

6:30 p.m.

**MIFFLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**201 EIGHTH STREET, HIGHLAND PARK**  
**LEWISTOWN, PA 17044-1197**

**Mission Statement: *Educate each student to meet life's challenges.***

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Voting Meeting of the Mifflin County School District was held Thursday evening, May 16, 2019, at 6:43 P.M. at the Administration Building, 201 Eighth Street, Highland Park, Lewistown, Pennsylvania. The following members were present at roll call:

**II. BOARD MEMBERS**

**ROBERT W. HAMMOND**  
**JOHN E. KNEPP**  
**KRISTEN L. SHARP**  
**MARY LOU M. SIGLER**

**E. TERRY STYERS**  
**MICHELLE M. TERRY**  
**NOAH D. WISE**

**ABSENT - BETH M. LAUGHLIN and JULIE B. MAIDENS**

Also present were Mr. James A. Estep, Superintendent; Mr. Vance S. Varner, Director of Secondary Education; Mrs. Melinda Kenepf, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Amy L. Smith, Board Secretary; Mr. Orris Knepp III, Knepp & Snook; Mrs. Dianne Shearer, Mrs. Tracy L. Roe, Mrs. Michelle Knepp, Mrs. Kimbra Stewart, Ms. Amanda Yohn, Ms. Becca Zook, Ms. Chelsea Scheaffer, Ms. Amber Scaringi, Mr. Eli Himes, Mrs. Cheryl Himes, Mrs. Deb Stringfellow, Mrs. Debra J. Fisher, Ms. Sara Lyter, Ms. Megan Herbster, Ms. Ruth Kurtz, Ms. Colleen Kratzer, Ms. Cheyenne Wagner, Ms. Tammy Henry, Mrs. Katlin Hagans, Mrs. Jennifer Bubb, Mrs. Rose Schulz, Ms. Kelsey Gill, Ms. Lyndsay Clark, Ms. Lori Bonson, Mrs. Amanda Hertzler, Mrs. Melissa Basom, Ms. Vicky Tate, and Mr. Joe Cannon, The Sentinel.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS/ REPORTS**

- A. School Board Secretary** – Nothing at this time.
- B. School Board Members** – Nothing at this time.
- C. Superintendent** – Nothing at this time.
- D. Public Comment Period**
  - Curtis Caldwell read a letter on behalf of Crystal Fabina supporting the

- paraprofessionals and expressing concern of wasteful spending.
- Ruth Kurtz, parent of a special needs student. She is concerned how students' needs will be met if the paraprofessional positions are cut.
  - Amanda Yohn, parent of a student who attends EDES. Support from the teachers and paraprofessionals is amazing. I am concerned that my daughter will not have the same opportunities available to her if the paraprofessional positions are cut.
  - Lori Bonson, citizen and tax payer. She said a school district should have transparency. She spoke about the budget cuts and feels the cuts should come from the top not the bottom. Fewer paraprofessionals is not the answer to the deficit.
  - Debra Fisher, parent of two previous students. Both children are working productive citizens. The transition class helped her children by working in the community. Thank you for the opportunities they received while students in the district.
  - Tammy Henry, My son has a Learning Support paraprofessional that you don't feel is important and are getting rid of. Think about how your decision will affect the students.

**E. As the President of this Board conducts this meeting, it will not be necessary to announce each Director's name for each vote. If, however, a Director or Directors wish to vote NO, that Director shall so state. The President of this Board shall call for the vote on a motion and if a Director does not vocally record a NO vote, that Director's vote shall be considered a YES vote. The President of this Board shall utilize roll call voting as required by law or at his or her discretion. The chair will entertain a motion to conduct this meeting according to these guidelines.**

**Motion to approve item E by Ms. Sigler, second by Mr. Knepp.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: - YES - 7 Members present, motion carried unanimously.**

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Recommend approval to adopt a First Supplemental Resolution finalizing terms and conditions of the General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2019 to be issued to refund the School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2013 in order to reduce total debt service attributable to the 2013 Bonds.

**Motion to approve item E by Ms. Sigler, second by Mr. Knepp.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: - YES - 7 Members present, motion carried unanimously.**

2. Recommend approval to solicit natural gas pricing through Provident Energy Consulting, LLC and for permission for administration to sign the contract(s) per the recommendation of Provident Energy Consulting, LLC with results to be conveyed to the Board.

**Motion to approve item 2 by Ms. Sigler, second by Mr. Knepp, motion carried unanimously.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – Nothing at this time.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT BY PRESIDENT**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.