

<i>Date</i> May 27, 2020	<i>Regular Meeting</i>	<i>High School Career Center</i>	<i>Angela M. DeMario</i>
<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Kind of Meeting</i> Angela M. DeMario	<i>Where Held</i> Members Absent	<i>Presiding Officer</i>
<i>Todd Rizzardi</i>	<i>Albert D. Marazas</i>		
<i>Christopher G. Bentz - via Zoom</i>	<i>Michael M. Mistishen - via Zoom</i>		
<i>Cynthia Lubinsky - via Zoom</i>	<i>Keith Adams - via Zoom</i>		
<i>Kevin Wigoda</i>	<i>Michael Kroznuskie - via Zoom</i>		

The regular monthly meeting of the Minersville Area Board of Education was held in the Career & Counseling Center of the Junior-Senior High School on Wednesday evening, May 27, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President, Angela M. DeMario at 7:00 PM.

On roll call, the following responded: Angela M. DeMario, Albert D. Marazas, Todd Rizzardi, Cynthia Lubinsky via Zoom, Christopher G. Bentz via Zoom, Kevin Wigoda, Keith Adams via Zoom, Michael M. Mistishen via Zoom and Michael Kroznuskie, via Zoom.

Others present: Dr. Carl G. McBreen, Superintendent; Jennifer C. Laudeman, Business Manager, Stephen Bressi, High School Principal via Zoom; Nannette Bentz, Elementary Principal via Zoom, Lucas McMurtrie, Assistant Principal via Zoom; Mary Ann Wynosky, Special Education Supervisor via Zoom, Nicholas A. Quinn, District Solicitor and Barbara Conville, Secretary to the Superintendent/Assistant to the Secretary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Rizzardi to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2020. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Approve Meeting Minutes of 04/22/2020

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Wigoda to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of March 7, 2020 and March 14, 2020. Motion carried for both meetings on roll call votes.

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of 03/07/2020 and 03/14/2020

MOTION - by Wigoda, seconded by Rizzardi to approve the Athletic Committee meeting minutes of May 19, 2020. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes of 05/14/2020

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Bentz to approve the Technology Committee meeting minutes of May 19, 2020. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Technology Committee Meeting Minutes of 05/19/2020

MOTION - by Rizzardi, seconded by Marazas to record recognition of the May Students of the Month, who were Tallin Chupick and Rachael Zula.

Students of the Month - May 2020

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

MOTION - by Mistishen, seconded by Bentz to record recognition of the Elementary Center's Virtual Science Fair Winners:

- 1st Place: Hope Motuk - "Does overcrowding affect plant growth?"
- 2nd Place: Grace Sterner - "Which type of water is the hardest?"
- 3rd Place: Alyssa Cook - "Which type of chicken eggs have a higher hatch rate: A free range flock or a back cooped flock?"
- Honorable Mentions: Sara Studlack - "Will a backyard compost or a worm bin compost work faster?"
- Hunter Pytak - "Is food safe to eat after it's been dropped on the floor as long as it's picked up within 5 seconds?"
- Landyn Ponter - "What happens to gummy bears when it's introduced to different solutions?"
- Cheyenne Terry - "How does slime activator affect how slime is made?"

Motion carried on roll call vote.

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

Credit Reimbursement

- a. Krystal Thompson – 6 credits @ \$516 = \$3,096
- b. Gina Smith – 3 credits @ \$100 = \$300

On roll call, all in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Adams, seconded by Rizzardi to authorize Superintendent to sign account servicecontract with EDU Healthcare to contract Ms. Michelle Koals to provide School Psychological Services for the 2020-2021 school year, at a rate of \$75 per hour.

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

MOTION - by Bentz, seconded by Wigoda to approve Superintendent signature to the agreement with New Story, Wyomissing, PA for a placed student for Extended School Year services June 22, 2020 through July 29, 2020 at a daily rate of \$380 per day, if needed.

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

MOTION - by Wigoda, seconded by Rizzardi to approve the hire of Mrs. Jeannie Purcell as Head Boys' Soccer Coach for the 2020-2021 school year on the recommendation of the Athletic Committee at a salary to be determined with the approval of the 2020-2021 budget.

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

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Adams to approve on recommendation of the Finance Committee the 2020-2021 administrative, secretarial, and hourly staff salaries as per attached listing.

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

MOTION - by Wigoda, seconded by Rizzardi to approve on recommendation of the Athletic Committee the Tentative Athletic Account Budget for 2020-2021 in the amount of \$183,970. Note: 2019-2020 budget \$177,270

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

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Adams to approve on recommendation of the Finance Committee the tentative General Fund Budget for 2020-2021 in the amount of \$20,643,162 and cause it to be properly advertised and posted for inspection thirty (30) days prior to final adoption.

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

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Adams to establish Real Estate Tax for 2020-2021 at 40.02 mills. Note: No change for fifth year in a row.

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

MOTION - by Rizzardi, seconded by Adams to continue in force the following taxes:

- a. School Code
\$5 Per Capita
- b. Act 511
\$5 Per Capita
- c. \$52 Local Service Tax (LST)
- d. \$186 Occupation Tax
- e. 1% Realty Transfer
- f. ½% Earned Income Tax

All in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried

EDU Healthcare contract
2020-2021

New Story - ESY
services

J. Purcell hired as
2020-2021 Boys' Head
Soccer Coach

2020 - 2021
Administrative,
Secretarial and hourly
staff salaries

2020-2021 Athletic
Budget

2020-2021 General
Fund Budget

Real Estate Tax Rate
2020-2021

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Adams to approve the following resolution:
"Be It Resolved that Minersville Area School District implements the homestead-farmstead exclusion to take effective July 1, 2020. The fiscal 2020 exclusion amount is \$142.71 for eligible property owners."

Homestead Farmstead Exclusion

Note: a. 2,510 eligible property owners in Minersville Area School District.
b. \$357,487.87 total tax reduction funds from Pennsylvania gambling revenue Sterling Act.

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

MOTION - by Rizzardi, seconded by Marazas to approve the attached resolution calling for Charter School Funding Reform "...calling upon the General Assembly to meaningfully revise the existing flawed charter school funding systems for regular and special education to ensure that school districts and taxpayers are no longer overpaying these schools or reimbursing for costs the charter schools do not incur."

Charter School Funding Reform Resolution

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

MOTION - by Wigoda, seconded by Bentz to authorize 2019-2020 Single Audit to be completed by Jones & Co., P.C., CPA's, Pottsville, PA, for an amount not to exceed \$16,250.

Single Audit 2019-2020 - Jones & Co.

Marazas abstained from vote, all others in favor on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Adams, seconded by Bentz to authorize Solicitor Quinn to file Real Estate assessment appeals for designated properties sold from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 with assessed value below sales price.

Real estate assessment appeals 2019-2020

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

MOTION - by Adams, seconded by Wigoda to authorize transfer from the General Fund in the amount of \$270,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund.

General Fund transfer

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

MOTION - by Rizzardi, seconded by Wigoda to ratify Non-Intent to Renew letter dated May 15, 2020 for School Police Officer agreement for the 2020-2021 school year sent via email to Ms. Sarah Newton, Council Member, and Ms. Megan Paul, Minersville Borough Secretary for distribution to Minersville Police Chief, Minersville Borough Manager and Minersville Borough Council President.

Non-Intent to Renew - School Police Officer

All in favor to record on a roll call. Motion carried. Solicitor Quinn asked whether confirmation of receipt of the letter had been received. Dr. McBreen responded that we had received confirmation.

MOTION - by Adams, seconded by Rizzardi to approve the leave of absence for the purpose of maternity leave for Mrs. Amanda Roach which is tentative to begin June 8, 2020 through August 26, 2020 with the intent to return with the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Roach intends to use accumulated personal and sick days, if needed.

A. Roach leave of absence

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

MOTION - by Adams, seconded by Bentz to approve the leave of absence for the purpose of maternity leave for Mrs. Marissa Gee from approximately October 13, 2020 until January 4, 2021. Mrs. Gee intends to use accumulated personal and sick days while on extended leave.

M. Gee leave of absence

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

MOTION - by Rizzardi, seconded by Wigoda to approve the request by Mr. Stephen Bressi, High School Principal, to contract sixteen (16) days each for student scheduling at \$35/hour for Mrs. Rachelle Jones and Ms. Jenna Dyszel, Guidance Counselors, during the summer. Note: An additional four (4) days each due to lack of scheduling availability because of COVID-19.

Guidance Counselors - additional summer hours

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

2020-2021 Board Appointments

MOTION - by Rizzardi, seconded by Adams to approve Board Appointments for 2020-2021:

- a. Board Treasurer 1 year Albert D. Marazas \$ 1,800
- b. Board Secretary 4 year Kevin Wigoda N/A
- c. Board Assistant Secretary 4 year Barbara Conville 1,800
- d. District Solicitor 1 year Nicholas A. Quinn 2,250
- e. Treas., Cafeteria Fund 1 year Carl G. McBreen N/A
 - 1 year Jennifer Laudeman N/A
 - 1 year Gail Bedford N/A
 - 1 year Tammy Roberts N/A
- f. Treas., HS Activities 1 year Carl G. McBreen N/A
 - 1 year Jennifer Laudeman N/A
 - 1 year Stephen Bressi N/A
- g. Treas., HS Athletics 1 year Jennifer Laudeman N/A
 - 1 year Stephen Bressi N/A
 - 1 year Tammy Roberts N/A
- h. District Depository 1 year
 - General Fund Gratz Bank N/A
 - Athletic Fund Gratz Bank N/A
 - Payroll Account Gratz Bank N/A
 - Activities Account Mid Penn Bank N/A
 - Cafeteria Fund Mid Penn Bank N/A
- i. District Dentist 1 year Smile Programs, The Mobile Dentist

On roll call, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Policy 210.1 Adopted

- a. 210.1 - Possession/Administration of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

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

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Adams to approve as "First Reading" draft copy to the following District policy as enclosed:

Policy 006.1 - First Reading

- a. 006.1 - Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

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

MOTION - by Bentz, seconded by Rizzardi to record in minutes the donation of the following library books to the Elementary Center library:

Library donation

<u>Title:</u>	<u>Donor:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Nurses	Mrs. Peggy Burns	Mr. John Pisco

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

MOTION - by Rizzardi, seconded by Lubinsky to acknowledge donation of 130 (3lb.) bags of potatoes by Masser Potato Farms to be distributed to families in coordination of school lunch distributions.

Masser potato donation

All in favor on a roll call. Motion carried.

MOTION - by Bentz, seconded by Adams to acknowledge generous monetary donation by Solicitor Nicholas Quinn to defray the costs of the school lunch program during COVID-19.

Solicitor Quinn donation

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

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

- MOTION - by Rizzardi, seconded by Adams to approve additional payment for credits earned to:
 - a. Tami Bensinger – 3 credits @ \$100 = \$300
 - b. Lisa Ferguson – 3 credits @ \$595 = \$1,785
 - c. Danielle Wank – 3 credits @ \$100 = \$300

Additional credit payments

On roll call, all in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION - by Rizzardi, seconded by Wigoda to ratify Superintendent to sign the Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds by School District for the Intermediate Unit #29 under the requirements of the IDEA – Part B.

IDEA - Part B adopted

On a unanimous roll call, all in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION - by Adams, seconded by Bentz to authorize Head of Maintenance to seek quotes for renovations to front entry doors at high school.

Quotes for front doors at HS

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

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports and Attorney Quinn's report were distributed in the monthly meeting packets for review.

Staff Reports

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Wigoda to approve the Treasurer's Report as prepared and submitted. On a roll call vote - all voted yes; Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

MOTION - by Marazas, seconded by Adams to ratify the payment of bills for May from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,518,866.37; Cafeteria Account in the amount of \$46,849.31; 21st CCLC - Schuylkill Achieve Account in the amount of \$223.26; Federal Programs Account in the amount of \$933.75; High School Athletics in the amount of \$22,329.31; High School Activities Account in the amount of \$1,042.00 for a total bills payable \$1,590,244.00.

Pay bills

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

MOTION - by Lubinsky, seconded by Bentz to approve Statement of Taxes as prepared and submitted. All in favor on roll call vote. Motion passed.

Statement of Taxes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Marazas stated minutes from the Finance Committee meetings were enclosed in packets.

Committee Reports

Mr Wigoda interviews for new Soccer coach were conducted and a recommendation was made and approved earlier.

Dr. Lubinsky stated minutes were included and approved from the Technology meeting.

Ms. DeMario gave a report of the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Board meeting for the month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business

MOTION - by Mistishen, seconded by Kroznuskie to pause construction of the track complex under further review is complete.

Pause construction of Track Complex

Each member voiced their respective positions on the track project including Mistishen stating he wished to wait until the end of December 2020 or January 2021 and based in the General Fund balance the District should not move forward at this time; Marazas stated the project would be on hold until next year if we wait and given the time line of construction and curing of the track. He did not wish to put on hold since the previous Board voted in favor of the project. Bentz stated the Highridge figures he supplied are based on three existing buildings and will not affect residents as a financial strain. Kroznuskie stated he is not asking to stop the project, just asking for more time. Adams stated that moving forward with the project whether it be one month or one year, 2.2% financing is with fiscal responsibility and was not understanding the reasoning for waiting. Rizzardi stated and understanding of both sides and is undecided at this time on how he would be voting. Wigoda was under the impression that waiting was a few weeks not long term but thought more information would be beneficial. Lubinsky was concerned over the effects of the COVID-19 school closure and what that meant for the school. DeMario also concerned with finances including hardships to families, the school closure and needing clarification and direction from the state, ended by calling a roll call vote.

On the roll call vote to pause construction of the track, Mistishen and Kroznuskie voted in favor, all others voted against in a 7-2 vote. Motion denied.

DeMario made a MOTION to put the track project on hold and discuss further within a one month time period. No member seconded. Motion died.

MOTION - by Rizzardi, seconded by Lubinsky to enter Executive Session regarding personnel with no action following adjournment. All in favor on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Executive Session after Adjournment

There being no further business to report or discuss, the meeting adjourned on MOTION by Marazas, seconded by Wigoda at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Wigoda

Kevin Wigoda, Secretary

Barbara J. Conville

Barbara J. Conville, Assistant to the Secretary