

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VOTING MEETING HELD ON MARCH 16, 2023.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Cindy Cook, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Cindy Cook, President  
Jessica Dechicko, Secretary  
Terri Ellinwood, Member  
Tom Karczewski, Member  
Michele Manno, Member  
Ronald Miller, Vice President  
Carla Schriver, Member  
Darcelle Slappy, Member  
Susan Smith, Treasurer  
Dr. Donna Nugent, Superintendent  
Tony Giglio, Solicitor  
Joyce Depenhardt, Director of Student Services  
Gary Ceccarelli, Business Manager  
Doug Rowe, High School Principal  
Tom House, Middle School Principal  
Josh Ginther, Middle School Assistant Principal  
Bryan Fabyanic, Central Elementary Principal  
Jonell Egan, Central Elementary Assistant Principal  
Chad Thomas, Big Beaver Elementary Principal  
Rodney Bobin, Technology Director  
Chris Posset, Director of Physical Plant

**Absent:**

Mary Beth Leeman, Special Education Compliance Director  
Dave Woods, High School Assistant Principal

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Voting Meeting held on February 9, 2023.

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve the following bills for payment:

General Fund - \$2,658,997.53

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**V. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve the following financial reports:

Treasurer's Report – February 2023  
Budget Recap – February 2023  
Student Activities Fund – January & February 2023

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT****1. PERSONNEL****A. Resignations**

1. **Mrs. Sally Higgins** has submitted her letter of resignation from the Big Beaver Elementary cafeteria effective February 13, 2023.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Tom Karczewski that the Board approve Sally Higgins' resignation from the Big Beaver Elementary cafeteria effective February 13, 2023.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**B. Settlement Agreement and Release**

The Administration recommends accepting the resignation of **Mrs. Toni Dean** and approving the Settlement Agreement and Release, as submitted.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve the resignation of Toni Dean and approving the Settlement Agreement and Release as submitted.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**C. Leave of Absence**

1. **Mrs. Jessica Martinez** is requesting two unpaid leave days on February 2 and February 24, 2023.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve Jessica Martinez' request for two unpaid leave days on February 2 and February 24, 2023.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

2. **Mrs. Nicole McKay** is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning September 1, 2023 for 60 days.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve Nicole McKay's request for a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning September 1, 2023 for 60 days.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**D. Appointments**

1. The Food Service Director recommends appointing **Jamey Trover** as a cafeteria server at Big Beaver Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$13.59 per hour effective March 21, 2023.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board approve appointing Jamey Trover as a cafeteria server at Big Beaver Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$13.59 per hour effective March 21, 2023.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

2. The Food Service Director recommends adding **Cameallya Gamble** to the cafeteria worker substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve adding Cameallya Gamble to the cafeteria worker substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

3. The Athletic Director recommends appointing **Alivia Clark** as an Assistant Softball Coach at a salary of \$2,150.00 effective the 2022/2023 school year.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Ronald Miller that the Board approve appointing Alivia Clark as an Assistant Softball Coach at a salary of \$2,150.00 effective the 2022/2023 school year.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

4. The Athletic Director recommends appointing **Dan Swanson** as Head Jr. High Softball Coach at a salary of \$1,600.00 effective the 2022/2023 school year.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Ronald Miller and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve appointing Dan Swanson as Head Jr. High Softball Coach at a salary of \$1,600.00 effective the 2022/2023 school year.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

5. The Athletic Director recommends appointing **Owen Rimel** as an Assistant Jr. High Softball Coach at a salary of \$1,200.00 effective the 2022/2023 school year.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Ronald Miller and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve appointing Owen Rimel as an Assistant Jr. High Softball Coach at a salary of \$1,200.00 effective the 2022/2023 school year.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

6. The Administration recommends appointing **Maria Stevenson** as a 10 month secretary at the Middle School at a Step 1 rate of \$17.26 per hour effective March 27, 2023.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve appointing Maria Stevenson as a 10 month secretary at the Middle School at a Step 1 rate of \$17.26 per hour effective March 27, 2023.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**E. 2022/2023 Instructional Substitute and Bus/Van Driver List Additions**

The Administration recommends approving the additions to the 2022/2023 Instructional Substitute and Bus/Van Driver List.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve the additions to the 2022/2023 Instructional Substitute and Bus/Van Driver List.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**F. Custodial Substitute List**

The Building and Grounds Director recommend adding **Isabelle Lucci** to the student worker custodial substitute list.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve adding Isabelle Lucci to the student worker custodial substitute list.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**2. BEAVER VALLEY INTERMEDIATE UNIT 2023/2024 BUDGET**

The Administration recommends adoption of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 2023/2024 Budget in the amount of \$1,608,913.00.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve adoption of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 2023/2024 Budget in the amount of \$1,608,913.00.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**3. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

- A. Mrs. Jodi Cobb is requesting permission to take 20-30 students to the Rosedale Technical College in Pittsburgh on March 22, 2023 to attend the "Women in the Trades" day.
- B. Ms. Angela Manno, Mrs. Tessier and Mrs. Matsook are requesting permission to take 9 students to the BVIU on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to attend Peer Generation Youth Support training.
- C. Mr. Jon Sheffield and Mrs. Felicity Miller are requesting permission to take 21 students in the gifted program to Orlando, Florida to attend the 2023 AGLOA National Tournament April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- D. Miss Angela Manno is requesting permission to take 40 students to the Peterson Event Center on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 to attend Alex Boye's Bend not Break Tour.
- E. Miss Manno and Mrs. Tessier are requesting permission to take 60-65 students to CCBC in Monaca on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 to attend the YAP Spring Event.
- F. Miss Manno is requesting permission to take 20-30 students to the Beaver Valley Mall on Thursday, April 20, 2023 to attend the Spring Career and Job Fair.
- G. Ms. Magliocchi, Mrs. Honeywill, Mrs. Delisio and Ms. Majors are requesting permission to take their second grade classes to Keystone Safari in Grove City on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.
- H. Mrs. Cobb and Ms. Bennett are requesting permission to take 20-30 students to Rosedale Tech in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 to tour the facility.

- I. Mrs. Cobb is requesting permission to take 10-15 students Vesuvius in Wampum on Monday, April 3, 2023 to tour the plant and learn of potential employment opportunities.
- J. Mrs. Cobb and Ms. Bennett are requesting permission to take 20-30 students to New Castle School of Trades on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 to tour and explore opportunities working in the trades.
- K. Mrs. Rachel Prince is requesting permission to take 16 students to the Chick-fil-a in Monaca on Friday March 31, 2023.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the above field trips on dates and at locations as listed.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**4. CONNOLLY PARK LLC TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL SETTLEMENT**

The Administration recommends approving the settlement in the Connolly Park LLC tax assessment appeal for property located at 200 Connolly Park Drive in the City of Beaver Falls as recommended by the Solicitor. The settlement decreases the assessment from \$224,000 to \$189,750 for 2022 and \$170,200 for 2023.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve the settlement in the Connolly Park LLC tax assessment appeal for property located at 200 Connolly Park Drive in the City of Beaver Falls.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**5. PDE 4605 CHILD ACCOUNTING AUTHORIZATIONS**

The Administration recommends approving the authorization for Mary Beth Leeman to sign off on the PDE 4605 form for child accounting purposes. This form allows the School District to acknowledge or disclaim a student's residence status.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve the authorization for Mary Beth Leeman to sign off on the PDE 4605 form for child accounting purposes.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**6. POLICY REVISIONS**

The Board of Education Policy Committee recommends approving the revisions and updates to Policy section 100 through 150, Policy 237 Electronic Devices and Policy 304 Employment of District Staff.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the revisions and updates to Policy section 100 through 150, Policy 237 Electronic Devices and Policy 304 Employment of District Staff.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**7. GRADUATION POLICY #217 REVISIONS**

The Board of Education Curriculum Committee recommends approving the revisions to Policy #217 Graduation amending the language to include Pathways to Graduation guidelines and one (1) total Computer Science credit instead of specified ½ credits for Computer Concepts & Computer Application courses.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve the revisions to Policy #217 Graduation amending the language to include Pathways to Graduation guidelines and one (1) total Computer Science credit instead of specified ½ credits for Computer Concepts & Computer Application courses.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**8. FEDERAL FISCAL COMPLIANCE POLICY #626 REVISIONS**

The Administration recommends approving the revisions to Policy #626 Federal Fiscal Compliance in accordance with federal program requirements.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the revisions to Policy #626 Federal Fiscal Compliance in accordance with federal program requirements.*

***Motion was passed unanimously.***

**9. SOCIAL STUDIES SERIES GRADES K-5**

The Board of Education Curriculum Committee recommends approving the purchase of the McGraw Hill Impact Social Studies Series for grades Kindergarten through 5 for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year in the amount of \$84,079.62. These funds have been allocated through ESSERS funding.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board approve the purchase of the McGraw Hill Impact Social Studies Series for grades Kindergarten through 5 for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year in the amount of \$84,079.62. These funds have been allocated through ESSERS funding.*

*Motion was passed unanimously.*

**10. NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

The Board of Education Curriculum Committee recommends approving the new High School courses: Introduction to Biology, Computer Science, and Advanced Computer Science for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year.

**MOTION**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board approve the new High School courses: Introduction to Biology, Computer Science, and Advanced Computer Science for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year.*

*Motion was passed unanimously.*

**XII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

An Executive Session was held on March 9, 2023 for personnel matters.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.*

*Motion was passed unanimously.*

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**Jessica DeChicko, Secretary**

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