

HARMONY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

LGIA

6:30 Committee of the Whole and Formal Meeting to follow

Meeting called by: Nancy Oaks at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees:

William Boring
Susan Gallaher
Holly Merritts

Kurt Brothers
Betty Kunsman
Nancy Oaks

Kathleen Cowden
Shawn McGarvey
Holly Srock

K. Jubas
D. Martz
J. Boring
B. Brothers
D. Campbell

Kathleen Cowden on phone. Left meeting at 7:00.

Agenda topics

PUBLIC PRESENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session for Personnel at 6:40. Reconvene at 7:20.

Motion

K.BROTHERS

Second

B.KUNSMAN

 9 aye 0 nay

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Brad Brothers updated ESSERS projects. The Boilers were removed and the 2 new ones have arrived. LED light upgrades throughout the school. The Safety grant was approved.

Douglas Martz and Jason Boring spoke about the Mentor packets and building level plans.

A. MINUTES

Motion

S.MCGARVEY

Second

B.KUNSMAN

 8 aye 0 nay

Recommend to approve the following minutes and meetings:

- 1. June 13, 2023 Meeting and Minutes**
 - 2. June 13, 2023 Executive Session for Safety and Security**
 - 3. June 13, 2023 Executive Session for Personnel**
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B. LIST OF BILLS

Motion

K.BROTHERS

Second

H.SROCK

__8__ aye __0__ nay roll call vote

Recommend approving the list of bills for payment:

Cafeteria Fund – ck#1540 \$250.00

General Fund –June 2023 #48652-48687 \$156,873.18

Manual Checks MC230601-MC230617 \$ 320,954.72

July 2023 # 48688 – 48747 \$ 154,426.33

Manual Checks MC230701-MC230711 \$142,876.88

C. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion

S.GALLAHER

Second

B.KUNSMAN

__8__ aye __0__ nay

Recommend to approve the Financial Statements.

1. Cafeteria Fund
 2. Activity Fund
 3. Treasurer's Report
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D. ATHLETICS

Motion

S.MCGARVEY

Second

H.SROCK

__8__ aye __0__ nay roll call vote

- 1. Recommend to approve Matthew Woods as the Athletic Director for the 2023-2024 school year. Salary is per the collective bargaining agreement.**
 - 2. Recommend to accept the resignation of Mike Rummel as JH Boys Basketball coach and advertise for JH Boys and JH Girls Basketball coaches.**
 - 3. Recommend to approve the following athletic coaches for the 2023-2024 school year. Salaries are per the collective bargaining agreement.**
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Dylan Kurtz – Boys Varsity Basketball Coach

Jeremy Bracken – Boys Varsity Basketball Asst Coach

Mike Rummel – Volunteer Varsity Boys Coach

E. BUDGET

Motion

S.GALLAHER

Second

H.SROCK

 8 aye 0 nay roll call vote

1. Recommend to approve the Interscholastic Sports Insurance Agreement (Policy includes Interscholastic Sports, Band and Cheerleading, Excludes Football) for the 2023-2024 School Year with AG Administrators, Inc. through the Hembold & Stewart Insurance Agency. The cost will be \$2,160.00 which is budgeted.

2. Recommend to approve the Cyber Liability Policy with Acrisure Cyber Insurance through the Hembold & Stewart Insurance Agency. The cost will be \$2,920.00 which is budgeted.

3. Recommend to terminate the contract with CoTech Solutions Inc. effective August 1, 2023.

4. Recommend to approve the contract with C Jaws for Technology solutions effective September 1, 2023. The cost is \$3,950.00 per month.

5. Recommend to approve the Student Assistance Program Agreement with Clearfield-Jefferson Drug and Alcohol Commission for the 2023-2024 school year.

6. Recommend to approve the agreement with Community Guidance Center for the 2023-2024 school year.

F. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Motion

S.MCGARVEY

Second

H.SROCK

 8 aye 0 nay

1. Recommend to approve the 2023-2024 Harmony Area School District bus routes.

Bus 2 Cherry Tree/Sylvis

Bus 3 Westover

Bus 4 Burnside

Bus 6 Punkin Ridge

Bus 8 Cherry Tree

Bus 7 and Bus 8 Votech

Bus 9 Amish

2. Recommend to approve the 2023-2024 Harmony Area School District van routes.

Harmony Van
Amish Curwensville

3. Recommend to approve the following School Bus Contractors and Drivers for the 2023-2024 school year.

Dennis Harkleroad – Bus 2

- Bus Driver
Dennis Harkleroad

William Tom Hughes, Jr. – Bus 6

- Bus Drivers
William Tom Hughes, Jr. , Craig Sneath

Raystown Transit Services – Bus 3, 4, 7, 8, 9

- Bus Drivers
Loren Heinz, Corie Yeager, Francis Sable, Shae Harkleroad, Brooke Barrett, Terry Lee Rhodes, Alvesta Wheland, Donald Hunter, Harold Carper
 - Van Drivers
Ardella Boring, Charles Stephens, Richard Burba, Arla Carpenter, Sam Pry, Korenna Sral
Joe Harkleroad and Laura Stevens pending receipt of clearances.
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4. Recommend to approve the 2023-2024 Harmony Area School District Elementary and Secondary student handbooks.

5. Recommend to approve the 2023-2024 Harmony Area School District Teacher handbook.

6. Recommend to approve the 2023-2024 Harmony Area School District Athletic handbook.

7. Recommend to approve the 2023-2024 Harmony Area School District Coaches handbook.

8. Recommend to approve the 2023-2024 Harmony Area School District Special Ed handbook.

9. Recommend to approve the 2023-2024 Harmony Area School District Support Staff handbook.

G. CURRICULUM

Motion

S.GALLAHER

Second

B.KUNSMAN

 8 aye 0 nay

- 1. Recommend to approve the 2023-2024 Harmony Area Elementary Schoolwide Title 1 School Plan and 2023-2024 Harmony Area JSHS Title 1 School Plan.**
 - 2. Recommend to approve the Harmony Grange to use school grounds for fair parking September 19 – September 23, 2023 provided that the school district is listed as an additional insured on the Grange's insurance policy.**
 - 3. Recommend to approve the District-wide afternoon field trip to the Harmony Fair on September 22, 2023.**
 - 4. Recommend to approve the Harmony music department to perform at the opening ceremonies at the Harmony Fair on September 19, 2023 and perform in the parade on September 23, 2023.**
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H. PERSONNEL

Motion

S.GALLAHER

Second

H.SROCK

 8 aye 0 nay roll call vote

- 1. Recommend to approve the following extra-curricular positions for the 2023-2024 school year. Salaries are per the collective bargaining agreement.**

Junior Class Co Advisor – Lindsey Prasko
Junior Class Co Advisor – Harley Bloom
Senior Class Co Advisor – Lisa Kitko
Senior Class Co Advisor – Sean McMullen
National Honor Society Advisor – Harley Bloom
Yearbook Co Advisor – Jean Harkleroad
Yearbook Co Advisor – Harley Bloom
Jr/Sr High Student Council Advisor – Barbi Vena
Elementary Student Council Co Advisor – Crystal Stiver
Elementary Student Council Co Advisor – Sherry Hughes
Athletic Trainer – Barbi Vena
Musical/Play – Amie Shadle and Jason Boring

Motion
S.MCGARVEY
Second
H.SROCK

 8 aye 0 nay roll call vote

- 2. Recommend to approve to hire Albert Bell as a part time custodian. Salary is \$8.66 per hour with no benefits pending receipt of all clearances.**
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Motion
H.SROCK
Second
B.KUNSMAN

 8 aye 0 nay roll call vote

- 3. Recommend to approve to hire Richard Kopp as a part time custodian. Salary is \$8.66 per hour with no benefits pending receipt of all clearances.**
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Motion
W.BORING
Second
B.KUNSMAN

 5 aye 3 nay roll call vote
S.Gallaher, K.Brothers, H.Srock

- 4. Recommend to approve to hire Chloe Bracken as the Business Office Clerk effective August 16, 2023 pending receipt of all clearances. Salary is \$38,000.00 with single benefits.**
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Motion
B.KUNSMAN
Second
H.MERRITTS

 7 aye 1 nay roll call vote
K.Brothers

- 5. Recommend to approve to hire Alison Houser as an Elementary Teacher effective November 13, 2023 pending receipt of all clearances. Salary is \$34,500 with benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement.**
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Motion
H.MERRITTS
Second
B.KUNSMAN

 7 aye 1 nay roll call vote
K.Brothers

- 6. Recommend to approve Heather Chero as a Special Education Teacher effective August 21, 2023. Salary is \$41,000.00 and benefits per the collective bargaining agreement.**
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Motion
H.SROCK
Second
S.GALLAHER

 8 aye 0 nay

7. Recommend to approve to accept the resignation of Shane Sedlemeyer as English Teacher effective July 13, 2023.

Motion
H.SROCK
Second
B.KUNSMAN

 8 aye 0 nay roll call vote

8. Recommend to approve Paula Young as a long term Substitute English Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year through ESS while she completes necessary course requirements to become permanently certified.

Motion
K.BROTHERS
Second
S.MCGARVEY

 8 aye 0 nay nay

9. Recommend to approve the resignation of Jennifer Skarbek effective June 30, 2023.

Motion
K.BROTHERS
Second
B.KUNSMAN

 8 aye 0 nay roll call vote

10. Recommend to approve Jennifer Nealen as an English Teacher effective August 21, 2023. Salary is \$32,500.00 with benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion
H.MERRITTS
Second
B.KUNSMAN

 8 aye 0 nay roll call vote

11. Recommend to hire Opal Thompson as a Music Teacher effective August 21, 2023. Salary is \$32,500.00 with benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion
H.MERRITTS
Second
B.KUNSMAN

 8 aye 0 nay roll call vote

12. Recommend to approve Bonnie Fisher as a Nurse substitute. Clearances are on file.

Motion
S.MCGARVEY
Second
B.KUNSMAN

__8__aye __0__nay

13.Recommend to approve the High School Secretary job description.

Motion
B.KUNSMAN
Second
H.MERRITTS

__8__aye __0__nay roll call vote

14.Recommend to approve the High School Secretary position to increase to 180 days.

I. POLICY

Motion
S.GALLAHER
Second
H.SROCK

__8__aye __0__nay

1. Recommend to approve the second reading of Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying.

ADJOURNMENT

Recommend to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Motion
S.GALLAHER
Second
B.KUNSMAN

__8__aye __0__nay
