

Members Present	Keith Adams	Members Absent
Albert D. Marazas	Jessica M. McGrath	Michael M. Mistisben
Kevin Wigoda	Christopher M. Bowers	Sarah R. Newton
Cynthia Lubinsky		
Michael Kroznuskie		

The regular monthly meeting of the Minersville Area Board of Education was held in the Career & Counseling Center of the Junior-Senior High School and Zoom on Wednesday evening, April 27, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President, Keith Adams at 7:00 PM.

On roll call, the following responded: Keith Adams, Albert D. Marazas, Kevin Wigoda, Cynthia Lubinsky, Michael Kroznuskie, Jessica McGrath, and Christopher Bowers.

Others present: Dr. Carl G. McBreen, Superintendent; Jennifer Laudeman, Business Manager; Nannette Bentz, Elementary Principal; Ryan Wagner, Elementary Assistant Principal; Jill Atkinson, Special Education Supervisor; Nicholas A. Quinn, District Solicitor; and Barbara Conville, Secretary to the Superintendent/Assistant to the Secretary.

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by McGrath to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2022. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve Meeting Minutes of 03/23/2022

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Wigoda to approve the minutes of 03/21/2022 and 04/20/2022 Athletic Committee meetings. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes of 03.21.2022 and 04.20.2022

Prior to the start of the Agenda, Adams asked if anyone submitted for public participation. James Croley of 88 Low Road, Pottsville, PA 17901 approached to speak. Mr. Croley addressed the board to ask for an adjustment to public speaking to allow for any attending citizen to raise hand to ask a question regarding an agenda item. He then posed questions regarding two separate board items listed, item 17 and item 5 on the agenda. Mr. Adams thanked Mr. Croley for his public comment.

Public comment

AGENDA

Dr. McBreen began the agenda by inviting the April Students of the Month to the floor to be acknowledged. Collin Tobin was present, while Rachel Maurer was unable to attend. Dr. McBreen read biographies for both students. Collin was congratulated by the Board and free to leave the meeting.

Students of the Month

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by McGrath to acknowledge the donation of the following books to the Elementary Center library by said donor:

Acknowledgment

Title:	Donor:	In Memory of:
Can I Be Your Dog?	Mrs. Susan Pozza	Mr. Harry Kimmel
The Good Egg	Mrs. Susan Pozza	Mr. Harry Kimmel

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Bowers to approve the following "Use of Facility" requests approved by the Superintendent under standing policy:

Use of Facilities

- a. May 16, 2022, Band & Choir concert, High School Auditorium – 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM.
- b. May 17, 2022, Miners 5th Quarter Club, Parent meeting and fundraiser pick-up - High School Cafeteria - 5 PM – 7:15 PM.
- c. May 20, 2022, Little Beans Graduation – Llewellyn Auditorium - Tuesday & Thursday, from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM.
- d. Baseball season – Branch/Miners Teener League – High School Baseball Field for games, when available.

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

Use of Facilities

MOTION - by Wigoda, seconded by Lubinsky to approve payment for credits earned to:

- a. Lisa Ferguson – 3 credits @ \$650 = \$3,250
- b. Danielle Wank – 3 credits @ \$328 = \$984

Payment of credits earned

All in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Bowers, seconded by McGrath to approve a Separation and Release Agreement by and between the Minersville Area School District and former Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, Stephen D. Bressi, and in accordance therewith accept Mr. Bressi's resignation with an effective date of April 30, 2022.

S. Bressi Separation Agreement and resignation

On a roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Marazas to approve on recommendation of the Athletic Director, Mr. Rich Dry, the following Volunteer Football coaching positions for the 2022-2023 season.

Open Boys' Basketball Head Coach 2022-2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
a. Noah Charowsky	Assistant	Volunteer
b. Jeff Cutler	Assistant	Volunteer
c. Ray Sukeena	Assistant	Volunteer

On a roll call vote, Newton voted no, all others in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION - by McGrath, seconded by Wigoda to ratify Miss Kerstin Cappella as Science Fair coordinator at the approved activities stipend of \$756 due to the earlier resignation of approved Science Fair coordinator, Miss Katie Kelly.

K. Capella approve as Science Fair Advisor

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Bowers, seconded by Wigoda to approve on recommendation by Mrs. Jill Atkinson, the following date and staff positions for Extended School Year (ESY) for the summer of 2022:

Extended School Year - 2022

Dates: June 21, 2022 to July 28, 2022
 Days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
 Hours of Instruction:
 Teachers/Therapists/LPN: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 Aides: 8:15 AM to 11:45 AM
 Students: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
 Locations: Minersville Area Junior-Senior High School only
 Staff: Teachers: Wages: \$30/hour (1st increase since 2012)
 Miss Rochelle Jones
 Mrs. Kelsey Schleicher
 Miss Emily Williams
 Miss Megan Siminitus
 Speech Therapists: 1 day/week each
 Mrs. Sarah Quinn
 Ms. Johnna Cappel
Registered Nurse:
 Mrs. Kelly Valentine
Instructional Aides: Wages: \$13.80/hour
 Ms. Kari Beury
 Ms. Brenda Bruce
 Ms. Mandy Eckert
 Mrs. Tracie Jobrey
 Ms. Denise Karpulk
 Mrs. Michelle Lescavage

Ms. Sara Lott

LPN:

Wages: \$20.30/hour

Mrs. Barbara Barge

Ms. Kimberly Cooper

On roll call, all members voted in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION - by McGrath, seconded by Bowers to approve request by Mrs. Laurie Ruch, representing the Newtown Volunteer Fire Company, to have the High School Marching Band and Color Guard lead their annual Memorial Day Parade and Program on Monday, May 30, 2022 beginning at 10:15 AM.

Memorial Day Parade - Newtown

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Bowers, seconded by Lubinsky to approve the recommendation of the Activities/Athletic Committee to hire David Mullaney as Boys' Basketball Head Coach for the 2022-2023 season at a salary to be determined with the approval of the 2022-2023 Budget.

D. Mullaney hired as Head Basketball Coach 2022-2023

On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Wigoda to accept the final Per Capita and Occupation Tax reports from the following tax receivers and exonerate them from further collection for 2021 taxes:

Exonerate Tax Collectors 2021 taxes

- a. Mrs. Gail Bedford, Branch Township
- b. Mrs. Ann Marie Studlack, Cass Township
- c. Mrs. Lisa Mickelcavage, Foster Township
- d. Minersville Area School District, Minersville Borough
- e. Ms. Heather Matukewicz, Reilly Township

On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION - by McGrath, seconded by Bowers to authorize release to Berkheimer the 2021 list of delinquent taxpayers (Per Capita and Occupation) as listed by tax receivers.

Release 2021 list to Berkheimer

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Wigoda to authorize Solicitor Quinn to file Real Estate assessment appeals for designated properties sold from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 with assessed value below sales price.

Re-assess sold properties

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by McGrath to record in minutes use of line of credit at Gratz Bank in the amount of \$700,000.

Use Line of Credit

On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION - by McGrath, seconded by Bowers to authorize repayment of line of credit at Gratz Bank as funds available.

Repay Line of Credit

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Wigoda, seconded by Lubinsky to record in minutes the 2022-2023 health insurance renewal increase of 9.44% through the Multi-County Health Care Insurance Consortium. Note: 2021-2022 renewal was 7.15%.

Health Insurance increase set for 2022-2023

On roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION - by McGrath, seconded by Lubinsky to authorize proper signatures and approve the agreement pertaining to student #27839 in the amount of \$35,000 managed by the District and released for legitimate educational purposes as outlined in Settlement Agreement and Release.

Settlement Agreement & Release #27839

On roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Wigoda, seconded by McGrath to authorize payment of legal fees and services related to student #27839 payable to Angela Uliana-Murphy, a sum not to exceed \$7,000 Murphy & Murphy, P.C., Pen Argyl, PA, upon receipt of substantiating documentation of such attorney's fees and costs.

Legal Fees paid #27839

On roll call all in favor, motion carried.

MOTION - by Bowers, seconded by Wigoda to approve on recommendation of Dr. McBreen to contract ten (10) days each for student scheduling at current 2021-2022 per diem rate for Mrs. Rachelle Jones and Ms. Jenna Dyszel, Guidance Counselors, during the summer break.

Guidance Summer Hours

On roll call all in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by McGrath to approve the leave of absence request for the purpose of maternity leave under FMLA for Ms. Johnna Cappel which is tentative to begin August 17, 2022 through January 1, 2023. Ms. Cappel intends to use accumulated sick days and unpaid leave for this absence.

J. Cappel maternity leave approved

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Wigoda to ratify the appointment of Mrs. Marissa Gee as a homebound instructor for student #24830 through the end of the school year which began April 19, 2022 at a rate of \$27 per hour, not to exceed 5 hours per week.

M. Gee - Homebound Instructor

All in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Wigoda, seconded by McGrath to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law relative to expulsion hearing on March 30, 2022 for student #24025.

Expulsion #24025

On roll call the following members that attended the hearing responded in favor: McGrath, Lubinsky, Wigoda, Adams and Newton via phone call. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by McGrath to approve as "Second Reading" and adoption of the following District policy as enclosed:

Policy - Second Reading

- a. 823 - Naloxone

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Wigoda to approve the required School Emergency Operations Plan for the 2021-2022 school year, as enclosed.

School Emergency Operations Plan approved 2021-2022

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Kroznuskie, seconded by Lubinsky to acknowledge the Disabled Veteran's Real Property Tax Exemption for Mr. Michael Rogers, 20 Willow Lane, Pottsville, PA 17901.

Disabled Veteran's Tax Exemption

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were read and included on the monthly Livebinder and also in printed packets. Dr. McBreen, Mrs. Bentz, Mrs. Atkinson and Solicitor Quinn all highlighted their reports for the Board.

Staff Reports

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Wigoda to approve the Treasurer's Report as prepared and submitted. On a voice vote - all in favor; Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

MOTION - by McGrath, seconded by Wigoda to ratify the payment of bills for March from the General Fund in the amount of \$2,306,611.91; Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$72,119.35; 21st CCLC - Schuylkill Achieve Account in the amount of \$1,664.59; Federal Programs Account in the amount of \$2,877.48; High School Athletics in the amount of \$14,309.96; High School Activities Account in the amount of \$2,030.60 for a total bills payable \$2,399,613.89.

Pay bills

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Wigoda to approve Statement of Taxes as prepared and submitted. All in favor on a voice vote. Motion passed.

Statement of Taxes

Dr. McBreen asked for an Executive Session with no further action following the end of the Board Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marazas stated there are two upcoming Finance meetings with the first on May 4, 2022, Kroznuskie is planning an upcoming Buildings and Grounds meeting. No other committee meetings are scheduled.

Committee Reports

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

Correspondence

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

None.

New Business

There being no further business to report or discuss, the meeting adjourned on MOTION by Lubinsky seconded by McGrath at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Wigoda, Secretary



Barbara J. Conville, Assistant to the Secretary

