

*SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Voting Meeting
June 29, 2022 – Hybrid
Minutes*

The Board of School Directors of the Shaler Area School District held a Special Voting Meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 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 7:16 p.m.

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

Not Present: Mr. Jason Machajewski

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 7:16 p.m.

- Dr. April Kwiatkowski recognized the Public to Speak on Agenda Items.
 - There were none.

- Dr. April Kwiatkowski then called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. and invited all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- On a motion by Mr. Fisher 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 & OPERATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</u>	<u>SUP. #</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
C.1	Approve the following items regarding the bid with Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. contract for the parking lot paving at the Shaler Area Middle School and Reserve Primary School. Total project construction cost to Shields Paving, Inc., Valencia PA = \$651,279.80.	C.1	<u>Shields Asphalt Paving Bids</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approve the base bid in the amount of \$2,245,508. b. Approve Alt. No. 2: Add concrete walk and curb along east/rear/courtyard side of Middle School. Add: \$194,500. c. Approve Alt. No. 3: Add concrete walk and curb along north/main entrance side of Middle School. Add: \$257,500 d. Approve Alt. No. 4: Add concrete walk and curb along west/Mount Royal Boulevard side of Middle School Add: \$165,000. e. Approve the change order to delete the base bid repaving and limited concrete replacement at Shaler Area Middle School and Reserve Primary School as a deduct Change Order in the amount of (\$2,211,228.20). f. Approve Alt. No 5: Add concrete walk and curb along west/courtyard side of Reserve Primary School and removal/regrading of retaining wall/courtyard. Add: \$45,000. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Kress asked for about the specifics of the existing control joint pattern, which Mr. Matt Franz of HHSDR said would be replicated with the concrete replacement. He added that the cost to do this is negligible. Mr. Kress also asked about bids received for Alt. No. 2, 3, and 4 that were less. He asked if the district bid the concrete separately if the district could have received the same prices. Mr. Kress asked why all of the projects were bid together. Mr. Franz said in February, the scope of the work was for asphalt at the middle school and then Reserve was added to the discussion. The direction was to bid all of them together. Usually it is best to use the same contractor for both jobs instead of contractors working on top of each other. He explained the base bid is how you determine the lowest bidder. ➤ Mr. Tunstall said the district can't know which bidder would have been the lowest if the district had separated all of the bids. ➤ Mr. Fisher pointed out that Alt. No. 5 includes the retaining wall project at Reserve Primary, which isn't included in the presented agenda. Dr. Kwiatkowski said if the board wants to add the retaining wall project, it will have to amend the motion. 		

A motion was made by Mr. Gapsky with a second by Mr. Tunstall, to add Item C.1f Approve Alt. No 5: Add concrete walk and curb along west/courtyard side of Reserve Primary School and removal/regrading of retaining wall/courtyard. Add: \$45,000.

ACTION:
Approved
Addition of
Item C.1f

Mr. Gapsky added that he doesn't believe the district will have the opportunity to do the project again for the cost presented. Mr. Tunstall clarified the project would remove the retaining wall and grade the hillside to the building. Dr. Kwiatkowski confirmed that it would not affect the playground. After no further discussion, this item was approved tabled by a voice vote, with Mrs. Petrovich opposed.

Motion Carried: 6 aye; 1 nay

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

- Mr. Kress said he believes there are a lot of people who would have bid on the project if the asphalt and concrete projects were bid out separately.
- Dr. Kwiatkowski said he doesn't remember how it was presented to the board at the time the decision was made, but she feels that the district went out to bid too late and that the board wasn't provided with all of the information. She said she feels her hands are tied because it is a safety issue.
- Mr. Kress asked if it could be patched and rebid in January. Mr. Gapsky argued that it would be a Band-Aid.
- Mrs. Dunn said she agreed with Dr. Kwiatkowski and also feels it is an ongoing issue. She said she will vote yes to keep the buildings safe but the district can't continue to operate in this way. She said the district needs a plan to move forward and standards to upkeep.
- Mr. Franz provided background for the timeline of events. After the necessary work at Reserve Primary School was discovered and added to the scope of the work in February, there were additional items that needed to be completed, including a survey of the property and pavement area and a geotechnical investigation of the wall and pavement which extended the deadline. HHSDR and the district was prepared with the middle school project documents, but the addition of the Reserve project pushed out the deadline.
- Mr. Fisher asked who would seal the concrete and why it wasn't included in the bid. Mr. Franz explained that the sealer is included in the project manual and specifications. Mr. Kress asked about the maintenance plan for the concrete. Mr. Franz said he would recommend resealing it every two years. Mr. Kress requested a price for resealing.
- Mr. Fisher asked for an explanation of the specific safety issue with the sidewalk. Dr. O'Black said the courtyard of the middle school is a tripping hazard. It is the area where all students disembark buses. On any given day 500 students pass in that area. The same issues exist at the middle school main entrance. He explained that the sidewalk along Mt. Royal Blvd. is a main thoroughfare and heavily used. Dr. O'Black said it is a liability issue at one of the district's most publicly used buildings. There also are students in wheelchairs and all of the middle school principals have expressed concerns. He explained that the district buildings have safety teams who help identify issues.

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A motion was made by Mr. Gapsky with a second by Mr. Fisher, to approve Items C.1a, e, f

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

Motion Carried: 7 aye; 1 nay

ACTION:
Approved
Items C.1a,
e, f

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gapsky with a second by Mr. Fisher, to approve Items C.1b-d

Mr. Fisher said the only reason he supports the motion is because it is a safety issue and there are childing in the building. He is not in favor of bundling projects. Mr. Gapsky agreed. After no further discussion, this item was then approved by a roll call vote.

ACTION:
Approved
Items C.1b-
d

Motion Carried: 6 aye; 2 nay

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

- Dr. Kwiatkowski then asked if there was any other business to come before the board.
 - Mr. Gapsky asked if there was any additional information on the new graduation gowns. Dr. Aiken said he has a mockup of the gowns and they are in the final stages of design with the vendor. Mrs. Dunn asked for a timeline from the vendor on production. Dr. Aiken said he would reach out to the high school and provide visuals for the board at the July 20 meeting.
 - Dr. Kwiatkowski asked for an update on the air conditioning. Mr. John Kaib, supervisor of buildings and grounds, provided an update on the project and added that the district is still waiting on permits for the elevator project.

After no further items were presented, on a motion by Mr. Gapsky and second by Mr. Tunstall, the Business Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

- Dr. Kwiatkowski then recognized the public to speak on any non-agenda item:
 - There was none

When no one else approached to speak, the meeting’s Final Adjournment occurred at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri M. Jaffee
Board Secretary