

# HARMONY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

LGIA

7:00 pm

Meeting called by: Nancy Oaks at 7:10 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees:	Anthony Beltowski	William Boring		D. Kirsch
	Kathleen Cowden	Betty Kunsman		D. Martz
	Holly Merritts	Shawn McGarvey	Nancy Oaks	S. Teacher
				B. Brothers
				D. Campbell

Absent: Kurt Brothers Susan Gallaher

### Agenda topics

PUBLIC PRESENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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#### A. MINUTES

Motion

B.Kunsman

Second

W.Boring

\_\_7\_\_ aye \_\_0\_\_ nay

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**Recommend to approve the following minutes and meetings:**

- 1. May 5, 2020 Meeting and Minutes**
  - 2. May 5, 2020 Executive Session for Legal Issues**
  - 3. June 2, 2020 Meeting and Minutes**
  - 4. June 2, 2020 Workshop**
  - 5. June 2, 2020 Executive Session for Legal and Personnel**
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**B. LIST OF BILLS**

Motion

S.McGarvey

Second

K.Cowden

  7   aye   0   nay roll call vote

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**Recommend approving the list of bills for payment:**

Cafeteria Fund – CK#1274-1278 \$12,078.68

General Fund – CK#46469-46530 and Manual ck# 608-613 \$201,092.17

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**C. FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

Motion

S.McGarvey

Second

K.Cowden

  7   aye   0   nay

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**Recommend to approve the Financial Statements.**

1. Activity Fund
2. Cafeteria Fund
3. Treasurer's Report

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**D. BUDGET**

Motion

S.McGarvey

Second

K.Cowden

  6   aye   1   nay roll call vote  
A.Beltowski

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- 1. Recommend to approve the 2020-2021 Harmony Area School District Final Budget in the amount of \$6,503,508.00 with a deficit of \$225,342.00.**

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**BUDGET**

Motion

S.McGarvey

Second

K.Cowden

  6   aye   1   nay roll call vote  
A.Beltowski

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**2. Real Estate Tax**

**Recommend to approve the Real Estate tax levy for all property within the Harmony Area School District for the 2020-2021 fiscal year: Clearfield County District municipalities at the rate of 81.34 mills per dollar of assessed value (8.134 per \$100 of assessed value). Indiana County municipalities at a rate of 7.51 mills per dollar of assessed value (.751 per \$100 of assessed value).**

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#### **Per Capita**

**Recommend to approve the per capita tax resolution. Re-enact Section 679 \$5.00 per capita tax and Act 511 \$5.00 annual per capita tax for the 2020-2021 school year.**

#### **Earned Income Tax**

**Re-enact the 2020-2021 fiscal year earned income tax at a rate of 1% as provided under the authority of the Local Enabling Act 511 approved December 31, 1965, excepted in those municipalities that have adopted a wage tax of their own. In those cases, the district wage tax shall be .5%.**

#### **Real Estate Transfer Tax**

**Re-enact the real estate transfer tax at 1% on all property transferred within the district subject to taxation under the terms of the PA Reality Transfer (except in those municipalities which have adopted a real estate transfer tax then the tax will be fixed at .5%). In addition, to authorize collection of the taxes by the recorder of deeds in Clearfield and Indiana Counties, without compensation. On or before the tenth of the month, the recorder of deeds shall pay over to the school district: all local real estate taxes collected less 2% for use by the Commonwealth of PA in reporting the collection of Realty Taxes.**

#### **Occupational Privilege Tax**

**Re-enact the occupational privilege tax for the 2020-2021 fiscal year at the rate of \$10.00 per wage earner and according to the amended resolution passed in 1982.**

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#### **BUDGET**

Motion

S.McGarvey

Second

K.Cowden

  7   aye   0   nay roll call vote

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- 3. Recommend to approve the extension of the discount period for real estate and per capita taxes by thirty (30) days to September 30, 2020 and extension of the 10% penalty for real estate and per capita taxes, including on installment of real estate taxes, to December 31, 2020.**

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- 4. Recommend to approve the resolution to allow all owners of property to pay property taxes in installments. Schedule of installment payments will be as follows.**

<b>First Payment</b>	<b>50% of total</b>	<b>August 14</b>
<b>Second Payment</b>	<b>30% of total</b>	<b>October 16</b>
<b>Third Payment</b>	<b>20% of total</b>	<b>December 11</b>

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- 5. Recommend to approve the Homestead/Farmstead Resolution for the approved property owners to receive a calculated tax relief of \$122.81 for Clearfield County and \$122.99 for Indiana County.**
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**BUDGET**

Motion

A.Beltowski

Second

B.Kunsman

  7   aye   0   nay roll call vote

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- 6. Recommend to approve all insurance contracts, property, liability, auto, umbrella liability, terrorism, error and omissions. All insurances are through Helmbold/Stewart for the 2020-2021 year for a total of \$35,308.00.**
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- 7. Recommend to approve workmen's compensation through First National Bank/Brick Street for a total of \$11,433.00.**
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- 8. Recommend to approve the Superintendent and Business Manager to transfer funds within the 2019-2020 budget to complete the budgetary year as per school code 687.**
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- 9. Recommend to approve the Superintendent and Business Manager to conduct the business affairs of the office including processing bills for the month of July.**
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- 10. Recommend to approve TSACG as the 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator for the 403B retirement and financial services to employees at no cost to the district.**
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- 11. Recommend to approve the School Psychologist agreement with Ignite for the 2020-2021 school year with a maximum cost of \$21,136.50.**
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- 12. Recommend to approve Central Intermediate Unit 10 to provide Speech services for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$50 per hour. Services are estimated at four (4) days per week and seven (7) hours per day.**
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- 13. Recommend to approve the 2020-2021 Pre-K Counts agreement with Cen Clear.**
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- 14. Recommend to approve the 2020-2021 Admiral Peary Area Vocational Technical School Budget in the amount of \$3,573,138.00.**
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**15. Recommend to approve the audit engagement letter for the year ending June 30, 2020 with Kotzan CPA and Associates.**

**June 30, 2020    \$15,850.00**

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**16. Recommend to approve the bus contract for the following school year:**

**Dennis Harkleroad – 2020-2021 (1 year)**

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**17. Recommend to reduce the contribution from each bus contractor toward the cost of communications or video surveillance equipment for buses by 20% due to their delivery of meals to students resulting in the following amounts:**

**Roger Young - \$4,000**

**W. Thomas Hughes - \$800**

**Dennis Harkleroad - \$400**

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**18. Motion to adopt the Resolutions, as prepared by bond counsel to Admiral Peary Area Vocational-Technical School, authorizing a Lease and Sublease Agreement related to financing capital improvements to the AVTS on behalf of this School District and the AVTS Joint Board."**

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**19. Recommend to approve the agreement with CIU10 for the online learning cyber academy for the 2020-2021 school year with the cost to remain \$5,000 with additional fees for courses.**

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**20. Recommend to approve Bradley Brothers as the Board Treasurer for the 2020-2021 fiscal year through June 30, 2021.**

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**21. Recommend to approve to renew the district membership in PA School Study Council for the 2020-2021 school year. Cost is \$450.**

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**22. Recommend to approve to renew the district membership in PA Rural and Small Schools Association for the 2020-2021 school year. Cost is \$750.**

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**23. Recommend to renew the district membership for the PA Association of School Curriculum and Development. Cost is \$300.**

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**24.Recommend to renew the district membership with PSBA for the 2020-2021 school year. Cost is \$950.**

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**BUDGET**

Motion

S.McGarvey

Second

K.Cowden

  5   aye   2   nay roll call vote  
A.Beltowski, W.Boring

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**25.Recommend to approve a collective bargaining agreement between Harmony Area School District and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Council 83, Local for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 as presented.**

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**E. BUILDING AND  
GROUNDS**

Motion

B.Kunsmann

Second

H.Merritts

  7   aye   0   nay

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**1. Recommend to approve the removal of approximately 15 old computer monitors, 15 unusable computer desktops, and 3 printers through a recycling company.**

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**F. CURRICULUM**

Motion

S.McGarvey

Second

K.Cowden

  7   aye   0   nay

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**1. Recommend to approve the 2020 Senior Class Trip to Grove City Outlets with a stop for a picnic on June 10, 2020.**

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**2. Harmony Area Junior-Senior High School was designated for Targeted Support and Improvement for 2019-2020 for economically disadvantaged students in the areas of Math and English Language Arts combined, regular attendance, and Career Standards Benchmark.**

**Recommend to approve an extension to the deadline for the administration to submit the Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) Plan for school board approval from June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020 due to the disruption caused by the mandated school closures and to provide for the involvement of the new superintendent.**

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## G. PERSONNEL

Motion

K.Cowden

Second

B.Kunsman

  7   aye   0   nay roll call vote

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- 1. Recommend to approve the following positions for the Extended School Year program during the month of July. Pay will be based on the respective collective bargaining units for the professional and non-professional staff:**

**Sonya Buterbaugh – Special Education Teacher**

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## PERSONNEL

Motion

K.Cowden

Second

S.McGarvey

  7   aye   0   nay roll call vote

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- 2. Recommend to approve Mark Gobert as Athletic Director for the 2020-2021 school year. Salary is \$6,000.**
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## ADJOURNMENT

Motion

S.McGarvey

Second

A.Beltowski

**Recommend to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.**

  7   aye   0   nay

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Executive Session for School Safety and Security

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Board Secretary