

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF WILKINSBURG
SPECIAL VOTING MEETING
March 28, 2016**

The March 28, 2016 Special Voting Meeting of the Wilkinsburg School District Board of Directors was called to order by the Board President, Ed Donovan. The meeting was held in the Administration Building at 718 Wallace Avenue, starting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following board members were in attendance: Klara K. Brown, Kathy Firestine, Michael A. Johnson, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, Beth Slaby, LaTonya Washington. Substitute Superintendent, John Frombach, Business Manager, Rick Liberto, and the Solicitor Matthew Hoffman, of the firm Tucker Arensberg, P.C., were also present.

PUBLIC FORUM

none

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Debra Raubenstrauch, seconded by Kathy Firestine to approve an agreement with Pennsylvania School Boards Association to conduct a search for a Superintendent of Schools, including a workshop for school directors to clarify our needs and strategy, at a cost not to exceed \$6,500, subject to review and approval by the district solicitor.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was **TABLED** to authorize Boening and Scattergood, 2025 Greentree Road, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, as Investment Banker, and Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, 301 Grant Street, Suite 2800, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, as Bond Counsel to proceed with the preparation of documents for the potential refunding of the District's 2011 outstanding General Obligation Bond issue. There will be no cost to the Wilkinsburg School District unless a Bond Purchase Agreement for such refinancing is accepted by subsequent action of the Board of School Directors.

A motion was made by Joshua Miller, seconded by Kathy Firestine to approve the Secondary Level Adjusted Schedule.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Debra Raubenstrauch, seconded by Beth Slaby to approve an agreement with Tyler Technology, Inc for transportation scheduling software in the amount of \$12,318.00 for installation and set up for the 2016-2017 school year and annual maintenance fee of \$3,150.00, upon review and approval by the district solicitor. To be paid with Transition funds.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Miller presented to the Board and public a summary of the "Effect of assessment appeal policy proposed" with "calculation by Kate Luxemburg".

A motion was made by Debra Raubenstrauch, seconded by Kathy Firestine to approve the Wilkinsburg School District Assessment Plan.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Joshua Miller, seconded by Debra Raubenstrauch to approve the filing of 2016 real estate assessment appeals on properties listed in **Attachment Board 4a**, excluding 1) properties that were subject to appeals for the 2015 or 2016 tax years, 2) multi-parcel sales, and 3) properties for which the assessments were increased from the 2015 to the 2016 tax year.

Ms. Washington abstained, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Debra Raubenstrauch, seconded by Joshua Miller to approve a consultant agreement with Kate Luxemburg to prepare appeal forms for the authorized assessment appeals for the 2016 tax year to be provided to the District on or before March 30, 2016, in electronic file(s), at no cost to the District, subject to an agreement acceptable in form to the solicitor.

Ms. Washington abstained, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

none

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

none

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Jeanne E. Taylor

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School Board Secretary