

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Organization Meeting
December 4, 2017 - 7:03 p.m.
MINUTES

Board Members in attendance: Mike Corradi, Melvin Fager Jr., Dr. Julie Gomboc-Turyan, Dr. Brian Keating, Christopher Lupp, Linda Mehaffie, Darnell Montgomery, John Ponnett, Jr. and Jennifer Scott

Board Members not in attendance: None

Staff/Public in attendance:

District Administration: Dr. Lori Suski, Superintendent of Schools; David Franklin, Chief Financial Officer/Board Secretary; Dr. Chelton Hunter, Assistant to the Superintendent; Dan Borrelli, Kunkel Elementary Principal; Earl Bright, Middletown Academy/Raider Academy Principal; Michael Carnes, MAHS Principal; Kevin Cook, MAMS Principal; Darren DiCello, Director of Technology and Digital Learning; Marie Drazenovich, Fink Elementary Principal; Bill Meiser, Director of Operations; Brett Myers, Assistant MAHS Principal; Krystal Palmer, Director of Special Education; Chris Sattelle, Assistant MAMS Principal; Trevor Saylor, Reid Elementary Principal; Cliff Smith, Athletic Director; Heidi Zula, Director of Human Resources

District Staff: Mary Webb

District Solicitor: Howard Kelin

District Justice: David Judy

Interested Students and Citizens: Rashida Bailey, Gracie Banks, Karen Judy, Chloe Montgomery, Shenetta Scott

Reporter: Dan Miller

Call to Order Mrs. Mehaffie called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Mehaffie asked those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation.

Election of Temporary President Mrs. Mehaffie asked for nominations for Temporary President to preside over the meeting until the election of a President occurs. Mr. Lupp nominated Jennifer Scott to serve as the Temporary President. Mrs. Mehaffie asked if there were further nominations, and hearing none, declared nominations closed for the Temporary President. Mr. Lupp moved and Mrs. Mehaffie seconded the nomination of Jennifer Scott as Temporary President. The vote to approve the motion was 3 to 0. (Note: only 3 Board members were eligible to vote as they were the only "hold-over" Board members.)

Seating of Elected Board Members Mrs. Scott read the certificates of election for the Board members elected at the November 7, 2017 General Election: Mr. Mike P. Corradi,

Mr. Melvin A. Fager, Jr., Dr. Julie Gomboc-Turyan, Dr. Brian F. Keating, Mr. Darnell L. Montgomery, and Mr. John A. Ponnett, Jr.

Oath Of Office

District Justice David H. Judy administered the Oath of Office to the elected Board members.

Roll Call

Mrs. Scott asked the Secretary, David Franklin, to call the roll. A quorum was present as noted above.

Election of President

Mrs. Scott called for nominations for School Board President to serve from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. Mr. Lupp nominated Linda Mehaffie for the Office of President. Mrs. Scott called for further nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed. Mrs. Scott asked the Board Secretary, David Franklin, to take a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote for School Board President:

Mr. Corradi – Mrs. Mehaffie

Mr. Fager – Mrs. Mehaffie

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan – Mrs. Mehaffie

Dr. Keating – Mrs. Mehaffie

Mr. Lupp – Mrs. Mehaffie

Mrs. Mehaffie – Mrs. Mehaffie

Mr. Montgomery – Mrs. Mehaffie

Mr. Ponnett – Mrs. Mehaffie

Mrs. Scott – Mrs. Mehaffie

The vote to elect Mrs. Mehaffie as the School Board President was 9 to 0. Mrs. Scott turned the meeting over to the School Board President, Mrs. Mehaffie.

Election of Vice-President

Mrs. Mehaffie called for nominations for School Board Vice-President to serve from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. Mrs. Scott nominated Mike Corradi for the Office of Vice-President. Mrs. Mehaffie called for further nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed. Mrs. Mehaffie asked the Board Secretary, David Franklin, to take a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote for School Board Vice-President:

Mr. Corradi – Mr. Corradi

Mr. Fager – Mr. Corradi

Dr. Gomboc-Turyan – Mr. Corradi

Dr. Keating – Mr. Corradi

Mr. Lupp – Mr. Corradi

Mrs. Mehaffie – Mr. Corradi
Mr. Montgomery – Mr. Corradi
Mr. Ponnett – Mr. Corradi
Mrs. Scott – Mr. Corradi

The vote to elect Mr. Corradi as the School Board Vice-President was 9 to 0.

Public Comment No one came forward at this time.

**Appointments and
Delegates**

Solicitor Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Montgomery seconded a motion to appoint Kegel, Kelin, Almy and Lord, LLP to serve as solicitor from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

**Special Education
Counsel** Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Lupp seconded a motion to appoint Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams, LLP to serve as special education counsel from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

**Dauphin County Tax
Collection
Committee** Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the resolution attached to the agenda for the appointment of delegates to the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0. ***(See Attachment)***

**Dauphin County
Technical School** Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Montgomery seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Corradi and Mrs. Scott as Members of the Dauphin County Technical School Joint Operating Committee from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Mr. Corradi moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to appoint Mrs. Mehaffie and Mr. Lupp as Alternate Members of the Dauphin County Technical School Joint Operating Committee from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

**Harrisburg Area
Community College** Mr. Corradi moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to appoint Dr. Gomboc-Turyan to serve as a Delegate to the Harrisburg Area Community College from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to appoint Mrs. Scott to serve as an Alternate Delegate to the Harrisburg Area Community College from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

**Middletown Area
Blue Raider
Foundation**

Mr. Corradi moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Corradi, Mr. Ponnnett and Mrs. Mehaffie to serve on the Board of Directors of the Middletown Area Blue Raider Foundation from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

**Olmsted Regional
Recreation Board**

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Ponnnett seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Lupp and Mrs. Scott to serve as Representatives to the Olmsted Regional Recreation Board from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Ponnnett seconded a motion to appoint Mrs. Mehaffie to serve as an Alternate Representative to the Olmsted Regional Recreation Board from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

PSBA Liaison

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to elect Dr. Gomboc-Turyan and Mrs. Mehaffie to serve as PSBA Liaisons from December 4, 2017 until the Reorganization Meeting in December 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Secretary's Report

Minutes

Mr. Montgomery moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 School Board General Business Meeting. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0. ***(See Attachment)***

Communications

Update on Refunding of Series of 2014A General Obligation Bonds –
Mr. Franklin recalled that the District's consultant, Ken Phillips, attended the November 14 Agenda Planning meeting to provide information on a refunding opportunity for the Series of 2014A General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Franklin said that Mr. Phillips discussed potential savings of almost \$2 million when he attended the November meeting, but noted the potential impact from proposed tax code changes. Mr. Franklin noted that legislation in 1986 restricted issuers to only one advance refunding per issue, which would be prior to the call date in 2022. Mr. Franklin said that current legislation proposed by Congress would eliminate advance refundings after December 31, 2017. Mr.

Franklin said that the questions for consideration when Mr. Phillips made his presentation were 1) if 1986 regulations continue, can the District obtain its highest savings now for an advance refunding; and 2) will the tax code changes come to fruition that would prohibit advance refundings after December 31, 2017. Mr. Franklin said that the proposed tax code legislation has resulted in a flooded market and there has been a loss of 20 basis points or approximately \$600,000 in the four week since Mr. Phillips' presentation. Mr. Franklin said that he spoke with Mr. Phillips earlier in the day and discussed some options moving forward. Mr. Franklin said that the \$2 million in savings presented in November represented 7.15% savings and that industry standards recommended a minimum of 2% savings and RBC recommended 3% savings. Mr. Franklin said that current projected savings are \$1.3 million or 4.6% in savings. Mr. Franklin noted that the RBC recommended 3% savings would equate to \$835,000. Mr. Franklin said that is pretty apparent that there will be tax code changes meaning that if the District does not advance refund the 2014A bonds now, it will not be able to refund them until 2022 at the call date. Mr. Franklin said that the discussion earlier in the day revolved around moving forward with the refunding as long as the minimum savings of 3% is obtained – hoping that higher savings will be achieved. Mr. Franklin reviewed another option considered to reduce the call date on the refunded issue; however, there the savings would be less. Mr. Franklin recommended moving forward with the refunding provided that 3% minimum savings are achieved. School Board members concurred with Mr. Franklin's recommendation.

Proposed Meeting Calendar for 2018 – Mr. Franklin said that a proposed meeting calendar for 2018 has been attached to the agenda. Mr. Franklin noted that the proposed calendar involves a change from the General Business meeting from the 4th Monday to the 3rd Tuesday and the Agenda Planning meeting from the 2nd Tuesday to the 1st Tuesday with an exception in January due to the holiday. Mr. Franklin said that a vote to approve the calendar could occur at any December meeting in order to allow sufficient time for advertising. Mrs. Mehaffie asked if any Board member had interest in taking a vote on the calendar. Mr. Montgomery moved and Mr. Corradi seconded a motion to approve the meeting calendar as presented. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0. ***(See Attachment)***

Committee Assignments – Mr. Franklin said that proposed committee assignments are attached to the agenda. Mrs. Mehaffie indicated that if any changes were sought to contact her. ***(See Attachment)***

Old Business None

New Business None

Roundtable Mr. Montgomery welcomed Dr. Gomboc-Turyan to the School Board. Mr. Montgomery's sentiment was echoed by Mr. Lupp, Mrs. Mehaffie, Mrs. Scott and Mr. Fager.

Mr. Lupp encouraged everyone to support the football team at the state championship game on December 9, 2017.

Adjournment and Executive Session Mrs. Mehaffie stated that the School Board would meet in Executive Session upon adjournment from the meeting to discuss student matters and personnel matters.

Mr. Fager moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to adjourn. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

David A. Franklin, Board Secretary