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UPPER ST. CLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mrs. Angela B. Petersen • Mrs. Jennifer A. Schnore
Dr. John T. Rozzo, Superintendent • Mrs. Jocelyn P. Kramer, Solicitor

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2021 @ 7:00pm
District Administration Building Board Room

Notice having been advertised and posted and members duly notified, a special Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held on February 8, 2021 in the District Administration Room.

School Board Members in Attendance:

Mr. Patrick A. Hewitt, President (in-person)
Mr. Phillip J. Elias, Vice President (in-person)
Mrs. Amy Billerbeck (virtual)
Mrs. Barbara L. Bolas (in-person)
Mrs. Jennifer L. Bowen (in-person)
Dr. Daphna Gans (virtual)
Mr. Louis P. Mafrice Jr. (virtual)
Mrs. Angela Petersen (in-person)
Mrs. Jennifer Schnore (virtual)

School Personnel in Attendance:

Dr. John T. Rozzo, Superintendent (in-person)
Dr. Sharon K. Suritsky, Assistant/Deputy Superintendent (virtual)
Mrs. Amy Pfender, Assistant to the Superintendent (in-person)
Mr. Ray Carson, Senior Director of Operations & Administrative Services (in-person)
Mr. Scott Burchill, Director of Business & Finance (in-person)
Dr. Lou Angelo, Director of Facilities and Operations (virtual)
Mr. Raymond Berrott, Director of Technology (in-person)
Dr. Judith Bulazo, Director of Curriculum and Development (virtual)
Mrs. Cassandra Doggrell, Director of Special Education (virtual)
Mrs. Lauren Madia, Director of Pupil Services (virtual)
Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Strategic Initiatives (virtual)
Mrs. Jocelyn Kramer, Solicitor (in-person)
Mrs. Sarah MacDonald, Board Stenographer (virtual)
Karsen Damon – Student Board Representative (virtual)

R.J. Shontz – Student Board Representative (virtual)

Call to Order

(Hewitt, School Board President)

Mr. Hewitt called the meeting to order at approximately 7:09pm.

Resident’s Comments - (Regarding Agenda items only)

Link to Online Form

Note: As per Guidelines for Resident’s Comments, please state your name and address and limit your comments to three minutes. Social distancing and mask guidelines will also be adhered to during Resident’s Comments. In light of continued health and safety concerns, the Board will offer an additional option for submitting Residents’ Comments via online form (link above) by Monday, February 8, 2021 anytime before 4pm or by phone in advance of the meeting. You can submit a comment via phone by contacting the Board Stenographer at 412-833-1600 x2218 by Monday, February 8, 2021 any time before 2pm. Comments submitted in advance regarding agenda items will be shared with the Board prior to the meeting and summarized at this time.

There were no Resident’s comments at this time.

Approval of Agenda

(Hewitt, School Board President)

MOTION: By Elias: I move that the Board approve the Agenda, as presented and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Superintendent’s Report

(Rozzo, Superintendent of Schools)

a. Approval of joint appointment of a Member of the Youth Steering Committee (YSC) to a 4 year term

(Rozzo, Superintendent of Schools / Bowen, School Board Member)

Dr. Rozzo reported on the joint appointment of Lauren Wharton to the Youth Steering Committee for a 4 year term. The joint appointment is with the Upper St. Clair Township’s Commissioners. He noted that Ms. Wharton is a fantastic candidate for the position. Mrs. Bowen echoed Dr. Rozzo’s sentiments.

Mrs. Petersen noted that she also knows Ms. Wharton and that she will be a fantastic addition to the Youth Steering Committee.

MOTION: By Petersen: I move that the Board jointly appoint, with the Upper St. Clair Township’s Commissioners, Lauren Wharton to the Youth Steering Committee for a 4 year term according to YSC By-Laws. Seconded by Elias and carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Approval of Personnel Listings

(Carson, Sr. Director of Operations & Administrative Services)

Mr. Carson reviewed the Personnel Listings, noting that the Listing contains a number of items including: ECAs, retirements, disciplinary actions and a special leave granted to some personnel through an MOU.

MOTION: By Gans: I move that the Board approve the Personnel Listings, as attached. Seconded by Petersen and carried by unanimous voice vote.

c. Approval of Financing for Technology Equipment with Apple Financial Services for the following Lease Schedules 25, 26, and 27

(Berrott, Director of Technology)

- i.** Lease 25: Replacement iPads for 1:1 one grade level and Chromebooks for incoming 9th graders
- ii.** Lease 26: Promethean ActivPanels for Middle Schools
- iii.** Lease 27: Extreme WiFi Access Points and Ethernet Switches

Mr. Berrott reviewed the financing for technology equipment with Apple Financial Services for Lease Schedules 25, 26 and 27. He noted that as the District has done in the past, he is asking the Board to approve the financing ahead of schedule for some purchases, as there is currently a huge supply and demand problem. He advised that most vendors are still filing last year's orders and some neighboring Districts are still receiving equipment that was ordered last year.

Dr. Rozzo thanked Mr. Berrott for advocating for technology upgrades for the District. He noted that because of Mr. Berrott's advocating last Spring, the District was fortunate enough to have 1:1 technology for each student. Dr. Rozzo advised that he would like to publicly commend Mr. Berrott and the entire Tech Department for their hard work. He noted that the Tech Department works behind the scenes to keep the District running and they have been instrumental in helping to navigate the Pandemic. Mr. Hewitt echoed Dr. Rozzo's comments.

MOTION: By Billerbeck: I move that the Board approve Lease schedules 25, 26, and 27 with Apple Financial Services at an annual percentage rate not to exceed 2% and a yearly cost not to exceed \$325,000, contingent upon terms and conditions acceptable to the Superintendent and Solicitor. Seconded by Gans and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Business & Finance

(Burchill, Director of Business & Finance)

a. Approval to Solicit Bids for Athletic Supplies 2021-2022

(Burchill, Director of Business & Finance)

Mr. Burchill reviewed the approval to solicit bids for Athletic supplies for 2021-2022.

MOTION: By Mafrice: I move that the Board approve the request to solicit bids for athletic supplies for the 2021-2022 school year. Seconded by Billerbeck and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

(Hewitt, School Board President)

Mr. Hewitt adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:18pm.

Patrick A. Hewitt, President
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Scott P. Burchill, Secretary
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Submitted by: Sarah MacDonald
School Board Stenographer

Personnel List**Board Meeting**

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ELECTION

Staff Name	Location	New Assignment	New Assignment Status	Effective Date
Dailey, Alexis	High School	Assistant Coach - Girls Varsity Lacrosse	ECA	03-08-21 through 05-15-21
Dempsey, Lauren	High School	Assistant Coach - Girls Varsity Lacrosse	ECA	03-08-21 through 05-15-21
Kott, Samantha	Ft. Couch	AWS Teacher	Substitute	02-15-21 through 06-09-21
Williams, Hallie	High School	Assistant Coach - Spring Track	ECA	03-08-21 through 05-15-21

CHANGE OF STATUS

Staff Name	Location	Current Assignment	Current Assignment Status	New Assignment	New Assignment Status	Effective Date
Davidovich, Virginia	Bus Garage	Bus Driver	PT	Leave	Leave	Beginning 1-5-21
Derrico, Linda	Bus Garage	Bus Attendant	PT	Leave	Leave	Beginning 1-25-21
Ecker, Diane	.5 Boyce / .5 Ft. Couch	.5 Gifted Teacher / .5 English Teacher	FT	Leave	Leave	Beginning 11-10-20
MacDonald, Sarah	DAB	1.0 Executive Assistant	FT	Leave	Leave	3-2-21 through 4-30-21
Martini, Karen	Boyce	AWS Teacher	Substitute	1.0 Elementary Teacher (LTS for S. Nicklas since 10-29-20)	LTS	10-29-20 through LDTR (as of 02-10-21)
Mostowy, Dawn	High School	1.0 Biology Teacher	FT	Leave	Leave	Beginning 2-1-21
Newman, Corinne	High School	1.0 Chemistry Teacher	FT	Leave	Leave	03-22-21 through LDTR
Ruffalo, Andrew	Baker	1.0 Head Custodian	FT	Leave	Leave	Beginning 1-6-21

REAPPOINTMENT

Staff Name	Location	Current Assignment	Current Assignment Status	Effective Date
Binkley, Michael	High School	Spring Musical: Assistant Producer	ECA	02-15-21 through 05-15-21
Dodd, Jane	High School	Spring Musical: Musical Assistant (Coordinating Producer)	ECA	02-15-21 through 05-15-21
Ferrari-Engel, Rachel	High School	Spring Musical: Technical Director	ECA	02-15-21 through 05-15-22

Gibson, Connie	High School	Spring Musical: Assistant Producer	ECA	02-15-21 through 05-15-23
Hunsberger, Thomas	High School	Spring Musical: Producing Artistic Director	ECA	02-15-21 through 05-15-24
Karidis, Steve	Ft. Couch	Head Coach: Softball	ECA	02-15-21 through 05-15-25
Milovac, Lorraine	High School	Spring Musical: Musical Assistant (Choral Director/Vocal Coach)	ECA	02-15-21 through 05-15-26
Wallace, Amy	High School	Spring Musical: Musical Assistant (Choreographer)	ECA	02-15-21 through 05-15-27

RETIREMENT

Staff Name	Location	Current Assignment	Current Assignment Status	Effective Date
Chicchi, Joseph	Bus Garage	Bus Driver	PT	LDBDR 2020-21 school year
Nanci, Erin	Ft. Couch	1.0 English Teacher	FT	2-4-21
Olack, Carol	Eisenhower	1.0 Health & Phys Ed Teacher	FT	LDTR 2020-21 school year
Serio, Peter	Boyce	1.0 Health & Phys Ed Teacher	FT	LDTR 2020-21 school year

RESIGNATION

Staff Name	Location	Current Assignment	Current Assignment Status	Effective Date
Harrison, Elizabeth	Baker	AWS Teacher	Substitute	02-12-21

OTHER

Staff Name	Action
EE #1562	Approval of special leave day - MOU for employee
EE #3781	Approval of special leave day - MOU for employee
EE #1264	Disciplinary Action: 1-day suspension on 02-17-21
EE #3139	Disciplinary Action: 1-day suspension on 02-03-21
EE #3164	Disciplinary Action: 5-day unpaid suspension as of 02-04-21 through 02-10-21 and Termination
EE #3852	Disciplinary Action: Unpaid status as of 02-02-21 and Resignation of employee on terms and conditions recommended by the Superintendent and Solicitor

INFORMATION ONLY:

Hulpa, William	Bus Garage	1.0 Bus Driver - Leave - Return to Work 02-04-21
Knox, Bethany	Ft. Couch	1.0 Teacher Aide - Leave - Changed from 10-19-20 through TBD to 10-19-20 through LDTAR
Lopez, Julio	Ft. Couch	1.0 Custodian - Effective date changed from TBD to 02-03-21
Nicklas, Steven	Boyce	1.0 Elementary Teacher -Leave- Changed from 10-29-20 through TBD to 10-29-20 through 3-30-21