



March Legislative Session (Tuesday, March 27, 2018)

Members present

Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

An Executive Session was held immediately following the Planning Session on March 20, 2018.

1. INTRODUCTION

Board President LaTonya Washington called the meeting to order, followed by the pledge of allegiance and salute to the flag.

Action: B. February Legislative Session Excusal -- LaTonya Washington

Board action is requested to approve the excusal of Debra Raubenstrauch from attendance at the February 27, 2018 Legislative Session.

Motion by Edward J Donovan, second by Marcia L Jones.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, LaTonya Washington

Abstain: Debra Raubenstrauch

2. PRESENTATIONS

Reports: A. Students of the Month -- LaTonya Washington

Students of the Month were recognized for both Kelly and Turner Elementary Schools.

3. REPORTS

Reports: A. Superintendent's Report -- Dr. Linda Iverson

Dr. Iverson said that she would reserve her comments for the agenda items that she would be presenting.

Reports: B. Solicitor's Report -- Matt Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman had nothing to add to the written report.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Action, Minutes: A. February 2018 Minutes -- LaTonya Washington
Board action is requested to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018 Legislative Session.
Motion by Michael A Johnson, second by Kathy Firestine.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, LaTonya Washington
Abstain: Debra Raubenstrauch

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports: A. Committee Reports -- LaTonya Washington

Michael Johnson had no changes to the Community Relations Committee Report from the previous week.

6. EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Reports: A. Partnership & Curriculum Reports -- Dr. Cubelic

Draft report cards have been shared from the Report Card committee to other teachers for their feedback.

Action: B. Infinite Campus software -- Dr. Cubelic
Board action is requested to amend the resolution adopted at the February 27, 2018 Legislative meeting, concerning for the purchase of Infinite Campus student service software, so as to provide for the initial purchase cost to be paid from the additional 2017/18 Title I funds.
Motion by Kathy Firestine, second by Debra Raubenstrauch.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: C. Eastern Area Special Schools Elected Officers -- LaTonya Washington
Board action is requested to approve the following resolution of the Eastern Area Special Schools Joint Committee: RESOLVED, that the following are hereby elected officers of the Joint Board of School Directors of the Eastern Area Special Schools:
Mr. Stephen P. Puskar-Allegheny Valley, President
Mr. Yusef S. Thompson Sr.-Penn Hills, Vice President
Mrs. Freda Aughenbaugh-Riverview, Secretary
PNC-Treasurer
Motion by Michael A Johnson, second by Edward J Donovan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: D. Eastern Area Special Schools Mail Ballot -- LaTonya Washington
Board action is requested to approve the following resolution of the Eastern Area Special Schools Joint Committee: RESOLVED, that as authorized by Section 1704 of the Public School code of 1949, as amended, all voting on the affairs of the Joint Board of School Directors of Eastern Area Special Schools shall be conducted by mail ballot.
Motion by Michael A Johnson, second by Kathy Firestine.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: E. Adelphoi Educational Services Agreement -- Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve the agreement with Adelphoi Education Services, with the following per diem rates: Behavioral Support: Regular Ed \$84.35/Special Ed \$92.86, Emotional Support: Regular Ed/Special Ed \$149.00, YES (Your Educational Success, credit recovery): Regular Ed/Special Ed \$100.00, to be paid from the general fund budget, effective immediately, subject to review and approval by the district solicitor.

Motion by Debra Raubenstrauch, second by Michael A Johnson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Action: A. Treasurer's Report -- Michael Johnson

Board action is requested to ratify and confirm the March 2018 General Fund: List of Payments -- \$1,444,236.16, Wire Transfers -- \$1,015,069.17 and Capital Fund Expenditures -- \$10,000.

Motion by Kathy Firestine, second by Joshua Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

No: Edward J Donovan

8. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

Reports: A. Facilities Report -- Rick Liberto

9. FINANCE

Reports: A. Finance Report -- Joshua Miller

Action: B. Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Trustee Ballot -- LaTonya Washington
Board action is requested to approve Debra Raubenstrauch, as Trustee for the Eastern Region, of the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium.

Motion by Joshua Miller, second by Michael A Johnson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: C. Exoneration of Berkheimer Tax Administrator -- Rick Liberto

Board action is requested to exonerate Berkheimer Tax Administrator, Inc from further collection of the 2017 real estate taxes, and to authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to provide the information on unpaid real estate taxes to Maiello, Brungo and Maiello Associates, Ltd., so that the collection of delinquent real estate taxes may proceed. The total amount is \$2,601,590.46 and these will be exonerated as of March 27, 2018.

Motion by Joshua Miller, second by Debra Raubenstrauch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

10. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Action: A. T. Smith Resignation -- Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve the resignation of Tanya Smith, Principal, Turner Elementary School, effective March 30, 2018.

Motion by Kathy Firestine, second by Debra Raubenstrauch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: B. S. Johnston, Acting Principal --Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve the resignation of Shawn Johnston from her current teaching position, effective immediately, and the appointment of Shawn Johnston as Acting Principal of Turner Elementary School, effective March 28, 2018, and ending upon the conclusion of the 2017-18 school year, in accordance with the attached agreement. As Acting Principal, Johnston shall continue to be compensated at an annualized salary of \$81,470 (the same as her 2017-18 teaching salary) plus a monthly stipend of \$1,500 (to be prorated for the months of March and June 2018), to be paid from the general fund budget.

Motion by Michael A Johnson, second by Joshua Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: C. Elementary Principal Job Description -- Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve the Elementary Principal job description, effective March 28, 2018.

Motion by Michael A Johnson, second by Joshua Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

No: Kathy Firestine

Action: D. S. Van Mastrigt Intermittent FMLA Leave Request -- Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve intermittent leave for Shawn Van Mastrigt, Music Teacher, Turner Elementary School, authorized by the Family Medical Leave Act, for the 2017-2018 school year, effective February 26, 2018.

Motion by Edward J Donovan, second by Debra Raubenstrauch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: E. Statement of Charges for Dismissal of a Professional Employee -- Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve a Statement of Charges for the dismissal of a professional employee as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion by Edward J Donovan, second by Michael A Johnson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: F. M. Flasco Elementary Teacher Recall -- Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve the recall of Matt Flasco to a 4th grade teaching position at Kelly Elementary School, effective February 19, 2018, to be paid from the general fund budget at a salary of \$44,170 per the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion by Michael A Johnson, second by Edward J Donovan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: G. J. Harding Itinerant Elementary Teacher -- Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve the recall of Jennifer Harding as an itinerant elementary teacher effective April 2, 2018, to be paid from the general fund budget, at a salary of \$45,920 per the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion by Michael A Johnson, second by Debra Raubenstrauch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

11. NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Action: A. Substitute Custodian Ellis Resignation -- Rick Liberto

Board action is requested to approve the resignation of Hayward Ellis, Substitute Custodian, effective March 28, 2018.

Motion by Kathy Firestine, second by Joshua Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: B. Special Education Teaching Assistant, Kelly Elementary School -- Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve and ratify the hiring of Marilyn Glover as a 10-month, Special Education Teaching Assistant at Kelly Elementary School, to fill the vacated teaching assistant position, effective March 21, 2018, at the salary of \$15.74 per hour, with benefits according to the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement and paid out of Special Education funds.

Motion by Michael A Johnson, second by Kathy Firestine.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: C. Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program -- Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve the Local Education Agency Letter of Agreement for Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program.

Motion by Debra Raubenstrauch, second by Kathy Firestine.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: D. AIU Educational Services Agreement, Use of Funds, and Notice of Adoption -- Dr. Iverson
Board action is requested to approve the Educational Services Agreement 2018-19, SD-Notice of Adoption 2018-19, and Use of Funds Agreement 2018-19.

Motion by Joshua Miller, second by Debra Raubenstrauch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: E. Maintenance III staff position -- Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve moving Wendy Fowler to a Maintenance III position from a Maintenance II position, effective July 1, 2018, to be paid from the general fund budget, at an hourly rate of \$23.65 per hour, which is an increase of \$1.58 per hour, per the 2017-18 collective bargaining agreement, pending the negotiation of a successor.

Motion by Edward J Donovan, second by Joshua Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action: F. Custodial Worker -- Dr. Iverson

Board action is requested to approve Sharon Lane as a custodial worker to fill the vacant position at Turner Elementary School, at a hourly rate of \$19.43 per hour, effective April 2, 2018, to be paid from the general fund budget, per the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion by Michael A Johnson, second by Kathy Firestine.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

12. POLICY AND PLANNING

none

13. BOARD GOVERNANCE/BOARD RESOLUTIONS

none

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information: A. Public Comment -- LaTonya Washington

Kate Luxemburg, of 432 Rebecca Avenue, spoke about tax assessment appeals.

Jean Dexheimer, of 1227 Rebecca Avenue, spoke about Civil Rights Activist Linda Brown who had recently passed away.

15. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

none

16. EXCUSAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

Action: A. Absent Board Member(s) Excused -- LaTonya Washington

Board action is requested to excuse Ashley Comans from attendance at the Legislative Session.

Motion by Edward J Donovan, second by Debra Raubenstrauch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

17. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Meeting Adjournment -- LaTonya Washington

Board action is requested to adjourn.

Motion by Michael A Johnson, second by Debra Raubenstrauch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

Action, Reports: B. Travel Investment Activities Report -- LaTonya Washington

Board action is requested to approve all of the staff professional development and field trip activities listed on the Travel Investment Activities Report for March 2018, at a cost not to exceed \$3,213.90 (\$2,988.90 from the general fund budget, \$225.00 from Special Education funds.)

Motion by Joshua Miller, second by Debra Raubenstrauch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Klara K Brown, Edward J Donovan, Kathy Firestine, Michael A Johnson, Marcia L Jones, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington

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