

**New Kensington-Arnold School District  
School Board of Directors General Meeting**

Virtual Zoom Meeting  
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**December 15, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
  
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
  
- III. Moment of Silence**
  
- IV. Roll Call**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Beckes		
Bussard		
Cope		
DeAntonio		
Doutt		
Pallone		
Schrock		
Sorch		
Stone		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**V. Announcement of Executive Session**

An Executive Session was held on December 15, 2020 for personnel, safety, and negotiations.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of November 17, 2020 and December 2, 2020.

**Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_**

**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_**

**VII. Adoption of Agenda**

Resolved: To adopt the Agenda as printed or amended.

**Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_**

**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_**

**VIII. Committee Reports/Meetings**

- A. Education Committee – Mr. John Cope
- B. Building and Grounds/Capital Improvements Committee – Mr. Steven Sorch
- C. Personnel Committee – Mr. Tim Beckes
- D. Finance Committee – Mr. Terry Schrock
- E. Policy Committee – Ms. Chelsea Stone
- F. Community Liaison Committee – Ms. Chelsea Stone/Mr. Robert Pallone
- G. Negotiating Committee - Ad Hoc – Mr. Steven Sorch
- H. WIU Representative Report – Mr. Terry Schrock
- I. Vo-Tech Representative Report – Mr. John DeAntonio and Mr. Steven Sorch
- J. Athletic Committee – Mr. Scott Bussard
- K. Superintendent Search Committee - Ad Hoc - Mr. Timothy Beckes
- L. Board Secretary Update

**IX. Communications – None**

**X. Superintendent Report**

**XI. Audience**

Citizens may now bring to the board’s attention any items on the agenda for this regular meeting. Any citizens wishing to address the board, please raise your hand for recognition, state your name and address. Each speaker will be allowed up to 3 minutes, with additional time allowed for follow up questions.

A person addressing the board shall confide their remarks to matters that come under board jurisdiction. They shall direct their remarks to the board as a whole, conducting themselves in a respectful, dignified manner.

**XII. Motions**

**A. APPROVE FINANCIAL MOTIONS OF PAYROLL, BILLS, AND TREASURER REPORT**

Resolved: Approve financial motions of payroll, bills, treasurer report and unsold properties as listed:

- i. Authorize payment of the December 2020 payroll. November 2020 payroll was \$1,307,358.32.
- ii. Authorize payment of all properly approved bills received after in the amount of \$2,572,218.26.
- iii. Accept the reports for student Activities, Student Bank and the Treasurer’s Report for the month of November 2020.

Cash Balances are as follows: 11/30/2020:	
General Fund	\$2,478,945.28
Food Service	\$139,117.83
Valley Student Activities	\$31,609.32
NKASD Student Bank	\$40,160.11
Capital Reserve	\$517,279.62
2017 Capital Projects	\$47,493.86
2020 Capital Projects	\$3,493,072.19

**Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_**

**Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JILL ROBERTS, CAFETERIA AT VALLEY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL**

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Jill Roberts, Head Cook at Valley Jr/Sr High School, effective December 4, 2020.

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. ACCEPT RETIREMENT OF THE FOLLOWING STAFF**

Resolved: To accept the retirement of Erin Beattie, custodian at HD Berkley Elementary, effective January 25, 2021.

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**D. ACCEPT FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RELIEF ACT (FFCRA) CERTIFICATION REQUESTS**

Resolved: To accept Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA) Certification requests, allowing such requests to count towards PSERS retirement as qualifying under special circumstances, from the following employees identified by employee number: #1667, #1748, #2068, #2341, #2399, #2492, #2448, #2790, #2934, #3020, #3126, #3172, #3478, #3493, #3636, #3698, #3863, #4139, #5115, #5200, #5256, #5410, #5414, #5468.

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**E. GRANT FMLA TO THE FOLLOWING STAFF**

Resolved: To grant Amber O'Sullivan FLMA to begin on or about January 15, 2021, not to exceed sixty (60) days.

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**F. HIRE TIMOTHY GREGG AS CUSTODIAN**

Resolved: Hire Timothy Gregg as custodian to fill 8 Hour, 217 Day, Temporary Daylight Position, 8AM to 4:30PM at Valley Jr/Sr High School, effective December 1, 2020.

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**G. AUTHORIZE WESTMORELAND IU JOINT PURCHASING CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVES**

Resolved: Authorize Jeffrey McVey as the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Consortium Representative and Rick Nealer as the Alternate Representative for the New Kensington-Arnold School District for Supplies and the WIU Joint Purchasing Consortium for Fuel for FY 2020-21.

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**H. AUTHORIZE WESTMORELAND IU JOINT PURCHASING CONSORTIUM TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

Resolved: Advertise jointly as a member of the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Consortium for the purchase of supplies in the following categories for FY 2020-21.

- i. A. Multi-Purpose Paper
- ii. Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**I. AUTHORIZE A VALLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT TO COMPETE INDEPENDENTLY UNDER THE SCHOOL NAME**

Resolved: To authorize a Valley Jr-Sr High School student to compete independently under the school name at WPIAL/PIAA sanctioned events during the 2020-21 Gymnastics Season pending the submission and approval of appropriate paperwork. The parent will provide all necessary support to include uniforms, equipment, transportation, and pay any fees required to

compete. The parent will also assume all liability associated with the competition and training.

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**J. APPROVE THE 2020-21 DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN**

Resolved: To approve the District’s plan to provide instruction to students as outlined in the NKASD Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan. Students may attend full-time face-to-face instruction or participate in the District’s online, remote instruction program that mirrors the regular school schedule. In the event that the District must move to the fully remote instructional program for all students in response to Covid-19 transmission levels, school instructional schedules will continue to be implemented by faculty and be accessible synchronously and asynchronously by students through the online program.

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Amendments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by** \_\_\_\_\_

**XIII. Board Considerations**

**XIV. Audience**

Citizens may now bring to the board’s attention any issue that pertains to school business and question any board member as to their reason for having voted a certain way. Any citizens wishing to address the board, please raise your hand for recognition, state your name and address. Each speaker will be allowed up to 3 mins, with additional time allowed for follow up questions.

All persons speaking will be expected to conduct themselves with respect and dignity.

**XV. Adjournment**

\_\_\_\_\_ motioned to adjourn the Meeting at \_\_\_\_\_p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ second the motion

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 24 - January 1

No School – Winter Holiday Break

January 14, 2021

Tentative return from remote instruction

January 26, 2021

General Meeting of the NKASD School Board,  
Valley Jr/Sr High School, 703 Stevenson Blvd.,  
7:00 p.m.