

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

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, March 23, 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, Michael Mistishen, Jessica McGrath, Sarah Newton, 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 Bowers to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2022. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve Meeting Minutes of 02/23/2022

Prior to the start of the Agenda, Adams asked if anyone submitted for public participation. Being none, the agenda commenced.

Public comment

AGENDA

Dr. McBreen began the agenda by inviting the March Students of the Month to the floor to be acknowledged. Those students were present, being Evan Motley and Abigail Daukaus. Both were congratulated and free to leave the meeting.

Students of the Month

MOTION - by Newton, seconded by Marazas to acknowledge the donation by Lowe's Home Improvement - Distribution Center, Pottsville, PA of six (6) pallets of hand sanitizing wipes. Note: 720 units; each unit has 300 wipes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Acknowledgment

MOTION - by McGrath, seconded by Lubinsky to acknowledge the Aevdum Club for being recognized at Kutztown University and awarded the New Club of the Year Award by Mary Pritchard - Director of Outreach and Francesca Pileggi - Executive Director of Aevdum for club's efforts spreading the "I've Got your Back" campaign with other local schools. All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

Acknowledgment

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

Use of Facilities

- a. March 2022 - June 2022 - Girls' 6th Grade Basketball - Elewellyn gymnasium - Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Thursday, depending on availability, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.
- b. March 15, 2022 - April 14, 2022, Miners Athletic Club (MAC) 7th Gr. Boys Basketball - High School Gymnasium - Tuesday & Thursday, from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Wigoda to authorize proper signatures for school resource officer memorandum of understanding renewal for 2022-2023 school year with the Minersville Police Department in the amount of \$291 per day. (Note: 1.75% increase from 2021-2022 \$286). See attached.

SRO Contract 2022-2023

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Wigoda, seconded by Kroznuskie to approve additional transportation runs with Earl Renninger, Inc. as follows:

Additional transportation contracts with Renninger, Inc.

- a. M10 – St. Joe’s revised effective 1/24/22 –\$103 two days ; \$88 three days
- b. M12 – Assumption revised effective 11/10/2021 – \$200 per day
- c. M23 - Elementary Center revised effective 12/6/2021 – \$70 per day
- d. M25 – BHA Lehighton revised effective 3/1/2022 – \$270 per day
- e. M28 – Schuylkill Haven revised effective 3/9/2022 – \$150 per day

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Newton, seconded by Bowers to authorize Superintendent to sign Food Service Management Company renewal contract effective July 1, 2022 with Nutrition, Inc. Irwin, PA. Note: can renew 4 years after initial RFP contract award year. This is 3rd renewal.

Nutrition, Inc. contract signed 2022-2023

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by McGrath on recommendation of the Athletic Committee to hire Jared Homa as Girls’ Varsity Basketball, Head Coach, for the 2022-2023 season.

J. Homa 2022-2023 Girls’ Basketball

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

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Kroznuskie to on recommendation of the Athletic Committee to properly post the opening to accept applications for the Boys’ Varsity Basketball, Head Coach, for the 2022-2023 season.

Open Boys’ Basketball Head Coach 2022-2023

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

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Bowers to approve on recommendation of the Athletic Director, Mr. Rich Dry, the following Girls’ Softball coaching positions for the 2021-2022 season all as volunteers.

Additional Softball Volunteers 2021-2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
a. Robert Plesnarski	Assistant Coach	Volunteer
b. John Kohr	Assistant Coach	Volunteer
c. Jennifer Laudeman	Assistant Coach	Volunteer
d. Jeff Tobin	Assistant Coach	Volunteer
e. James O’Brien	Assistant Coach	Volunteer
f. Katie Carr	Assistant Coach	Volunteer

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

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Kroznuskie to approve the following additional extra-curricular positions retroactive for the 2021-2022 school year:

Softball - Extra curricular

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
a. Gifted Advisor, High School	Kelsey Schleicher	\$1,193
b. Gifted Advisor, Elementary	Laura Yazemboski	\$ 756
c. Transition Advisor	Emily Williams	\$1,193
d. Aevium Co-Advisor	Jenna Dyszel	\$ 924
e. Aevium Co-Advisor	Cara Sanfilippo	\$ 924

On the question, Marazas asked when payment would be disbursed to these individuals that were added. Laudeman responded that extra curricular payments are either quarterly payments or half payments. There is schedule to follow.

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

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Bowers to accept with regret the resignation of Volunteer Girls Softball Assistant Coach, Allison Polinsky, effective March 21, 2022, due to a work schedule conflict.

A. Polinsky resignation

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Mistishen to approve proper signatures to the Intermediate Unit #29 Administrative and Program Budget resolution for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Copy enclosed.

2022 - 2023 IU
Administrative and
Operating Budget

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

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

Policy 626 - Second
Reading and Adoption

- a. 626 - Federal Fiscal Compliance
- b. 626 - Attachment Procurement - Federal Program
- c. 626 - Attachment Allowability of Costs - Federal Programs

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

MOTION - by Mistishen, seconded by McGrath to approve as "First Reading" of the following updated District policies as enclosed:

Policy 823 - First
Reading

- a. 823 - Naloxone

All in favor on a voice vote. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were read and included on the Livebinder and in packets. Mrs. Atkinson summarized that the District has received revenue from May 2021 through February 2022 in the amount of \$90,249 for Special Education Access Billing.

Staff Reports

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Treasurer's Report

MOTION - by Mistishen, seconded by Bowers to ratify the payment of bills for February from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,054,682.13; Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$58,568.40; 21st CCLC - Schuylkill Achieve Account in the amount of \$1,050.00; Federal Programs Account in the amount of \$1,710.39; High School Athletics in the amount of \$4,276.00; High School Activities Account in the amount of \$10,132.35 for a total bills payable \$1,130,419.27.

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

Before the final agenda item, it was decided to finish up the remaining board items and discuss the item in Executive Session prior to voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lubinsky said that Activities/Athletics held a meeting March 21st. Adams concluded that the Board

Committee Reports

voted on the IU budget earlier and Wigoda said he contacted Mike Hoptak, who provided a summary and an upcoming meeting will be communicated. No other committee chairs had anything to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business

None.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business

None.

Continuing with the final item on the regular agenda, a MOTION - by Newton, seconded by Mistishen to ratify the Superintendent's suspension without pay of the Junior Senior High School Principal, Stephen D. Bressi, effective March 18, 2022.

S. Bressi suspension

On the question, Bowers asked who's decision was it to suspend Mr. Bressi. Dr. McBreen said it was his decision. On a roll call vote, Bowers voted no, all others in favor. Motion carried.

Dr. McBreen wished to discuss the personnel matter in Executive Session. MOTION - by Mistishen, seconded by Wigoda to enter Executive Session at 7:19 PM. All in favor. Motion carried. Since the meeting was on ZOOM, the entire Board, Dr. McBreen, Mrs. Laudeman and Atty. Quinn exited to a private room.

Executive Session

The Board members along with Dr. McBreen, Mrs. Laudeman and Atty. Quinn reentered. ZOOM was resumed. Adams said that the Board would not be taking any further action this evening and asked for one final MOTION - by Newton, seconded by McGrath at 8:14 PM to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Wigoda, Secretary



Barbara J. Conville, Assistant to the Secretary