

**SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

September 15, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shamokin Area School District was held Tuesday, September 15, 2020, in the board conference room in the Shamokin Area Middle/High School, with President Mr. Brian G. Persing presiding. Meeting was broadcasted live over YouTube due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Persing called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Mr. Persing then led the assembly in the recitation of The Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Persing asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Jeanne Shutt, who was a teacher at Shamokin Elementary for 26 years and passed away September 9<sup>th</sup> and for the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11.

On roll call the following board members were present: President Brian G. Persing, Vice President Melissa M. Hovenstine, Treasurer Laura A. Scandle, Secretary Erik S. Anderson, Edward M. Griffiths, Jeffrey L. Kashner, Charles H. Shuey, Rosalie Smoogen and Bernard Sosnoskie Jr.

Others present included: Timothy A. Bowers, Solicitor; Chris J. Venna, Superintendent; Karen Colangelo, Business Manager/FPC; and Tonya Searls, Recording Secretary.

Due to the meeting being closed to physical public attendance, it was announced that time was being provided for citizens’ comments for those participating virtually.

No citizens’ comments.

During work sessions agenda, Mr. Venna reported that the opening of the new school year went extremely well. He offered praise to the staff and thanked the Board for their support. His only concern is the 21 students that have withdrawn to an outside cyber school. He made a plea to those who have concerns with how things are going to please call and speak to administration first before withdrawing their student or students from school.

It was moved by Mrs. Hovenstine, seconded by Mrs. Scandle that the following minutes of the Board of Directors be approved as presented:

Finance Committee Meeting – August 5, 2020  
Security Committee Meeting – August 10, 2020  
Policy and Discipline Committee – August 10, 2020  
Regular Monthly Meeting – August 18, 2020

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie

Voting No: None

It was moved by Mrs. Scandle, seconded by Mr. Griffiths that the Treasurer's Report for the months of August 2020 be accepted as presented.

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie  
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Griffiths that the bills for the months of August 2020 be authorized paid as presented. (General Fund, Capital Reserve, Athletic Fund, and Cafeteria Fund)

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie  
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Shuey, seconded by Mr. Anderson to acknowledge the following student and staff accomplishments:

We would like to thank all students, staff, parents and guardians for their cooperation and efforts for a safe and successful start to this school year.

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie  
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Smoogen to approve the revised 2020-2021 school calendar, as presented.

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie  
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mrs. Hovenstine that the following actions take place for policies, attachments and administrative regulations:

- Adopt the following new/revised policies and attachments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, as presented:

146.1. Trauma-Informed Approach  
                   247. Hazing  
                   249. Bullying/Cyberbullying  
                   252. Dating Violence  
                   317.2. Educator Misconduct  
 824. Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

- Acknowledge the 1st reading of the following new/revised policies, attachments and administrative regulations, as presented:

203. Immunizations and Communicable Disease  
                   209. Health Examinations/Screenings  
                   309.1. Telework  
                   314. Physical Examination  
                   331. Job Related Expenses  
                   332. Working Periods  
                   334. Sick Leave  
 340 Responsibility for Student Welfare  
                   409.1. Telework  
                   414. Physical Examination  
                   417.2. Educator Misconduct  
                   431. Job Related Expenses  
                   432. Working Periods  
                   434. Sick Leave  
 440. Responsibility for Student Welfare  
                   509.1. Telework  
                   514. Physical Examination  
                   531. Job Related Expenses  
                   532. Working Periods  
                   534. Sick Leave  
 540. Responsibility for Student Welfare  
                   705. Facilities and Workplace Safety  
                   801. Public Records  
                   803. School Calendars  
 904. Public Attendance at School Events  
                   907. School Visitors

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
                   Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
                   Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie  
 Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Shuey, seconded by Mrs. Scandle to approve the following contracts/agreements for student services:

- The Tuition Agreements with New Story to provide required special education services to student JW as set forth in the student IEP's at a cost of \$270.00/day for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The Agreement from Karah Molesevich to provide evaluation services to Spanish speaking students for the 2020-2021 school year, effective September 11, 2020, retroactively.

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie

Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Kashner, seconded by Mrs. Scandle to approve the revised Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan for the 2020-21 school year, as presented.

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie

Voting No: None

It was moved by Mrs. Hovenstine, seconded by Mrs. Scandle to approve the revised wording of the PILOT for the proposed Mountainside Estates development on Trevorton Road, located at the former Old Manor property, as presented.

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie

Voting No: None

It was moved by Mrs. Scandle, seconded by Mr. Shuey to approve the contract with Jeff Pacocha Contracting to clean all stadium buildings for the 2020-2021 school year and may be canceled at any time. First initial charge is \$485.00 and \$525.00 weekly thereafter.

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie

Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Hovenstine to approve the following requests for exemption/exonerations:

- I move to approve to waive any outstanding real estate or liens on blighted property so property can be demolished by the City Shamokin at 725 E. Dewart St. and 727 E. Dewart St., Shamokin.
- Approve the following exonerations from Act 511 and Section 679 Taxes submitted by Statewide Tax Recovery:

	<b>YEAR(S)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Adam S. Kistner Sr.	2019	\$11.00	Non-resident
Janine Weikel	2011, 2012, 2014, 2015	\$44.00	Deceased
Eric Thomas	2011-2012	\$22.00	Deceased
Chris Herrold	2007, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015	\$55.00	Deceased
Vincent Domanski	2018-2019	\$22.00	Deceased
Robert Kubeck	2012	\$11.00	Deceased
Brian Berry	2012	\$176.00	Deceased
Christie Slovinski	2006-2008	\$528.00	Deceased
John Schofield	2010-2011	\$22.00	Deceased
Shirley S. Slawek	2010-2011	\$22.00	Deceased
Robert J. Lender	2019	\$11.00	Deceased
Floyd Ward	2015	\$11.00	Deceased
Tammy L. Martin	2010-2012, 2014-2016	\$66.00	Deceased
John D. Cumming Jr.	2010, 2012-2019	\$99.00	Deceased
Norman Hemberger	2006, 2007, 2010-2012	\$55.00	Deceased
Mary Bailey	2007, 2008, 2010-2012	\$55.00	Deceased
Richard Friday	2007, 2008, 2011-2012	\$44.00	Deceased
Connie L. Zellie	2014-2017	\$44.00	Deceased
Georgia Shoffler	2011-2012	\$22.00	Deceased
Carol Derck	2014-2016	\$44.00	Deceased
Elvera Snyder	2012, 2014-2015	\$33.00	Deceased
Carol Neidig	2014-2016	\$33.00	Deceased
Christopher Clark	2011	\$176.00	Deceased
Eric Maurer	2014-2015	\$187.00	Deceased
Charles G. Kurtz	2008	\$176.00	Deceased
John Paul Thomas	2013	\$11.00	Deceased
Rose Yeager	2010-2011	\$22.00	Deceased
Beatrice J. Long	2017-2018	\$22.00	Deceased
John R. Wolfe	2012, 2014	\$22.00	Deceased
Elizabeth Pufnak	2015-2016	\$22.00	Deceased
Lynn Boehmer	2012	\$11.00	Deceased
Sharon L. McKnight	2006-2008	\$33.00	Deceased
Debra S. Paul	2014-2015	\$22.00	Deceased
John P. Krebs II	2014	\$165.00	Deceased

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	<b>YEAR(S)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
William E. Reigle	2016-2018	\$495.00	Deceased
George Schenawolf	2011, 2012, 2014-2015	\$44.00	Deceased
Susan Steinhart	2008	\$176.00	Deceased
Scott W. Dannheimer	2019	\$176.00	Deceased
Elizabeth Orluskie	2011-2012	\$22.00	Deceased
Howard J. Honicker Jr.	2014-2015	\$22.00	Deceased
Helen Norell	2014-2015	\$22.00	Deceased
Walter Kaskie	2011-2012, 2014	\$33.00	Deceased
Constance Green	2012, 2014-2016	\$44.00	Deceased
Catherine Robinson	2010-2012, 2014-2016	\$66.00	Deceased
Margie Ritter	2006-2008	\$33.00	Deceased

- Disapprove the following request for exemption of Act 511 and Section 679 taxes submitted by Statewide Tax Recovery as follows:

	<b>YEAR(S)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Richard Villari	2014-2018	\$880.00	Non-resident

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie

Voting No: None

The following motion was added from the floor:

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Hovenstine to adopt the following Resolution to extend the Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ) for a period of 10 years, expiring December 31, 2030, covering unoccupied portions of the Seedco Industrial Park:

**A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERM OF EXEMPTIONS, DEDUCTIONS, ABATEMENTS AND CREDITS FOR REAL PROPERTY, EARNED INCOME TAX, NET PROFITS MERCANTILE, AND BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAXES WITHIN A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN *COAL AND MOUNT CARMEL TOWNSHIPS, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY* DESIGNATED AS A KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY EXPANSION ZONE (“KOEZ”) OR KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY IMPROVEMENT ZONE (“KOIZ”) IN ORDER TO FOSTER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, STIMULATE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PREVENT PHYSICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE DETERIORATION WITHIN AREAS OF SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, UPON CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Shamokin Area School District, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania recognizes the need to encourage investment in a defined geographical area of Northumberland County, *as set forth in Attachment 'A'* that is experiencing distress characterized by one or more of the following: high unemployment, low investment of new capital, blighted conditions, underutilized, obsolete or abandoned industrial commercial and residential structures, deteriorated tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Extended Parcel consists of an unoccupied portion (s) of a KOEZ or KOIZ within Shamokin Area School District which KOEZ or KOIZ expires on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone and Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act (Act of October 6, 1998, P.L. 705, No. 92), as amended, hereinafter referred to as the "Act," authorizes political subdivisions to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for an extension of the term of the applicable benefits within the respective unoccupied portion(s) of the KOEZ or KOIZ, granting exemptions, deductions, abatements or credits from all local taxes identified in the Act; and

WHEREAS, approval of extending the term of the benefits for the Extended Parcel as provided in the Act will result in improving the economic, physical, and social conditions within the subject KOEZ or KOIZ by stimulating existing businesses employment, creating new employment and diminishing blight; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that increased private and public-sector investors will reverse the disinvestment and conditions of blight of the Extended Parcel by the termination date of the extended term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Shamokin Area School District of Northumberland County that effective as of this date 09/15/20, contingent only upon DCED's approval of the application for the proposed term of the Extended Parcel of the existing KOEZ or KOIZ:

The term of the Extended Parcel is extended for a period of 10 years from the date of occupancy of the Extended Parcel or expiration of the KOEZ/KOIZ, whichever occurs first as determined by the Department.

The following provisions shall apply to the extended term once the Extended Parcel is occupied:

Real Property Tax on the Extended Parcel is 100% exempt, such exemption to terminate December 31, 2030.

The following shall be exempt, in accordance with the provisions and limitations set forth within the Act, relative to the Extended Parcel:

- a. Business gross receipts tax for operations conducted by a Qualified Business within the Extended Parcel.

- b. Business privilege tax.
- c. Tax on the earned income received by a resident of the Extended Parcel.
- d. Tax on the net profits of a Qualified Business attributable to business activity conducted within the expansion zone
- e. Mercantile license tax attributable to business activity by a Qualified Business conducted within the Extended Parcel.
- f. Tax on occupancy or use within the Extended Parcel
- g. Sales and use tax (for purchases used and consumed by a Qualified Business within the Extended Parcel)

Benefits to begin on January 1, 2021 and to end on December 31, 2030

The provisions of the Act not herein enumerated, shall, nevertheless, be incorporated as part of this Ordinance by reference.

This resolution shall be effective upon execution, conditioned upon the approval of DCED of the application.

RESOLVED or ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of Coal Township of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, this 15 day of September, 2020.

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Hovenstine, Mr. Kashner,  
Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle, Mr. Shuey,  
Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie

Voting No: Mr. Griffiths

It was moved by Mrs. Hovenstine, seconded by Mrs. Scandle to approve all personnel items in motions 6.01 through 6.13 as listed:

- 6.01 Approve request from employee #2021-2 for medical leave effective on or about January 18, 2021 and continuing on or about April 6, 2021, using sick and/or personal days in conformance with FMLA and the SAEA teachers' agreement.
- 6.02 Approve request from employee #2021-3 for medical leave effective on or about January 4, 2021 and continuing on or about March 26, 2021, using sick and personal days in conformance with FMLA and the SAEA teachers' agreement.
- 6.03 Approve request from employee #2021-4 for Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) leave effective on August 31, 2020 and continuing on or about September 18, 2020, using emergency sick days and paid sick days in conformance with FFCRA and the SAEA teachers' agreement, retroactively.



- 6.04 Approve request from employee #2021-5 for medical leave effective on September 14, 2020 and continuing on or about October 26, 2020, using sick days in conformance with FMLA and the SAEA teachers' agreement.
- 6.05 Approve request from employee #2021-6 for Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) leave effective on September 10, 2020 and continuing through September 23, 2020, using paid sick days in conformance with FFCRA and the SAEA teachers' agreement, retroactively.
- 6.06 On the recommendation of the Federal Programs Coordinator, to appoint the following Title I Parent Involvement staff positions for the 2020-2021 school year, with compensation as listed:

Mary Bias

Lisa Gass

- 6.07 Adjust employment status for Robert Clark to reflect 6.5 hours per day, 180 days per year, effective August 24, 2020, retroactively.
- 6.08 On the recommendation of the Athletic Director and Principal that the following be appointed to serve the position listed for the 2020-21 school year, with compensation set also listed, pending receipt of clearances if not already on file:

Madison Fulginiti – Varsity Football Cheer Advisor - \$738.00

Carla McKinney – Junior High Football Cheer Advisor - \$1,090.00

- 6.09 On the recommendation of the Athletic Director, head coaches and Principal that the following be appointed to serve as volunteers for the 2020-21 school year, pending receipt of clearances if not already on file:

Pete Rhodes – Volunteer Football Coach

Angela Rock – Volunteer Junior High Softball Coach

Darwin Bressi – Volunteer Cross Country Coach

James Schiavoni – Volunteer Cross Country Coach

Crystal Hoover – Volunteer Cross Country Coach

Jennifer Dormer – Volunteer Cross Country Coach

- 6.10 Approve to add the following to the professional substitute list as indicated, pending receipt of clearances if not already on file:

Amber Guerrero – Guest Teacher

- 6.11 Approve to add the following to the non-instructional substitute list as indicated, pending receipt of clearances if not already on file:

Dianne Slodysko – Secretary (Retroactive 8/17/2020)

- 6.12 Approve the following as a school bus driver for Marvin E. Klinger, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year:

Eugene Boyer  
William Brosious  
Ronald Byerly  
Karen Erdman  
Nathan Witmer

6.13 Permission to post/advertise for the following positions available:

Student Lifeguards

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Persing, Mrs. Scandle,  
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen and Mr. Sosnoskie  
Voting No: None

During Board Member reports', Mr. Persing echoed Mr. Venna's concern with students withdrawing to cyber schools.

Mr. Persing announced that an executive session was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, from 5:30pm to 7:22pm prior to the regular monthly board meeting for personnel issues.

On a motion by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mrs. Scandle that the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:45 pm.

RECORDER: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tonya M. Searls, Recording Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erik S. Anderson, Board Secretary