

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Regular Work Session Minutes
October 11, 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, October 11, 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, Mrs. Trisha D. Dixon, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mr. Dustin L. Swartfager, Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager, Mrs. Stacey I. Thompson and Mr. Dwayne E. VanTassel. Also present were: Mrs. Jennifer Gornall, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mrs. Glenna Lewis, Mr. Michael McCormick, Mr. Jason McMillen, Mrs. Kelli McNaughton, Mr. Jason Say, Mr. Rodney Sherman, Mrs. Dana Sloat, Mr. Brandon Thompson and Mr. Randall Weaver.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Mr. Slagle welcomed the guests to the Meeting.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session will be held tonight immediately following the Work Session to discuss a Personnel Issue and Attorney Communication Issue.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said the next scheduled Meeting was the Regular Business Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7 P.M. in the Elementary School Gymnasium/ Cafeteria.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❑ Randall Weaver addressed the Board regarding a Section of the 1955 Law and Other Items as relating to the Mask Mandates and Health and Safety Plan. He also distributed a copy of the 1955 Law to the Board for their reference.
- ❑ Jason Say said that the Mandate does not require masks if there is a Parental Consent for a Medical Issue. He also pointed out that different items may be followed out of the Health & Safety Plan, while other details are not, and this is confusing for the public. He also spoke to the issue of Mesh Masks and their allowance in the Mandate by definition.

REPORTS

- ❑ **Superintendent—Mr. McCormick:**
 1. ARP ESSER 7% Set Aside Grant.
 2. ARP ESSER Homeless Grant.
 3. Vacated Math Teacher Position.
 4. Thanked the Board for his Appointment to serve as Acting Superintendent.

REPORTS (Continued)

- ❑ **Elementary—Mr. McCormick reviewed:**
 1. Elementary Social Studies and Science Textbooks.

- ❑ **High School—Mrs. McNaughton reviewed:**
 1. Testing--SAT's and PSAT's.
 2. Trunk or Treat.
 3. Planning of Veterans' Day Assembly.
 4. Picture Re-Takes.
 5. Seniors to Washington, D.C. on November 14. Thanks to Mr. Kifer and Mr. Nesta for Planning the Challenging Trip.
 6. Marching Band is participating in the Clarion County Music Educators Marching Band Festival at A-C Valley Tonight.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- ❑ Mr. McCormick reviewed the Proposed Revised Starting Date for Teresa Young, Superintendent, of October 28, 2021.

- ❑ Mr. McCormick reviewed and requested Approval of David Wentling, Custodian, Extended Temporary, Full-Time until June 30, 2022.

- ❑ Mr. McCormick reviewed and requested Approval of the Letter of Resignation from Ben Gaul, High School Social Studies Teacher.

- ❑ Mr. McCormick reviewed and requested the Retroactive Approval to Post/ Advertise for a High School Social Studies Teacher.

- ❑ Mr. McCormick reviewed and requested the Retroactive Approval to Post/ Advertise for a Paraprofessional.

- ❑ Mr. McCormick reviewed and requested Approval of Increasing the Substitute Nurse Pay from \$90 per day to \$110 per day.

- ❑ Mr. McCormick requested Approval of Randy Whitmore as Van Driver.

- ❑ Mr. McCormick requested Approval of the Increase of \$5 per Hour in Fees for Knox Law, effective July 1, 2021.

- ❑ Mr. Lauffer reviewed and requested Approval of the General Fund Fund Balance Designation at June 30, 2021, as per the report in the packets.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer, Board Secretary