

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Regular Work Session Minutes
September 20, 2021**

OPENING/ATTENDANCE

Mr. John R. Slagle, President, of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Regular Work Session to order on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7 P.M. The Meeting was held in the Keystone Elementary School Gymnasium/Cafeteria, 451 Huston Avenue, Knox, Pennsylvania. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following Board Members were present: Mr. Gregory A. Barrett, Mr. James A. Beary, Mr. Randolph R. Burr, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mr. Dustin L. Swartfager, Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager, Mrs. Stacey I. Thompson and Mr. Dwayne E. VanTassel. Mrs. Trisha D. Dixon was absent. Also present were: Mrs. Kaylan Blair, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mr. Michael McCormick, Mrs. Kelli McNaughton, Mr. Rodney Sherman and various Members of the Public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Mr. Slagle welcomed the guests to the Meeting.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said the next scheduled Meeting was the Regular Work Session on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7 P.M. in the Elementary School Library.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ten attendees addressed the Board during Public Comment regarding the Mandating of Mask Wearing by students.

REPORTS

- ❑ **Superintendent—Mr. McCormick reviewed:**
His recommendation to the Board, that after consultation with the District Solicitor, Keystone School District should follow the PA Secretary of Health Mandate and require District-Wide masking beginning September 27, 2021.
- ❑ **Elementary—Mr. McCormick reviewed:**
 1. ARP ESSER Funds for After School Programs.
 2. Keystone Elementary Enrollment.
 3. VLN Virtual Academy.

REPORTS (Continued)

- **High School—Mr. McNaughton reviewed:**
 1. Athletics
 2. Picture Day
 3. Testing Upcoming
 4. Homecoming Event on Friday Night
 5. Homecoming Parade and Dance Off-Campus on Saturday
 6. Day-to-Day Discipline Issues

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- **Mr. McCormick requested the Approval of two (2) Van Drivers:**
 1. Jennifer Roberts
 2. Becky Kriebel

- **Mr. McCormick requested the Approval of the Letter of Resignation from Alicia McMillen, Paraprofessional, effective December 3, 2021.**

- **Mr. McCormick requested the Approval of the Letter of Intent to Retire from Brad Wagner as High School Principal/Athletic Director, effective August 15, 2022.**

- **Mr. McCormick reviewed and requested the Hiring of David McCollough at \$49,704, Step 2, Bachelors with 1 Year Credit for Salary Years. He said this is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.**

- **Mr. McCormick requested the Approval of the following Personnel Committee Recommendations:**
 1. Letter of Resignation from Alison Albright as Girls' Junior High Basketball "Team A" Coach.
 2. Letter of Resignation from Mallory Reed as Girls' Junior High Basketball "Team B" Coach.
 3. Hire Mallory Reed as Girls' Junior High Basketball "Team A" Coach.
 4. Hire Jim McConnell as Girls' Jr. High Basketball "Team B" Coach.
 5. Britt Sherry as Girls' Basketball Program Volunteer.
 6. Mike Brown as Boys' Basketball Program Volunteer.
 7. Letter of Resignation from Bailey Harle as Cheerleading/Competitive Spirit Varsity and Junior High Assistant Coach.
 8. Post for the Cheerleading/Competitive Spirit Varsity and Junior High Assistant Coach.
 9. Mike Ames as Girls' and Boys' Cross Country Program Volunteer.
 10. Bobbie Heller as Girls' and Boys' Cross Country Program Volunteer.
 11. Frankie Sheatz as Girls' and Boys' Cross Country Program Volunteer.
 12. Kennedy McLendon as Boys' Varsity Soccer Program Volunteer.

- **Mr. McCormick reviewed and requested the Approval of Sanctioning of the Flag Football Program.**

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- ❑ **Mr. McCormick requested Approval of the Upcoming Field Trips:**
 1. **9/30/2021: 1st Grade to Elk County Visitors' Center. Requested by Nancy Daum, using Student Contribution and CATS Funds.**
 2. **Room #111 Walking Trips. Requested by Amy Goldthwaite, using Classroom Life Skills Field Trip Fund:**
 - A. **September 17 or 24, 2021: Knox Fire Station**
 - B. **October 15 or 19, 2021: Knox Post Office**
 - C. **November 22 or 23, 2021: Tom's Riverside**
 - D. **December 17 or 20, 2021: Dollar General**
 - E. **January 14 or 18, 2022: Knox Public Library**
 - F. **February 11 or 14, 2022: Knox Bakery**
 - G. **March 25 or 28, 2022: Knox Police Station**
 - H. **April 29 or May 2, 2022: The Pizza Shop**
 - I. **May 20 or May 23, 2021: Knox Video and Discount Market**
 3. **October 7, 2021: Ecology Class to Elk County Visitors' Center in Benezette. Requested by Matt Baker, using Budgeted Funds.**

- ❑ **Mr. McCormick requested the Approval of Hiring Mindy Hartzell as a Substitute Nurse, pending proper completion of Personnel File Documentation and Clearances.**

- ❑ **Mr. McCormick requested the Approval of the Letter of Resignation from Halee McCance, High School Math Teacher.**

- ❑ **Mr. McCormick requested the Approval of the Posting for a High School Math Teacher.**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer, Board Secretary

