

**APPALACHIA INTERMEDIATE UNIT 8  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA  
JULY 23, 2020  
6:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board of School Directors was held at 4500 6th Avenue, Altoona on Thursday, July 23, 2020. Mr. Thomas Bullington, Board President, led the group in the flag salute and moment of silence.

**ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by the Board President, Mr. Thomas Bullington, with the following additional board members present: Ms. Kathy Burch, Dr. Kamal Gella, Ms. Kathy Hough, Ms. Nora Hrubochak, Mr. Ron Johnston, Mr. William Pataki, Mr. Marion Pheasant, Mr. Michael Revak, Mr. William Rievel, Ms. Linda Smith, Mr. Stephen Thompson, and Ms. Tammy Witherite – 13 – present.

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Others in attendance were: Ms. Jennifer Anderson, Dr. Thomas Butler, Dr. Malynda Maurer, Mr. Jason McMillen, Ms. Karlie Shook, Ms. Janel Vancas, Ms. Sue Wolf, and Dr. Amy Woomer – Staff. Mr. Sam Clapper – Solicitor.

**VISITORS:** Ms. Connie Way ESPA/PSEA/NEA Representative was present. Ms. Lori Carrier and Ms. Deb Morgart attended virtually. The press was not in attendance.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:**

Dr. Butler welcomed new board member Mr. Stephen Thompson.

Dr. Butler reviewed the 2020-2021 Healthy & Safety Plan.

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO WRITTEN AGENDA OF JULY 23, 2020:** On a motion by Ms. Hough and seconded by Mr. Revak and carried by unanimous voice vote, the written Agenda as well as the supplemental were approved.

**MINUTES:** On a motion by Ms. Hough and seconded by Mr. Revak and carried by voice vote, the minutes of the June 25, 2020 regular meeting, numbered pages 1-13, which were previously distributed to each member, were approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

An Executive Session was held during the Committee Meeting, July 23, 2020, Altoona Office Board Room, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:07 p.m. to discuss personnel.

**AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED....On a motion by Ms. Hough seconded by Mr. Revak and carried by roll call vote, the following Agenda items were approved – Treasurer’s Reports and Listing of Bills:**

Roll call vote – yes – Mr. Thomas Bullington, Ms. Kathy Burch, Dr. Kamal Gella, Ms. Kathy Hough, Ms. Nora Hrubochak, Mr. Ron Johnston, Mr. Williams Pataki, Mr. Marion Pheasant, Mr. Michael Revak, Mr. William Rievel, Ms. Linda Smith, Mr. Stephen Thompson, and Ms. Tammy Witherite.

\*Dr. Gella abstained from voting on Highmark & Subsidiaries under the Listing of Bills item.

**A. TREASURER’S REPORTS:** The Treasurer’s Report, including Payroll Checking, General Checking and Online Registration Accounts as submitted on blue colored pages for June 2020, included in the July 23, 2020 Agenda, were presented and approved subject to audit. Reports were included in the Supplemental to Official Minutes.

**B. LISTING OF BILLS:** Approval was given for payment of the listing of bills as follows: Payroll Checking Account – from 06/01/20 – 06/30/20 as listed on gold summary pages, General Checking Account from 06/15/20 – 07/10/20, as listed on gold summary pages and Online Registration Account from 06/01/20 – 06/30/20 as listed on gold summary pages, which were included in the July 23, 2020 Agenda, and also in the detailed Listing of Bills booklet, which is included with the Supplemental to Official Minutes.

**C. PRESENTATION & INCLUSION IN OFFICIAL MINUTES – *No action required:***

- 1) Investments – The reports to the Board on the securities presently held and the record of investments for June 2020 was filed with the Supplemental to Official Minutes for final audit.
- 2) Budget Summary Report – The detailed fiscal reports, pages 1-62, General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Fund, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds for June 2020 were presented to the Board for final review and filed with the Supplemental to Official Minutes for final audit.

**AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED....On a motion by Ms. Hough seconded by Ms. Hrubochak and carried by roll call vote, the following Agenda items were approved – Bills to be Paid, Purchase for Safe Schools Grantee/Nonpublic, VHS Contract, Special Education Plan Revision, Consulting Services Agreement, Agreements, Increase to Hours, Resignations and Retirements, Recommended to be Hired, World of Learning, Other Business (A1-2) and 2020-2021 Appalachia IUS Health & Safety Plan:**

Roll call vote – yes – Mr. Thomas Bullington, Ms. Kathy Burch, Dr. Kamal Gella, Ms. Kathy Hough, Ms. Nora Hrubochak, Mr. Ron Johnston, Mr. Williams Pataki, Mr. Marion Pheasant, Mr. Michael Revak, Mr. William Rievel, Ms. Linda Smith, Mr. Stephen Thompson, and Ms. Tammy Witherite.

**BUSINESS****BILLS TO BE PAID:**

Approval was given for Board officers to pay bills before the next meeting, when a scheduled meeting has been postponed or cancelled due to inclement weather or for lack of a quorum.

**EDUCATION PROGRAMS & SERVICES****PURCHASE FOR SAFE SCHOOLS GRANTEE/NONPUBLIC:**

- A.** Approval was given to purchase materials and labor from Gittings Security, Inc. for security upgrades at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- B.** Approval was given to purchase materials and labor from Gittings Security, Inc. for security upgrades at All Saints Catholic School at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.

**VHS CONTRACT:**

Approval was given for IU8 to execute a one-year contract with Virtual High School to participate in The Virtual High School (VHS) program. This program provides VHS online professional development courses and VHS Courses at a cost of \$23,000.00 per participating school in the Consortium.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN REVISION:**

Approval was given to revise the 2020-2021 Special Education Plan  
DELETE 1.0 FTE of School Psychologist

**CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT:**

- A.** Approval was given for the continuation of contracted services with Coleen Heim Consulting, to provide consulting services to Cambria County Student Assistance Program District Council for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon the availability of SAP District Council funds, not to exceed \$4,000.00.
- B.** Approval was given for the continuation of contracted services with Coleen Heim Consulting, to provide consulting services on behalf of Blair County SAP Safe Schools Networking Committee and Mental Health Disaster Planning and Training for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon the availability of SAP District Council funds, not to exceed \$8,000.00.

**AGREEMENTS:**

**A.** Approval was given for the continuation of agreements with the following agencies for 2020-2021. The rates represent only the agencies' counseling/therapeutic services provided to participating students. Educational services provided by IU8 to participating students in the Day Treatment programs are not included in these daily rates.

1) APPALACHIAN YOUTH SERVICES

Day Treatment Program, Ebensburg

Cost: \$98.75 per day for students participating in the 7-12 program

Cost: \$104.91 per day for students participating in the K-6 program

2) EXTENDED FAMILY ACADEMY

Day Treatment Program, Everett and Hollidaysburg

Cost: \$89.02 per day for students participating in the 7-12 program

Cost: \$85.91 per day for students participating in the K-6 program

**B.** Approval was given to continue IU8's agreement with InShore Technologies for a one-year service agreement to supplement the management of IU8's network infrastructure at a cost not to exceed \$79,200.00 for the 2020-2021 school year.

**C.** Approval was given to continue IU8's agreement with Eduplanet21 Virtual Learning platform at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00 for the 2020-2021 school year.

**INCREASE TO HOURS:**

Approval was given to increase the maximum hours per week from 25 hours to 28 for the aides serving early learners in IU8 preschool classrooms.

Kathrine Andrews  
Tara Bass  
Amanda Decker  
Arica Domer  
Jennifer Egolf  
Andrea Emeigh  
Gloria Gates  
Christine Grant

Patricia Hicks  
M. Victoria Imler  
Christine Kaltenbaugh  
Rhonda McKee  
Lydia Musser  
Tiffany Parker  
Catlynn Phillips  
Megan Salzer

Julia Shanholtz  
Susan Sklar-Graham  
Glenda Smith  
Dorothy Summers  
Noreen Wesner  
Dawn Wombacher  
Mary Ellen Wright  
Terry Nicole Young

**RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS:**

**A.** Approved the resignation of Megan N. Minor, Hourly Aide - DD, Greater Johnstown CTC, effective the Close of Business 06/30/2020.

**B.** Approved the resignation of Jillian Ferragonio, Open Assignment Teacher - Four-Counties, effective the Close of Business 07/24/2020.

**RECOMMENDED TO BE HIRED:**

Approved hiring Morgan W. Brautigam, Teacher – SLS, Itinerant – Blair/Bedford Counties, 1-B - \$43,998.85, effective date to be determined. **(Pending required paperwork)**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

**NOTICE TO PERSONNEL – *For Information Only:***

There may be reductions in the number of personnel created by possible programs going back to the districts and/or other program reductions. Teacher contract specifies that the Association shall receive notification at least six months prior to any possible or actual suspension.

**WORLD OF LEARNING:**

- A.** Approval was given to enter into an agreement with Stacy Tinsley to provide Professional development support services for the World Of Learning at a cost of \$3,375.00
- B.** Approval was given to enter into an agreement with Education Technology Consultants, Inc. to provide sales service to the World Of Learning.
- C.** Approval was given to enter into an agreement with Stacy Tinsley to provide sales service to the World Of Learning.

**IU8 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET AND BALLOT RESULTS – *For Information Only:***

**A. 2020-2021 IU8 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET REPORT:**

The report on proportionate votes by individual school board members regarding the IU8 General Fund Operating Budget for 2020-2021 in the amount of \$4,462,058.24 is as follows:

School Districts reporting 35	Proportionate Yes Votes 630
School Districts approving 35	Proportionate No Votes 0
School Districts not approving 0	

There are 693 proportionate total weighted votes for the 35 school districts in IU8. 347 proportionate yes votes are needed for passage of the IU8 General Fund Operating Budget.

**B. BALLOT RESULTS:**

REGION	NOMINEES/DISTRICT	PROPORTIONATE YES VOTES	TERM
I	Kathy Burch, <i>Bellwood-Antis</i>	478	2020-2023
IV	Ron Johnston, <i>Altoona Area</i>	470	2020-2023
VII	Stephen Thompson, <i>Ferndale Area</i>	482	2020-2023
IX	Kathy Hough, <i>Portage Area</i>	476	2020-2023

*All above nominees have been elected to serve on the IU8 Board, with new terms beginning July 1, 2020.*

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**A. SUPPLEMENTAL:**

1) **ALTOONA CRAIN & RIGGING, INC.:**

Approval was given to accept the bid from Altoona Crain & Rigging, Inc. for the purchase of the two Twistair compressors and one air tank for \$656.00.

2) **RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS:**

Approved the resignation of Amanda B. Decker, Hourly Aide – DD, Martinsburg Preschool, effective the Close of Business 07/24/2020.

**2020-2021 APPALACHIA IU8 HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN:**

Approval was given for the PDE required Appalachia IU8 Health & Safety Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

**FUTURE MEETINGS...**The next Committee/Board Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 27, 2020**, 4500 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA. The Committee Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m., and the Board Meeting begins immediately following the Committee Meeting, but not before 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT...**The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Pheasant and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Amy Woomer, Board Secretary

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Thomas Bullington, Board President

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