

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 5, 2018**

Present: Andrea Ryan, President  
Derek Torrasi, Vice President  
Don McManus, Trustee  
Nancy McNulty, Trustee

(5 Member Board – Quorum Present)

Also present: Teresa Snyder, Superintendent  
Ed Galka, Business Manager  
Angela Legault, District Clerk

Absent: Beth McNulty, Trustee  
Erin Peteani, Principal

President Ryan called the Meeting to Order at 7:04 PM. Call to Order

President Ryan welcomed all in attendance and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee McNulty and seconded by Torrasi to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2018 regular meeting.

Carried: 4 Ayes – Ryan, Torrasi, McNulty, and McManus

Motion by Trustee McNulty and seconded by Torrasi to approve the Audit of Petty Cash, Bills and Warrant in Preparation for Payment

Carried: 4 Ayes – Ryan, Torrasi, McNulty, and McManus

Motion by Trustee McNulty and seconded by Torrasi to approve the Treasurer’s reports: March 2018

General Fund.....	balance of \$864,011.68
GIUFSD Money Market.....	balance of \$1,746,321.98
Payroll Fund.....	balance of \$3,157.40
Trust & Agency Fund.....	balance of \$16,876.92
Trust & Agency Expendable Trust....	balance of \$16,758.60
Federal Fund.....	balance of \$53.65
Capital Money Market.....	balance of \$61,153.87
Capital Checking.....	balance of \$1,000.00
Tax Deposit.....	balance of \$1,000.00
Student Activity.....	balance of \$29,964.01

Carried: 4 Ayes – Ryan, Torrasi, McNulty, and McManus

Presentations:

PTO Report:

The PTO reported that they have a roller skating event planned for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. They also have a bus trip to Boston scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>. They are planning the end of the year field trips and are waiting to hear back from McDonald’s to have a McTeacher night. They thanked Mrs. Smi for helping them. She assisted in their efforts filling Easter Baskets for the elementary students before the break.

Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Snyder reported that we are busy planning the budget that Mr. Galka has been working very hard on. She announced that we will be participating the 3-8 State testing in the next couple of months. She went on to explain that we did not make adequate yearly progress due to the opt out rate in the elementary school with the 3-8 testing which is completely out of our control as opting out is a parental decision. Dr. Snyder went on to say that she supports every parent’s right to decide what the right decision for their child is when it comes to opting out. Dr. Snyder thanked Nicole Littlejohn and Nicole Lanoue along with their committee for preparing such a wonderful health and wellness day for students. It was a great success.

Motion by McNulty and seconded by Torrasi to approve the substitutes as submitted

Carried: 4 Ayes – Ryan, Torrasi, McNulty, and McManus

Motion by McNulty and seconded by Torrisi to approve the CSE/CPSE considerations as submitted

Carried: 4 Ayes – Ryan, Torrisi, McNulty, and McManus

Motion by McNulty and seconded by Torrisi to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar with changes as submitted (Dr. Snyder pointed out that the change was the week that April break is going to be next school year)

Carried: 4 Ayes – Ryan, Torrisi, McNulty, and McManus

Motion by McNulty and seconded by Torrisi to appoint Lynn Fraim as volunteer assistant coach for the Varsity Girls softball team

Carried: 4 Ayes – Ryan, Torrisi, McNulty, and McManus

Policy Review:

Motion by McNulty and seconded by Torrisi to approve the Graduation Ceremonies and Graduation Ceremonies Regulation policy as submitted

Carried: 4 Ayes – Ryan, Torrisi, McNulty, and McManus

New Business:

Motion by McManus and seconded by Torrisi to approve the following:

Resolution to grant a high school diploma to Garrett (Gary) Hartshorn

Carried: 4 Ayes – Ryan, Torrisi, McNulty, and McManus

Public Forum #2:

Lynn Fraim spoke to the board stating that “parents are not really a welcome part of the overall educational experience here at Heatly. The growing perception is that parents aren’t really wanted here and that teachers and administrators have done and continue to do everything possible to hold parents at bay and keep parents uninvolved in the day to day lives of their own children” She went on to discuss field trips and the upcoming end of the year fieldtrip to be more specific. She is upset that the PTO was informed that they will not be allowed to continue the planning process for the PreK-1 students to travel to Billy Beez due to safety concerns from the district. She then discussed that on any given day that there are as many as six dogs running around the building with little to no regard for the safety of the 300 students in the building. After a lengthy speech she asked the board to consider creating a school wide policy on field trips. She then concluded with the following, “So, the question that lingers in the minds of parents is...Is it really all about safety concerns? Or, is it just that teachers don’t want to “leave the building” and offer to our students the same opportunities that their children receive in other school districts?”

President Ryan stated that we can definitely have a policy for the end of the year field trips. She went on to say that we will look at other school’s policies and put something together. She told the PTO members at the meeting that we will ask for their input which we will consider when finalizing the policy. With regard to the dogs, President Ryan explained that any dog that is in the building has their “certification papers” to be allowed to come into the school. Dr. Snyder then explained that one of the dogs in question is actually a certified therapy dog and that in many cases the dogs in the building have helped us in situations with students where the student has been upset. These dogs have been seen completely changing a student’s demeanor when agitated in a very stressful situation.

Vice President Torrisi asked if we are still using the distance learning system that is currently in the Library. Dr. Snyder stated that we are not doing distance learning currently, but we are hoping to bring that back next school year. Dr. Snyder stated that we are working on rolling out one to one student/laptop ratio for grades 9-12 and possibly also 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year. This will free up the lap top carts for the elementary students and allow them more access to technology.

Trustee McManus recognized Mr. John Fulgan. He has passed away since our last regular meeting and he was a former school board member and member of the Green Island Community.

President Ryan announced that we will have a Special Meeting to adopt the Budget number on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and at our Regular meeting on May 3, 2018 we will have our Budget Presentation.

Motion by trustee McNulty and seconded by Torrisi to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

Carried: 4 Ayes – Ryan, Torrisi, McNulty, and McManus

Respectfully submitted,

District Clerk