

*SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Voting Meeting
January 26, 2022 – Hybrid
Minutes*

The Board of School Directors of the Shaler Area School District held a Special Voting Meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 in a hybrid format, in person at the Shaler Area Administration Building, Glenshaw, PA, and on Zoom, a virtual meeting platform, with Dr. April Kwiatkowski, School Board President, presiding. This meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

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

Board Members Not Present: Mr. James Fisher
 Mr. Edward Kress

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

Notice of this meeting was posted as required.

- Dr. Kwiatkowski opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

- Dr. Kwiatkowski 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.

- On a motion by Mrs. Petrovich and a second by Mr. Tunstall, the following motion was approved by all in attendance:
 - Motion to suspend any applicable Shaler Area School District policies in order to authorize the conduct of this special voting meeting of the Board of School Directors via telephone conference in consideration of the public health concerns and governmental directives arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Notice of such action, along with information as to how members of the public may access the telephone conference meeting, previously was posted at the District Administration office and to the District website.

- Dr. Kwiatkowski then announced items tabled or removed from the agenda:
 - There were none.

- On a motion by Mrs. Petrovich and a second by Mr. Gapsky, 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 TAKEN</u>
B.1	Approve a Separation Agreement for a professional employee per the terms and conditions as reviewed by the solicitor.	B.1	<u>Separation Agreement</u>

A motion was made by Mrs. Petrovich with a second by Mrs. Dunn, to approve Item B.1.

After no further discussion, this item was then approved by a roll call vote.

ACTION:
Approved
Item B.1

Motion Carried: 7 aye; 0 nay; 2 absent

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

- Dr. Kwiatkowski then announced the following upcoming meetings:
 - Wednesday, February 9, 2022
 - 6:00 p.m. – Executive Session
 - 7:15 p.m. – Committee of the Whole Meeting
 - Wednesday, February 16, 2022
 - 6:15 p.m. – Executive Session
 - 7:15 p.m. – Voting Meeting
- Announcement of Past Executive Sessions was made by Dr. Kwiatkowski.
- Dr. Kwiatkowski then asked if there was any other business to come before the board.
 - There was none.

After no further items were presented, on a motion by Mr. Gapsky and second by Mrs. Petrovich, the Business Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Dr. Kwiatkowski then recognized the public to speak on any non-agenda item:

- Mr. Bob Cornelius, 2410 Hamilton Ave., asked if the board members agree that transparency is a priority. Dr. Kwiatkowski replied that the public is always welcome to attend any board meeting and to ask questions. Mr. Cornelius asked if the board would consider continuing the Zoom meetings so that more people can attend. Dr. Aiken explained that we are no longer taking reservations on the number of people who can attend in person and Mr. Gapsky encouraged the public to come to the meetings. Mrs. Dunn supports continuing the virtual platform. Mr. Gapsky feels that a lot of misinformation on social media could be avoided if more people came to the meetings to see what’s really going on in the district. He is frustrated to hear people complaining about taxes but when we have Finance Committee meetings to discuss budgeting, only two members of the public attend. Dr. Aiken stated that we would continue the Zoom meetings and continue to discuss other options for the public to attend virtually.

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When no one else approached to speak, the meeting's Final Adjournment occurred at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri M. Jaffee
Board Secretary