

DUNMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2020**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dunmore Board of School Directors was held Monday, **March 16, 2020, at 6:00pm** in the High School Cafeteria. The Work Session was also held on **Monday March 16, 2020, at 5:00pm in the Board Room.**

Mr. McHale presided.

I. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

MR. BUTLER	PRESENT
MR. COLEMAN	PRESENT
MR. HOLTHAM	NOT PRESENT
MR. KRANICK	PRESENT
MS. LIBASSI	PRESENT
MR. McHALE	PRESENT
MR. MURACCO	PRESENT
MR. SUMMA	NOT PRESENT
MR. HALLINAN	PRESENT

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

***** ANNOUNCED EXECUTIVE SESSION** –Immediately following the **Work Session** on **March 16, 2020**, for Personnel/Legal Matters;

***** PUBLIC DISCUSSION – NONE**

Motion by Mr. Hallinan seconded by Mr. Muracco to approve Mr. Coleman to be acting Secretary.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

II. APPROVED MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Butler to approve the **MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting **February 19, 2020.**

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

III. COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Seniors vs. Faculty Basketball game DHS Gym 4/17/20 at 6:30pm
2. Band Cavalcade 9/30/20 DHS football field on 9/30/2020

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. Hallinan seconded by Mr. Kranick to accept the Personnel Reports.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- B. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Hallinan to accept the resignation of Jenny Ondek, Assistant Boys Tennis Coach, effective immediately.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- C. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Hallinan to accept the resignation of Jeff Mills, Weightlifting Coach, effective immediately.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- D. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Hallinan to appoint Robert Kopacz, Jr. High Co-Ed Soccer Coach, pending Clearances. Job description and employment terms available in the Superintendent's Office.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- E. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Muracco to appoint Michael McDonnell Jr., Volunteer Football Coach, pending Clearances.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- F. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Coleman to appoint Joseph Crotti, Volunteer Football Coach, pending Clearances.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- G. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Kranick to appoint Damon Bowen, Volunteer Football Coach, pending Clearances.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- H. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Ms. Libassi to appoint Ryan Ehnnot, Assistant Boys Tennis Coach, effective immediately.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- I. Motion by Mr. Coleman seconded by Mr. Muracco to appoint Michael Ehnnot, Assistant Football Coach, effective immediately.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- J. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Butler to appoint Michael Marinelli, Volunteer Jr. High Baseball Coach, pending Clearances.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- K. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Ms. Libassi to appoint Kim Marchese, Volunteer Girls Track Coach, pending Clearances.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

V. EDUCATION – FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- A. Motion by Mr. Coleman seconded by Mr. Butler to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar. See attached.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- B. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Muracco to approve expulsion of Student ID# 1287678122.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- C. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Mr. Hallinan to approve expulsion of Student ID# 8161914133.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

VI. FINANCE

- A. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Kranick to approve the following payrolls:
2/21 & 3/6/2020;

2/21/2020	\$340,980.08
3/6/2020	<u>\$369,358.36</u> (Insurance opt out)
	\$710,338.44

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- B. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Butler to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of FEBRUARY 2020.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- C. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve Payment for LIST OF BILLS: \$343,358.64.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- D. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Ms. Libassi to accept Activities Reports for month (s) of FEBRUARY 2020.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- E. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Muracco to accept Wage Tax Collector's Report for month (s) of FEBRUARY 2020.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- F. Motion by Mr. Butler seconded by Mr. Kranick to approve the following Capital Project payments:

CM3 Building Solutions	\$85,119.74
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ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- G. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Ms. Libassi to adopt the attached Resolution Calling for Charter School funding reform.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- H. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Hallinan to approve agreement with CSIU for Accounting Software: at a cost of \$4.07 per Student for Fund Accounting (\$0.04 increase); \$4.70 per Student for Payroll (\$0.05 increase) and \$2.08 per Student for Personnel (\$0.08 increase) for the 2020-2021 School Year.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- I. Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Kranick to award a one (1) year contract to The Nutrition Group, Irwin Pa. per their proposal. The Contract period is July 1, 2020 To June 30, 2021. The guarantee is for a loss no greater than (\$44,598.00).
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR
- J. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Hallinan to approve Dunmore Recreation Re- Assessment for \$3.5 million dollars
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM

BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

DUNMORE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the average Pennsylvania school district spends millions of dollars in taxpayer money annually in mandatory payments to brick-and-mortar and cyber charter schools; and these payments are calculated in a manner which requires districts to send more money to charter schools than is needed to operate their programs and places a significant financial burden on districts' resources and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the current charter school funding formula was established in 1997 under the state's Charter School Law and has not been changed in the 23 years since it was first created; and the formula for regular education programs is unfair because it is based on a school district's expenditures and not what it actually costs to educate a child in the charter school; and

WHEREAS, the calculation for charter special education tuition is unfair because it is also based on the special education expenditures of the school district rather than the charter school; and although the General Assembly revised the special education funding formula in 2014 to more accurately target special education resources for students identified with high, medium and low needs, this formula was applied only to school districts and not to charter schools; and

WHEREAS, because the tuition rate calculations are based on the school district's expenses, they create wide discrepancies in the amount of tuition paid by different districts for the same charter school education and result in drastic overpayments to charter schools; and these discrepancies in tuition rates for regular education students can vary by almost \$13,000 per student and by \$39,000 for special education students; and

WHEREAS, the latest data from the PA Department of Education (PDE) shows that in 2017-18, total charter school tuition payments (cyber and brick-and-mortar) were more than \$1.8 billion, with \$519 million of that total paid by districts for tuition to cyber charter schools; and

WHEREAS, further analysis of PDE data shows that in 2014-15, school districts paid charter schools more than \$100 million for special education services in excess of what charter schools reported spending on special education; and

WHEREAS, the costs of charter schools for school districts continue to grow significantly each year; and on a statewide basis are the most identified source of pressure on school district budgets; and

WHEREAS, the need for significant charter school funding reform is urgent; and school districts are struggling to keep up with growing charter costs and are forced to raise taxes and cut staffing, programs and services for their own students in order to pay millions of dollars to charter schools.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dunmore School Board calls upon the General Assembly to meaningfully revise the existing flawed charter school funding systems for regular and special education to ensure that school districts and taxpayers are no longer overpaying these schools or reimbursing for costs the charter schools do not incur. We, along with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, are advocating for substantial change.

Adopted this 16th day of March, 2020.

Signed,

James C. Maffei
School Board President

Robert Holtham
Board Secretary

2020-2021

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July '21						
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Notes

Teacher In Service

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY

First Day of School - Students

Labor Day

Columbus Day

Veterans Day

Teachers In Service

Thanksgiving Vacation

Winter Vacation

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King Day

Teacher In Service

Presidents Weekend

Spring Vacation

Memorial Day

Last Day of School & Graduation

T= 189 S=186

AUGUST 24, 25

AUGUST 25 PM

AUGUST 26

SEPTEMBER 7

OCTOBER 12

NOVEMBER 11 NO STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 11

NOVEMBER 26, 27 & 30

DECEMBER 24 - 31

JANUARY 1

JANUARY 18

FEBRUARY 8

FEBRUARY 12-15

APRIL 1-5

MAY 31

JUNE 9

TEACHER IN SERVICE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS (1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS)

11:15AM FOR JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL AND 11:30AM FOR ELEMENTARY CENTER

9/23,10/30,11/18,1/27,2/24,3/17,4/14 & 5/19

IF ADDITIONAL DAYS ARE NEEDED THEY WILL BE ADDED TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

IF NOT USED SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON: 5/7,5/14,5/21,5/28 & 6/4

SUPERINTENDENT MAY HAVE TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Hallinan commended Mr. Marichak and Attorney Dempsey on handling the crisis.

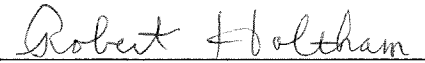
VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mr. McHale also thanked Mr. Marichak and Attorney Dempsey for handling the crisis.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –NONE

*** ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS
Motion by Mr. Muracco seconded by Mr. Halinan to accept the Superintendent's Report and make it part of the MINUTES.
ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

X. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Mr. Butler 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
Board Secretary