board Stenographer