

*SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Special Voting Meeting  
August 23, 2023 – Hybrid  
Minutes*

The Board of School Directors of the Shaler Area School District held a Special Voting Meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, on Zoom, a virtual meeting platform, with Dr. April Kwiatkowski, board president, presiding. This meeting began at 6:04 p.m.

Board Members Present:               Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn  
  Mr. James Fisher  
  Mr. Tim Gapsky  
  Dr. April Kwiatkowski  
  Mr. Jason Machajewski  
  Mrs. Eileen Phillips  
  Mr. James Tunstall

Board Members Not Present:       Mr. Edward Kress  
  Mrs. Jeanne Petrovich

Others Present:                       Dr. Sean Aiken, Superintendent  
  Dr. Bryan O’Black, Deputy Superintendent  
  Mrs. Sherri Jaffee Director of Business Affairs  
  Mr. John Vogel, Solicitor

Notice of this meeting was posted as required.

- Dr. Kwiatkowski opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.
- Dr. Kwiatkowski then recognized the Public to Speak on Agenda Items.
  - There was none.
- Dr. Kwiatkowski then called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and invited all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Dr. Kwiatkowski then announced items tabled or removed from the agenda:
  - There were none.
- On a motion by Mr. Fisher and a second by Ms. Dunn, the agenda was approved by all Board members in attendance.

Dr. O’Black then presented the following Personnel Item for approval:

<u>ITEM</u> #	<u>PERSONNEL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:</u>	<u>SUP</u> #	<u>ACTION</u> <u>TAKEN</u>
B.1	Approve the following FT 1.0 Act 93 Administrator:	B.1a	<u>Director of</u> <u>Student Services</u>

- a. Joseph Testa, a graduate of Point Park University, as a FT 1.0 Director of Student Services, Central Office, replacing Kathleen Graczyk, at an annual salary of \$115,000 (prorated for actual days worked) including all benefits entitled to an Act 93 employee, effective upon release from current employer.

➤ Dr. Kwiatkowski asked if there were any questions from the board.

- Mr. Fisher asked when Dr. Testa would be released, Dr. Aiken spoke to the superintendent of Freedom Area School District. She stated that the position would be posted tomorrow and that they have a lead who is a good candidate. The district is currently going through compliance monitoring but the superintendent believes Dr. Testa can be released sooner than 60 days.

A motion was made by Mr. Gapsky with a second by Ms. Dunn to approve Item B.1a

After no further discussion, these items were then approved by a roll call vote.

ACTION:  
Approved  
Item B-1a

Motion Carried: 7 aye; 0 nay; 2 absent

Dunn	Fisher	Gapsky	Kress	Kwiatkowski	Machajewski	Petrovich	Phillips	Tunstall
Y	Y	Y	Absent	Y	Y	Absent	Y	Y

➤ Dr. O’Black introduced Dr. Testa to the board. Dr. Testa thanked the board for their support and is excited to be joining the staff of Shaler Area. Dr. Kwiatkowski congratulated Dr. Testa.

➤ Dr. Kwiatkowski asked if there was any other business from the board.

- Mr. Gapsky asked for an update on the press box. Dr. Aiken reported that we have received full occupancy for the game on Friday night. Mr. Gapsky asked about the Little Titans who were playing on Saturday. Dr. Aiken plans to meet with the leadership of the Little Titans to talk about the use of the press box. We will have appropriate signage stating that no students will be permitted in the box, only adults who have been pre-approved. Mr. Fisher asked who will train them on using the equipment. Dr. Aiken said that Mitch Stivason, coordinator of Technology, has been working on the tech piece. He also said there is a good chance that the Little Titans will not be in the press box this weekend until they are trained. Mr. Gapsky asked about the access to the roof. Dr. Aiken stated that this is a concern and that we are in the process of making it safe and secure. Signs such as “authorized personnel only”, “no trespassing”, and “violators will be prosecuted” could be displayed. Dr. Kwiatkowski asked Mr. Vogel if we need to have removable steps for insurance purposes. Mr. Vogel said it would make sense to ask the insurer so that they know we are serious about keeping people off of the roof. Mr. Gapsky asked if the police could be alerted. Dr. Aiken said absolutely. Dr. Kwiatkowski asked if it was easy to access the roof. Dr. Aiken said that there is a ladder there now.

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After no further items were presented, on a motion by Mr. Fisher and second by Mr. Gapsky, the Special Voting Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

➤ Dr. Kwiatkowski then recognized the public to speak before the board.

- There was none.

The meeting's Final Adjournment occurred at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri M. Jaffee  
Board Secretary