

**DUNMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dunmore Board of School Directors was held **Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 6:00pm** in the High School Cafeteria. The Work Session was held **Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:00pm** in the Board Room. Mr. Muracco presided.

**I. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

MR. BUTLER	NOT PRESENT
MR. COLEMAN	PRESENT
MR. HALLINAN	PRESENT
MR. HUNT	PRESENT
MR. KRANICK	PRESENT
MS. LIBASSI	PRESENT
MS. MCDONOUGH	PRESENT
MR. MCHALE	PRESENT
MR. MURACCO	PRESENT

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

\*\*\* **PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – None

**II. APPROVED MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Hallinan seconded by Mr. Kranick to approve the MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2022.

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

**III. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Motion by Mr. seconded by Mr. Hunt that permission be granted to Following for the use of District facilities/equipment:**

- 1. Buck Town Blood Drive use of the DHS Gym 3/4/23. The drive is from 9:00am to 2:00pm.**
- 2. LIAA use of four (4) Classrooms for Officials Recruitment on 11/16/22 at 5:00pm.**
- 3. Penn Dot use of DEC Gym on 1/24/23 5:00pm to 7:00pm and 2/15/23 4:00pm to 8:00pm to discuss traffic design reconstruction on I-81 Between Avoca and Scranton.**
- 4. Request from Mid Valley School District use of DHS Track and Weight Room while undergoing construction.**

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**

#### OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

B. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Hallinan to approve Reorganization date for December 5, 2022 at 6:30pm.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

C. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Hunt to appoint Francis Kranick representative For the Career Technology Center Board from December 22, 2022 to December 25, 2025.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

#### IV. PERSONNEL

A. Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Mr. Kranick to accept the Personnel Reports.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

B. Motion by Mr. Hunt seconded by Mr. Coleman to accept resignation from Molly McCafferty, Assistant Yearbook Advisor effective immediately.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

C. Motion by Ms. McDonough seconded by Mr. Hunt to appoint Michelle Summers, Assistant Yearbook Advisor effective immediately. Terms are defined in the Agreement with the Dunmore Federation of Teachers.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

D. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. McHale to appoint Stacey Karzenoski, Service Club Advisor for the DEC effective immediately.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

E. Motion Mr. McHale seconded by Ms. Libassi to appoint Elizabeth Snyder, Middle School Yearbook Advisor effective immediately.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

F. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Ms. McDonough to appoint Kristy Sohns, Advisor "You Are Not Alone Club" in DEC effective immediately. Terms are defined in the Agreement with the Dunmore Federation of Teachers.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

G. Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Mr. Kranick to appoint Sal Marchese, Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach pending Clearances.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

H. Motion Mr. Hunt seconded by Ms. Libassi to accept resignation from Christy Hinton, Assistant Jr. High Boys and Girls Track Coach effective immediately.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

#### VI. EDUCATION

A. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Ms. Libassi to update Policies; 323 Tobacco and Vaping Staff and 904 Public Attendance at School Events.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

B. Motion by Mr. Hallinan seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve Friendship House Agreement for Social Work Services. This will be funded by the PCCD Safety, Mental Health and Security grant.

ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

**VII. FINANCE**

- A. Motion by Mr. Hallinan seconded by Mr. Hunt to approve the following payrolls:  
10/28/22 & 11/10/22:**

10/28/22	\$420, 380.51
11/10/22	<u>\$422, 567.07</u>
	\$842,947.58

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- B. Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Mr. Kranick to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of OCTOBER 2022.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- C. Motion by Mr. Coleman seconded by Mr. Hallinan to approve Real Estate Tax Collector's Report for month (s) of OCTOBER 2022.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- D. Motion by Ms. McDonough seconded by Mr. McHale to approve Payment for LIST OF BILLS: \$632,423.30.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- E. Motion by Mr. Hallinan seconded by Mr. Hunt to accept Activities Reports for month(s) of OCTOBER 2022.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- F. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Kranick to Wage Tax-Collector's Reports For month (s) of OCTOBER 2022.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- G. Motion by Mr. Hallinan seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve Capital Project payments;**

**CM3 BUILDING SOLUTIONS INC.**

- \$37,671.15 DOORS AND WINDOWS
- \$107,915.15 VARIOUS PROJECTS
- \$14,768.00 PAVING

HEMMLER & CAMAYD	\$33,816.85
YANISKO CONSTRUCTION	\$ 9,250.00
TK ELEVATOR	\$25,962.50
SCRANTON GLASS	\$ 8,142.00

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- H. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Kranick to approve a one (1) year contract With TRU- GREEN for lawn care services for 2022. The cost of the contract \$7,409.67. (No Increase from prior year)**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- I. Motion by Ms. Libassi seconded by Mr. Hunt to approve the District's Property/ Casualty/Fleet Proposal including Boiler and Machinery Insurance with Utica National Insurance Co. The cost for the 2022-2023 School Year is \$49,720.00. (Increase Of \$2,827.00).**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- J. Motion by Mr. Hallinan seconded by Mr. McHale to retain the services of Government Software Service, Inc. for the 2022 Homestead/Farmstead printing and mailing services Are required by the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1) at a cost of the \$0.35 per mailing. (No Increase from prior year)**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

- K. Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve the attached Resolution To comply with Act 57 of 2022 Property Tax Penalty Wavier.**

**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

# RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT ACT 57 OF 2022

## PROPERTY TAX PENALTY WAIVER PROVISIONS

A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Education of the DUNMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lackawanna County to implement Act 57 of 2022.

**WHEREAS**, Act 57 of 2022, amending the Local Tax Collection Law, was signed by Governor Wolf on July 11, 2022, and takes effect on October 10, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Act 57 requires taxing districts that impose taxes on the assessed value of real property to adopt a resolution or ordinance within 90 days of the effective date of the act, or not later than January 9, 2023, directing the tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector of the DUNMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT comply with the provisions of Act 57 and this resolution for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

### DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them within this resolution unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

**Additional charge:** Any interest, fee, penalty, or charge accruing to and in excess of the face amount of the real estate tax as provided in the real estate tax notice.

**Qualifying event:**

1. For the purposes of real property, the date of transfer of ownership.
2. For manufactured or mobile homes, the date of transfer of ownership or the date a lease agreement commences for the original location or relocation of a manufactured or mobile home on a parcel of land not owned by the owner of the manufactured or mobile home. The term does not include the renewal of a lease for the same location.

**Tax Collector:**

The elected tax collector for the DUNMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lackawanna County, any authorized or designated delinquent tax collector, the Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau, or any alternative collector of taxes as provided for in the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the "Real Estate Tax Sale Law," an employee, agent or assignee authorized to collect the tax, a purchaser of claim for the tax or any other person authorized by law or contract to secure collection of, or take any action at law or in equity against the person or property of the taxpayer for the real estate tax or amounts, liens or claims derived from the real estate tax.

## WAIVER

The Tax Collector shall, for tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2023, grant a request to waive additional charges for real estate taxes if the taxpayer does all of the following:

A. Provides a waiver request of additional charges, on a form provided by the state Department of Community and Economic Development, to the Tax Collector in possession of the claim within twelve (12) months of a qualifying event; (see attached form)

B. Attests that a tax notice was not received; and

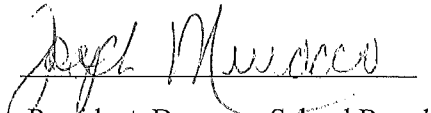
C. Provides the Tax Collector in possession of the claim with one of the following:

1. A copy of the deed showing the date of real property transfer; or
2. A copy of the title following the acquisition of a mobile or manufactured home subject to taxation as real estate showing the date of issuance or a copy of an executed lease agreement between the owner of a mobile or manufactured home and the owner of a parcel of land on which the mobile or manufactured home will be situated showing the date the lease commences; and

D. Pays the face value amount of the tax notice for the real estate tax with the waiver request.

ADOPTED by THE DUNMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT this 16<sup>th</sup> day of the month of November 2022, 2022.

ATTEST:

  
President, Dunmore School Board

## NOVEMBER SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES 11/16/22

### DEC

- Classroom teachers and Title I establishing more small group time in K-6 for both reading and Math
- Beginning of the year benchmark for our current 6th graders showed majority of students performing at benchmark in Reading
- SEL Second Step Program has been successful and there are parent-connect pieces that go home weekly with each topic
- After school tutoring running Mon/Wed
- First PBIS blowout was a success. It was a "Positive Behavior Pep Rally" in the High School gym
- Mrs. Pensack sends biweekly "Loom" recordings to showcase various topics for instruction and ways to access different data platforms
- Miss Finnerty's 4th grade class raised close to \$1,000 for hurricane victims through the Pie in the Face raffle contest
- Service club did cards for Veteran's day and collected items for local animal shelter
- Feed a friend collection from now until Thanksgiving
- Girls on the run flowing successfully and they were part of Trim a Tree
- Kindergarten and Newspaper club are also part of the Trim a Tree Project

### JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

- Our first Bucks Scholar lunch this Friday celebrating our 1st Quarter Buck Scholars in grades 7 -12.
- Our Quiz Bowl team competed in competition at WVIA last week.
  - Team members are: Jacquelyn Bitter, Zachary Eynon, Cadence Lewis, Maura Michalczyk, Cataldo Talutto
    - Mr. William O'Malley is the moderator
- 1st Quarter report cards were distributed on 11-8-22.
- Two students that are finalists for the Celebrate Sober competition.
  - Sponsored by Lacka./Susq. Co. Office of Drug and Alcohol Programs
    - The awards ceremony will be on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at the Scranton Cultural Center
    - Brynn Kochis – 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Barra Alobid 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Some art students participate in the PEENDOT Paint the Plow competition.
- Art students currently making ornaments for the Dunmore Community Tree lighting. There are 160 ceramic ornaments being made and painted by our students.
  - There will be a tree lighting on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – site TBD
- We are participating in the Thanksgiving food drive in conjunction with the Borough.
- The school play is this week, with shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.
  - The show is "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- Students Geanna Kirchner, Emma Renard, and Jackson Madajeski qualified for the PMEA District Chorus Festival. Only 20 students on each voice part from NEPA schools are selected.
- Many Dunmore students have artwork on display at the NBT Bank in Dunmore.
- Senior members of the art classes will be painting the windows at various businesses at the Dunmore Corners for the holidays.
- The Senior Class had a very successful haunted hallway for the community on October 30th. (\$1,200)
- On October 24th, there was a pep rally for our Boys' Soccer team. At that pep rally, seniors honored some of the teachers who have impacted their lives with the "shirt off their backs" by writing them letters and gifting them a Dunmore jersey.
- Senior members of our Nutrition classes visited the nutrition program at Marywood University.
- Members of our Earth Club did a community cleanup in the borough.
  - Mrs. Morocco is the club moderator

**VII. NEW BUSINESS –**

Motion by Mr. Coleman seconded by Mr. Hallinan to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Holy Cross High School for one (1) year Swim program pending an Agreement.  
**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

**VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT –**

Mr. Muracco, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Hallinan congratulated the Soccer and Football teams for a great Season

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - See Attached**

**\*\*\* ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

Motion by Mr. Kranick seconded by Mr. Coleman to accept the Superintendent's Report and make it part of the MINUTES.  
**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. McHale seconded by Ms. McDonough to adjourn to meet in Regular Session or at the call of the CHAIR.  
**ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR**

Respectfully submitted,



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**Michael Coleman**  
**Board Secretary**

