

*SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Special Voting Meeting  
June 8, 2022 – Hybrid  
Minutes*

The Board of School Directors of the Shaler Area School District held a Special Voting Meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 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 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn
- Mr. James Fisher
- Mr. Tim Gapsky
- Mr. Edward Kress
- Dr. April Kwiatkowski
- Mr. Jason Machajewski
- Mrs. Jeanne Petrovich
- Mrs. Eileen Phillips
- Mr. James Tunstall

Others Present:

- Dr. Sean Aiken, Superintendent
- Dr. Bryan O'Black, Deputy Superintendent
- Mrs. Sherri Jaffee, Director of Business Affairs
- Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor

Notice of this meeting was posted as required.

- Dr. April Kwiatkowski opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Dr. Aiken and Dr. O'Black recognized the district employees who retired during the 2021-2022 school year, and the administration and school board thanked them for their service: Amy Brunick, Edward DiPofi, Herk Freund, Sandy Gasowski, Sylvon Jackson, Kathleen McGinn, Jay Pasikowski, Robert Weidner, Thomas Wyant.
- Matt Franz, of HHSDR, presented information about the district's recent bid opening for paving projects throughout the district. He explained that there has been a significant increase in bids and construction costs, and the district saw this when it opened its bids. For example, he said that the price of asphalt doubled. To try to rein in the costs to get closer to the initial estimates in February, the district and HHSDR formed a plan to address the more damaged concrete areas first, which is why it is recommended that some bids are accepted and others rejected. Mr. Franz reviewed the bids and alternates and rationale for the recommendations. He said the total cost is \$1.3 million worth of work, which is close to the original amount budgeted. Discussion occurred about which projects can wait, safety concerns, and if the district could get a better price if it waited.
- Dr. April Kwiatkowski then opened the meeting at 8:08 p.m.
- Dr. April Kwiatkowski recognized the Public to Speak on Agenda Items.
  - Dorothy Petrancosta, of Skylark Drive, said no one is addressing the elephant in the room which is the district is about to spend \$1 million on a project in a district that has 75 percent capacity and it is spending the largest amount on the smallest primary building. If the asphalt and concrete are such a hazard, then she recommends moving the students from that school and right-sizing the district. She argued that Reserve Primary is a limited school with limited usage and other buildings can use that \$1 million. She accused the school board of not using the taxpayers' money wisely. Mrs. Petrovich said she agreed but that it is an uphill battle. Mr. Gapsky said he does not agree. Ms. Petrancosta said it costs twice as much to educate a student in Reserve than in any other building with the resources there. The size of the classrooms are the smallest in the district. She suggested moving the students to another building.

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- Dr. Kwiatkowski then called the meeting to order at 8:21 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. Kress and a second by Mr. Tunstall, the agenda was approved by all Board members in attendance.

Mrs. Jaffee then presented the following Finance & Operation items for approval:

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>FINANCE &amp; OPERATION ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</u>	<u>SUP #</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
C.1	Bond Proceeds – Schedule of Bills	C.1	<u>Bond Proceeds</u>
C.2	Approve the following items regarding the bid with Shields Aspalt Paving, Inc. contract for the parking lot paving at the Shaler Area Middle School and Reserve Primary School. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approve the bid in the amount of \$2,742,508.</li> <li>b. Approve the change order to delete the base bid repaving and limited concrete replacement at Shaler Area Middle School as a deduct Change Order in the amount of (\$1,426,453.71)</li> </ul>	C.2	<u>Table Bid Approval</u>
	<i>For Information: Total paving project construction cost to Shields Paving, Inc., Valencia, PA = \$1,316,054.29</i>		
C.3	Approve the contract with GeoMechanics, Inc. for the parking lot paving project at Reserve Primary School as per their proposal in the amount of \$19,760.	C.3	<u>Table Contract Approval</u>
C.4	Approve the food service study with Food Facilities Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$3,500 with a not to exceeds total cost of \$3,700.	C.4	<u>Food Service Contract</u>

- Mr. Kress asked if the board could table C.2 and C.3. Mr. Franz said every week counts if the district wants the project to be completed by the start of the school year.
- Dr. Kwiatkowski asked about Item C.4. Mrs. Jaffee explained that it is similar to a feasibility study but specifically for cafeterias. Mr. Franz said the study will look at every piece of equipment in the kitchen. HHSDR’s study covers the brick and mortar and overall condition of the kitchen.
- Dr. Aiken asked the board to take advantage of Mr. Franz being at the meeting in person to ask specific questions. Mr. Kress said he felt the concrete bids were a great price but had concerns about the asphalt prices. He suggested tabling the motions.

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- Board members asked about specific safety concerns with delaying the project. Mr. John Kaib, supervisor of buildings and grounds, said in the winter the ground elevated 6 inches and the concern was with keeping students, staff, and visitors safe.
- Mr. Fisher asked if Mr. Franz could separate the project into materials and labor. Mr. Franz said he is unable to provide that information at this time because the contractor was not willing to provide those details until the bid is awarded.

A motion was made by Mr. Kress with a second by Mrs. Petrovich, to table Items C.2-C.3

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

Motion Carried: 7 aye; 2 nay

ACTION:  
Table  
Items C.2-  
C.3

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phillips with a second by Mrs. Petrovich, to approve Items C.1 and C4

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

Motion Carried: 8 aye; 1 nay

ACTION:  
Approved  
Items C.1  
and C.4

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

- Dr. Kwiatkowski then asked if there was any other business to come before the board.
  - Mr. Fisher said that he heard the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary End of the Year Celebration was a great party.

After no further items were presented, on a motion by Mrs. Petrovich and second by Mr. Kress, the Business Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

- Dr. Kwiatkowski then recognized the public to speak on any non-agenda item:
  - Dorothy Petrancosta, of Skylark Drive, thanked the board for tabling the paving projects. She said she has spent a lot of time with the numbers and has the information broken down and available to any board member who would like to see it. She said she is willing to make time to go over it with any interested board member.

When no one else approached to speak, the meeting’s Final Adjournment occurred at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri M. Jaffee  
Board Secretary