

**DUNMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dunmore Board of School Directors was held **Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:00pm** in the High School Cafeteria. The Work Session was also held on Wednesday, **February 19, 2020 at 5:00pm in the Board Room.** Mr. McHale presided.

**I. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

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| MR. BUTLER   | PRESENT |
| MR. COLEMAN  | PRESENT |
| MR. HOLTHAM  | PRESENT |
| MR. KRANICK  | PRESENT |
| MS. LIBASSI  | PRESENT |
| MR. McHALE   | PRESENT |
| MR. MURACCO  | PRESENT |
| MR. SUMMA    | PRESENT |
| MR. HALLINAN | PRESENT |

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Marichak, Mrs. Lopatka, Atty. Matthew Dempsey

\*\*\* **ANNOUNCED EXECUTIVE SESSION** –Immediately following the **Work Session on February 19, 2020**, for Personnel/Legal Matters;

\*\*\* **PUBLIC DISCUSSION** –

**II. APPROVED MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Hallinan seconded by Mr. Muracco to **approve** the **MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting **January 15, 2020.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

### **III. COMMUNICATIONS**

Motion by Mr. Coleman seconded by Mr. Kranick that permission be granted to the following for the use of District facilities/equipment:

1. Ratify Spanish Club's Babysitting on 2/14/20 6pm-9pm DEC
2. Jog for Jude DHS Trail 4/19/20
3. Music Guild fundraiser 4/19/20 DHS Café
4. Girls on the Run use of DEC Gym starting 2/20 – 5/8/20 9am-10:30am and 2/23/20 DEC Auditorium 10am – 3pm
5. Tara Cooper use of DHS Café for Spanish trip to Spain 2/18/20 7pm-8pm
6. St. Mary's of Mt Carmel Church (Lisa Murphy) use of DHS Café for Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser 4/28/20 5pm – 8pm
7. Kevin McHale Flag football DHS football field starting April through June Sunday afternoons 11am – 3pm
8. Cub Scout Pack 66 use of DHS Café for Banquet 5/16/20

The use of District facilities is subject to the conditions established by the Dunmore School District and may not conflict with any regularly scheduled activity.

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

### **IV. PERSONNEL**

- A. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Mr. Hallinan to accept the Personnel Reports.  
**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**
- B. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Kranick to accept the resignation of Michael DeSando, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective immediately.  
**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**
- C. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Hallinan to appoint Michael Perry, Assistant Varsity Football and Weightlifting Coach. Terms of employment and job description available in the Superintendent's office  
**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**
- D. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Mr. Kranick to appoint William Hartshorn Jr., Volunteer Football Coach, pending Clearances.  
**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**
- E. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Hallinan to appoint Tim Drewes, Volunteer Football Coach, pending Clearances.  
**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

### **V. EDUCATION – FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

- A. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Holtham to approve Spanish Club's trip to Boston, May 21, 2020 through May 22, 2020.  
**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**
- B. Motion by Mr. Holtham seconded by Mr. Summa to appoint Joseph Muracco, to the Northeast Intermediate Unit #19 Board for the 2020-2021 School Year.  
**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

**VI. FINANCE**

- A. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Kranick to approve the following payrolls:  
1/24/20 & 2/7/20:**

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| 1/24/20 | \$359,641.00 |
| 2/7/20  | \$349,666.71 |

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- B. Motion by Mr. Hallinan seconded by Mr. Muracco to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of JANUARY 2020.**

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- C. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Holtham to accept the Real Estate Tax Collector's Report for month (s) of JANUARY 2020.**

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- D. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve Payment for LIST OF BILLS: \$557,424.06.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- E. Motion by Mr. Hallinan seconded by Mr. Kranick to accept Activities Reports for month (s) of JANUARY 2020.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- F. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Kranick to accept Wage Tax Collector's Report for month (s) of JANUARY 2020.**

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- G. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Hallinan to approve resolution for NEIU #19 2020-2021 operating budget, in the amount of \$20,637.43, decrease of (\$6.43) over prior year. (See attached)**

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- H. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Summa to Capital Project payments:**

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| CM3 BUILDING SOLUTIONS, INC. | \$242,072.54 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICATION       | \$ 90,191.16 |

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- I. Motion by Mr. Holtham seconded by Mr. Hallinan to accept the Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 as completed by Murphy, Dougherty and Company.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- J. Motion by Mr. Summa seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve payment of AP testing fees for the 2019-2020 School Year.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- K. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Kranick to approve an annual Cyber Insurance Policy with Chubb Cyber Enterprise Risk Management in the amount of \$3,806.00. The producer is Cummings Insurance.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

## RESOLUTION

### CONCERNING INTERMEDIATE UNIT BUDGET

Section 914-A (6) (i) Act 102 of 1970, requires that the intermediate unit budget shall be approved by "at least a majority of the school districts comprising the intermediate unit."

At a meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2020, by a vote of

9 to 0 with 0 abstaining and 0 absent, as

recorded in the minutes, the members of the Board of Directors of

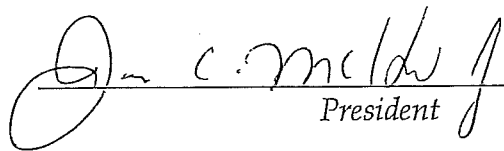
**Dunmore,**

a member of

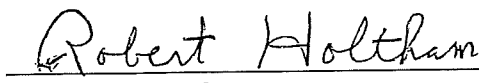
*Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19,*

approved ✓ or disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ the budget of the Intermediate  
(c h e c k o n e)

Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

  
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President

Attest:

  
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Secretary

SEAL

Instructions: Each school district will file one copy of this form with the intermediate unit office and it shall be made part of the intermediate unit budget file to confirm compliance with Section 914-A (6) (i) Act 102 of 1970

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

School Board recognition of student achievement:

DHS Band Director Nicole Zywicki spoke on the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association festival. From February 12 to the 14 Gia Levis and Emma Pasko represented Dunmore High School at the PMEA District 9 Band Festival at Montrose Area High School. Emma and Gia auditioned to participate in the Festival in November. Emma competed against 37 other students and Gia against 31 students to earn spots in the band. Both students did an outstanding job at the 3-day festival, rehearsing and performing with pupils from 30 area schools and working with guest conductor Adam J. Gumble of West Chester University. Emma qualified for first alternate on her part, Clarinet 2. with the possibility to move on to the Region IV Band in March at Honesdale High School.

DHS Choral Director Frank Jones spoke about our students recent acceptance for positions in the District IX and Region IX Chorus Program. The following DHS students attended PMEA District Chorus held at Marywood University on January 15 to 17: Emma Pasko, Erica Brown, and Raj Gandhi. These students worked with Joe Farrell from Derry Township High School. Emma Pasko, who placed 8th for her Region Chorus audition will represent Dunmore High School at Nanticoke High School on February 27-28. Erica and Raj are waiting to hear if they will both advance, as they are first alternates on their respective voice parts.

## February (2020) BOARD NOTES

- I would like to make everyone aware that recently we had 45 students participate in a shadowing experience at our CTC. 33 of those 45 are currently in the application process to attend CTC as their academic pathway. This represents a significant increase in interest and action in this area. It has been a goal of this administration to make students aware of all potential pathways to success.
- We are transitioning from our winter to our spring sports season and need to continue to see good weather for our teams to get outside.
- I would like to inform everyone that our Spring Play, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" is rapidly approaching. Our staff and students are working very hard to put on performances on the following dates: March 19, 20, 21 – March 26, 27, 28
- March 4<sup>th</sup> will be our Honor Society Induction in our auditorium
- I would like to call attention to our Advanced Placement program. In 2019 we had students take 128 exams. You can see the success on our banner outside. This year, we are on schedule to have 185 exams taken. This is a 44.5% increase over last year. And while banners and so on are great, this is real progress for our students. We have substantially increased access and availability for content area as well as opportunity. We, as a School District, pay for these exams. Our students are taking advantage of this program. Many of our students are successful and score above 3 on their respective exams. Some do not. We should be confident and proud that we have offered and delivered as rigorous learning experience as we possibly could. Some students will not have to take classes at the next level and can perhaps save money. Some may still have to take the courses, but we have positioned them to be successful. That is a testament to this present, and past boards.
- I would like to congratulate one of our teachers, Kim Bochicchio. She was awarded a scholarship to attend Freedom Foundations at Valley Forge this summer. It will focus on educating the young entrepreneur. She was chosen from a competitive process and it is an honor for Kim and our District.
- The Dunmore Area Educational Foundation has been established. It is exciting to have this vision materialize to a reality in the form of the first undertaking of the Foundation. Three Dunmore teachers will be trained as part of a pilot program call the Children's Behavior Network. In conjunction with Penn State Scranton, Marywood University, the United Way, The Dunmore School District, the Old Forge S.D., and the Valley View S.D. – a program is being developed to train teachers to identify and deal with mental health issues of today's student. The Foundation has voted to sponsor the pilot.
- Paige Ancherani, fifth grade Mrs. Comparetta, received honorable mention in the PPL Bright Ideas Energy Efficiency Contest. There were over 800 entrants and Paige won a pizza party for the entire fifth grade and an amazon gift Card
- Accelerated Reader continues to encourage reading at the DEC, Leaders at this time are:
  - Katherine Fagioli 6th grade 258.4 pts
  - Tazrian Aronno 5th grade 566.2 pts
  - Malia Watkins 5th Grade 725.1 pts
- The DEC staff( Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Conway, Mrs. Iezzi, Ms. Panowicz CCBH) will present at the Student Success Summit at the Mohegan Sun Conference Center on March 18th on mental health in elementary school.
- Tuesday the 25th we are having a family engagement event and parent training. We had 96 people respond that they will attend! We will provide them NINAS and a Moby Max training for at home usage

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. McHale wished Spring Sports Good Luck. Also, Foundation Meeting very encouraging.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –See attached

\*\*\* ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Butler to accept the Superintendent's Report and make it part of the MINUTES.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Summa seconded by Mr. Muracco to adjourn to meet in Regular Session or at the call of the CHAIR.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Holtham

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Board Secretary

