

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
June 21, 2016

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in public session on June 21, 2016, in the District Offices Board Room at Maple Point Middle School. The following persons were in attendance:

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mr. Scott E. Congdon, President  
Ms. Irene Boyle, Vice President  
Mr. Bob Feather  
Mrs. Tina Hollenbach  
Mr. Mike Morris  
Mr. Stephen Pirritano  
Mr. Ron Rudy  
Mr. Robert Sanna  
Mr. Marty Sullivan

**ADMINISTRATORS:**

Gloria Hancock, Ed.D.  
Mrs. Barbara Markowitz  
Mr. Anthony Devlin  
Mrs. Theresa Hinterberger  
Mr. Don Harm  
Mr. Paul Meehan

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:**

**OTHERS:** Approximately 50 persons from the public, staff and press

**SECRETARY:** Mrs. Jennifer Burns

**SOLICITOR:** John Torrente, Esquire

**Call to Order**

Mr. Congdon called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Congdon requested those in attendance join in the salute to the flag.

**Announcements**

None.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Hancock advised the Board on the following:

- Dr. Hancock asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of family members of the district's employees who have recently passed.
- 2015 Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Association of School Business Officials for the District's commitment to fiscal integrity and high quality financial reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) presented to Business Administrator Barbara Markowitz.
- Neshaminy Education Foundation (NEF) Endowment Wall Tiles.
- Thank you to NHS Senior Brandon Bradley.
- Congratulation to Suzi Drake who was named Teacher of the Year by the Feasterville Rotary.
- Walter Miller's Musical 101 Dalmatians.
- Hoover Celebrated "100 Book Challenge."
- Neshaminy High School World Language Club participated in the Pulsera Project.
- NHS group joins suicide prevention efforts.
- Future Problem Solvers compete at internationals.
- The class of 2020 celebrated their middle school years.
- Schweitzer's "Little Lending Library."
- Final Report of 5-8 Final Independent Report will be posted.
- Dr. Martin gave a brief statement on the 5-8 Final Independent Report.
- Barbara Markowitz gave a Power Point presentation on the 2016 - 2017 Budget.

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### **Public Comment**

Angie Manning, New Jersey school teacher, resident of Middletown Township, graciously apologized to the Board for some of her comments during the school consolidation issue stating that it was not meant to be taken personally. Ms. Manning welcomed Mr. Jones to the Neshaminy School District. She briefed the Board on the recent activities of her Girl Scout Troop and said they are looking forward to a successful upcoming year.

Steve Rodos, retired, resident of Villages of Flowers Mill, thanked Dr. Hancock for her outstanding work as acting superintendent. He also thanked Mrs. Markowitz for her diligence in keeping the budget at a manageable level and for managing the bond level. Mr. Rodos welcomed Mr. Jones as the new superintendent. Mr. Rodos stated that he comes from a family of teachers and he commended the Neshaminy teachers for their dedication and hard work in advancing the students to a higher level. He urged the Board to meet with the certified staff to maintain the current pay scale and work out a benefit package.

### **Consent Calendar:**

#### **Board Meeting Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting Minutes for May 17, and June 7, 2016.

Mr. Congdon made a motion to approve the May 17, and June 7, 2016 Board minutes.

Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said minutes by a vote of 9 ayes, and 0 nays.

### **Finance and Personnel:**

1. Treasurer's Report - May, 2016
2. Check Register - May, 2016
3. Budget Transfers
4. Investments
5. Personal and per capita tax exonerations
6. Certified and Support Personnel Actions
7. Extra-Curricular Staff and Salary Report
8. Federal Programs Report

Mr. Congdon made a motion to approve the Finance and Personnel Reports, items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8.

Mrs. Hollenbach seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said reports by a vote of 9 ayes, and 0 nays.

Mr. Congdon made a motion to approve the amended Certified and Support Personnel Actions.

Mr. Pirritano seconded the motion.

Mr. Congdon called for a roll call vote and the tally indicated that the motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, (Ms. Boyle, Mr. Congdon, Mrs. Hollenbach, Mr. Morris, Mr. Pirritano, Mr. Rudy, Mr. Sanna, and Mr. Sullivan) and 1 nay, (Mr. Feather).

### **Master Motions:**

Mr. Congdon made a motion to approve master motions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14.

- 1) **Motion: Approval of Contracted Substitute Nursing Services for the 2016 - 2017 School Year**

**WHEREAS**, the Neshaminy School District is required by law to provide for the administration of medication by licensed health providers including Licensed Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of our students have medical needs including the administration of medication during the school day; and

**WHEREAS**, a limited size of current nursing staff makes it difficult to cover said needs in the event of

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absenteeism, or special circumstances including class trips.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors will continue to contract for substitute nursing services as needed with Source for Nurses, General Health Resources, and Delta-T Group for the 2016-2017 academic year.

**2) Motion: Approval of Alternative Programming Contracts**

**WHEREAS**, the Neshaminy School District provides a full continuum of both general education and special education programming within its buildings, and

**WHEREAS**, there are unique circumstances where the neighborhood public school is not educationally conducive to all students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy School District approves the following contracts with the following program providers:

Brandywine Virtual Academy, Bucks Learning Academy, Comprehensive Learning Center, Devereaux School, Lakeside School, The Lewis School, Lifeworks Alternative School, New Hope Academy, The Quaker School at Horsham, Titusville Academy, Valley Day School

**3) Motion: Approval of Budgetary Increase for Federal & Other Programs (2015 - 2016)**

**WHEREAS**, each year the Neshaminy Board of School Directors, in accordance with instructions from the Auditor General's Office, must increase its receipts and expenditures budget by the total amount of other programs; and

**WHEREAS**, this amount represents previously approved federal and other special program receipts and expenditures for the current fiscal year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the total 2015-2016 adjusted budget of all funds with this increase will total \$226,405,667. Corresponding amounts should be added to both the revenue and expenditure side of the budget as indicated on the attached document.

**Budgetary Increase for Federal and Other Programs for 2015-2016**

<b>Description</b>	<b>District Fund No.</b>	<b>Amount of Revenue</b>
Title I - carryover	40	128,440.00
IDEA 2015-16 - revised	51	147,020.00
Title I Reward School Grant-carryover	53	5,000.00
Title II - carryover	58	161,845.00
Progress Monitoring Data Grant-Carryover	62	2,581.00
Patient Firsr-LS	65	858.00
PA Council on the Arts Grant	67	11,483.00
Patient First-Ferderbar	68	858.00
Summer PASS	73	17,764.00
Title III - Carryover	78	10,691.00
Title III-carryover	79	5,407.00
Ready to Learn	80	99,259.00
E.L.E.C.T. Initiative	86	239,531.00
E.L.E.C.T. Fatherhood Program	89	66,006.00
Title I-revision	90	290,996.00
Title II, Part A - revision	92	11,678.00
Title III	94	23,207.00
State Farm Grant-Schweitzer	96	25,000.00
Pre K Counts	99	166,400.00
<b>Total Other Program Receipts</b>		<b>\$1,414,024.00</b>

4) **Motion: Approval of Year End Budget Transfers**

**WHEREAS**, Section 687 of the Public School Code of 1949 requires that line item "...sums appropriated to specific purposes in the budget..." not be exceeded; and

**WHEREAS**, under the school accounting system, line items have been determined to be major object levels within specific subfunctions; and

**WHEREAS**, year-end adjustments by the Business Office and Auditors may cause such line items to be exceeded.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors, in accordance with directions from the Auditor General's office, authorizes the Administration to make those necessary budget transfers within and between accounts to prevent any possible over expenditure without exceeding the total budget for 2015-2016.

5) **Motion: Approval of the 2016 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of School Directors of Neshaminy School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2016, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate Amount Available for Homestead and Farmstead Real Estate Tax Reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2016:

a. **Gambling Tax Funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$3,591,455.

b. Remaining **Property Tax Reduction Funds.** Funds will also be available during the school year for real estate reduction as a result of undistributed funds from the property tax reduction funds received in 2015-2016. These funds will be added to the allocation for this school year in the amount of \$0.

c. **Philadelphia Tax Credit Reimbursement Funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 5926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers,

d. **Other Sources.** No funds will be available during the 2016-2017 school year for real estate tax reduction other than the gambling tax funds, remaining property tax reduction funds and Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds set forth in subparagraphs (a.), (b.) and (c.) of Section 1 of this Resolution.

e. **Aggregate Amount Available.** Adding the amounts set forth in subparagraphs (a.), (b.), (c) and (d) of Section 1 of this Resolution, the aggregate amount available during the 2016-2017 school year for real estate tax reduction is \$3,591,455.

2. **Homestead/Farmstead Numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 5926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing and approved farmsteads as follows:

a. **Homestead Property Number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 17,180.

b. **Farmstead Property Number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is -0-.

c. **Homestead/Farmstead Combined Number.** The aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 17,180.

3. **Real Estate Tax Reduction Calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(d) aggregate amount during the 2016-2017 school year for real estate tax reduction of \$3,591,455 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 17,180, before considering the assessed value of approved homestead and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount, the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$209.00.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$950 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 17,178 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$-0-. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$209.00 the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$209.00.

4. **Homestead Exclusion Calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$209.00 by the School District real estate tax rate of 152 mills (.1520), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$1375, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$0.

5. **Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Authorization** – July 1 Tax Bills. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$ 1375. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$0. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1, 2016 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 5926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, 2016 and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills for tax periods beginning prior to July 1, 2016.

RESOLUTION adopted this 21st day of June 2016.

ATTEST:

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Jennifer Burns, Board Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Congdon, President

6) **Motion: Approval of Sunday Facilities/Fields Usage**

According to Board Policy #800, Facilities/Fields may not be scheduled on Sundays without School Board approval.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors approves Sunday usage for the following events:

Bucks County Challenge Mustangs Flag Football – Harry Franks Stadium Football Field, concession stands and bathrooms at Neshaminy High School on Sundays: 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6 and 11/13/16 – for athletes with special needs.

Parkland Fire Company – Maple Point Middle School Gym - Sunday, December 11, 2016 – for Toys for Tots Charity Dodgeball

**7) Approval of Overnight Trip**

According to Board Policy #618, trips extending overnight are permitted by authorization of the Board of School Directors only.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors approves the following overnight trip:

Neshaminy High School Junior Class Trip – April 29, April 30 and May 1, 2017, Williamsburg, VA – Kings Dominion, Busch Gardens, Norfolk Dinner Cruise and Washington, D.C.

**8) Motion: Local, State and National Contract Participation Authorization**

**WHEREAS**, the District participates in cooperative purchasing agreements with entities under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, Act 57 of May 15, 1998 (Title 62 PA C.S. 1902) known as the “Commonwealth Procurement Code”, permits local public procurement units to participate in cooperative purchasing; and

**WHEREAS**, such contracts are competitively bid and compliant to Pennsylvania laws, and codes; and

**WHEREAS**, the piggybacking on competitively bid local, regional, state, and national contracts, financially assists the District by increasing its purchasing power through volume leveraging and improved operating efficiencies by streamlining the bidding and purchasing process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Administrator be authorized to participate under contracts with piggyback provisions when it is financially advantageous to the District to order and purchase such materials, supplies, and equipment as needed by the District, and which include these currently available contracts through the following organizations:

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Local, State, and National Contract Participation  
Authorization

➤ Intermediate Unit Contracts

- BCIU (Bucks)
- LCIU (Lancaster-Lebanon)
- CSIU (Central Susquehanna)
- CCIU (Chester Country)
- MCIU (Montgomery County)

➤ State Contracts via Department of General Services

- COSTARS program contracts

➤ Regional Consortium Contracts

- AEPA–Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies
- CPS – IU13 Collaborative Purchasing Solutions
- KPN – Keystone Purchasing Network
- PEPPM – Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program
- PaTTAN –Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network

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➤ National Contracts

- US Communities
- GSA- US General Services Administration
- National Buy Board – Operated by Texas Assoc. of School Boards
- NIGP – National Institute of Governmental Purchasing
- NIPA – National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance
- NJPA – National Joint Powers Alliance
- TCPN – The Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network
- NCPA – National Cooperation Purchasing Alliance

10) **Motion: Approval of the Apple Financial Services Lease Agreement**

**WHEREAS**, the Neshaminy Board of School Directors has approved the iPad for the incoming 5th grades; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has reviewed and discussed the one to one initiative for the incoming 5th grades at several committee meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors authorizes the Solicitor and the Business Administrator to finalize the terms and conditions of the Apple Financial Services Lease Agreement for iPads; and for the School District to enter into an agreement with Apple Financial Services.

11) **Motion: Approval of the Dell Leasing Services Agreement**

**WHEREAS**, the Neshaminy Board of School Directors has approved a “Technology Advance Purchase Plan”; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the equipment purchases are products manufactured by Dell Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has reviewed and discussed the second phase of the Technology District Refresh Plan at Board Technology Committee meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors authorizes the Solicitor and the Business Administrator to finalize the terms and conditions of the Dell Financial Services Master Lease Agreement for upgrading the computer refresh plan; and for the School District to enter into an agreement with Dell Financial Services.

12) **Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Program Agreement with BCIU #22**

**WHEREAS**, AEDY programs are designed for seriously and persistently disruptive students; and,

**WHEREAS**, placement in an AEDY program should be considered only after all other options for improving behavior have been exhausted; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 has contracted with Ombudsman Educational Services, Ltd. to obtain access to Ombudsman’s off-campus alternative education program and services for itself and its client school districts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Neshaminy School District approves the Alternative Education Services Agreement between Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 and Neshaminy School District.

14) **Approval of New Board Policies #711 and #712**

**WHEREAS**, in order to keep District Board Policies updated and current, a review of and revisions are recommended by the administration to the Board Policies Committee for review, and

**WHEREAS**, recommended policies meet the requirements of Federal Law; and

**WHEREAS**, after review by the Board Policies Committee, the District is ready to recommend:

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New Policy 711 – Travel Reimbursements – Federal Programs

New Policy 712 – Conflict of Interest – Federal Programs

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors approve the new Policy 711 and 712 as recommended by the School Board Policies Committee.

Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 14, by a vote of 9 ayes, and 0 nays.

**9) Motion: Approval of Facilities Professional Services/Consultants for 2016 - 2017 Fiscal Year**

Mr. Sullivan read the following motion:

**WHEREAS**, the district Facilities Department must use the professional services of various firms in order to ensure compliance with the many federal and state mandates concerning school facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Facilities Department must also use professional consultants/engineers

to develop bid specifications for other related facility improvements during the year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following list of professional service vendors is accepted for use during the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Facilities Professional Services/Consultants for 2016-2017

The professionals/consultants anticipated for use during the next fiscal year, along with examples of the work that will be required, are listed below.

- Berkshire Systems Group, Inc. – Professional Protection and Communications Systems – NSD Security Systems.
- Consolidated Engineers – boilers and other mechanical engineering.
- Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (Tremco) – roof replacements and similar projects.
- Eagle Industrial Hygiene Associates, Inc. – asbestos related compliance.
- Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. – HVAC control systems.
- Environmental Control Systems, Inc. – hazardous waste disposal, underground storage tanks regulations. MSDS – compliance.\*
- D.A.D. & Associates, Inc. – boilers and cooling tower water treatment.
- Quality Control Laboratories (QC Labs) – pools and water testing.
- Parry's Project Management – logistic services – GESA Projects and others if needed.
- The Wire Runner – District wide life safety services; fire, smoke, burglar alarms.
- 1 Source Safety & Health, Inc. – District's professional for air testing.
- George Miller Inc. – Novar Controls & APR – HVAC controls in 8 buildings.

Mr. Pirritano seconded the motion.



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Mr. Feather asked if there are specific contractors for the tasks or is it put out for bid.

Mr. Minotti stated that the contractors vary according to the situation; some are proprietary because the equipment belongs to that company and must be worked on by them, some are chosen according to lowest quote for the job, and some have been pre-approved by Board motions, etc.

Mr. Congdon asked what is the dollar value for the competitive bid.

Mr. Minotti said if it is a vending job between \$10.2 thousand and \$19.3 thousand it is necessary to get 3 quotes and professional services are exempt from bidding process in favor of quotes.

Mr. Morris said he feels it would be prudent to obtain bids from contractors.

Mr. Congdon asked if the motion prevents the district from getting competitive bids.

Mr. Minotti explained that they are professional services that would not be subject to competitive bidding and the actual work or abatement is put out for bidding.

Mr. Sullivan said that aside from professional services, would any other work be sent out for bids.

Mr. Minotti said that the contractor with the lowest quote is used unless they are unavailable and then he goes to the next lowest quote and so forth.

The Board unanimously approved said motions by a vote of 9 ayes, and 0 nays.

**13) Motion: Approval of Mission One Contract**

Mr. Rudy read the following motion.

**WHEREAS**, The Neshaminy School District has an agreement to contract for a defined number of support staff positions including Non-Instructional Aides; Instructional Assistants and Cleaners and Custodians with the staffing company Mission One; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of said agreement will be to reduce significantly the overhead, insurance and operating expenses expected to be incurred by the district.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors approves the agreement with Mission One in the form submitted. This agreement includes a reduction in the costs to the district.

Mrs. Hollenbach seconded the motion.

Mr. Congdon called for a roll call vote and the tally indicated that the motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, (Ms. Boyle, Mr. Congdon, Mrs. Hollenbach, Mr. Morris, Mr. Pirritano, Mr. Rudy, Mr. Sanna, and Mr. Sullivan) and 1 nay, (Mr. Feather).

**15) Motion: Approval of Aramark Contract for Food Services Management Services**

Mr. Feather read the following motion:

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of Neshaminy School District ("School District") for which Notice was duly given, held on the 21st day of June 2016 at the District Office – Board Room of the Maple Point Middle School, 2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road, Langhorne, PA 19047, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

**RESOLVED** that the School District enter into a Food Service Cost Reimbursable Contract for a period of one (1) year beginning on July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, with up to four 1-year renewals upon mutual agreement between the School District and Aramark Educational Services LLC, and the Contract shall contain the terms, provisions and conditions set forth in the Proposal of Aramark Educational Services LLC dated May 9, 2016, in which the Guaranteed Surplus Return to the School District shall be One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty (\$175,640) Dollars and the Management Fee to Aramark Educational Services LLC shall be One Hundred Fifteen Thousand (\$115,000) Dollars.

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Aramark Educational Services LLC shall comply with the laws, rules, regulations, policies and instructions of Pennsylvania Department of Education, United States Department of Agriculture and the applicable laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and any additions or amendments thereto, including but not limited to, Title 7 CFR parts 210, 215, 220, 245, 250, 3017, and 3018; Title 2 CFR part 200; and Title 7 CFR parts 225 (SFSP) and 226 (CACFP), as applicable.

**IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Solicitor of the School District are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the School District, and under its corporate seal to execute the Contract as approved by the Solicitor, and such other documents and affidavits and to take such further action as may be required by law and necessary or desirable to effectuate the aforesaid Food Service Cost Reimbursable Contract for 2016-2017 and the intent of this Resolution.

Mr. Sanna seconded the motion.

Mr. Congdon called for a roll call vote and the tally indicated that the motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes, (Ms. Boyle, Mr. Congdon, Mrs. Hollenbach, Mr. Pirritano, Mr. Rudy, Mr. Sanna, and Mr. Sullivan) and 2 nays, (Mr. Feather and Mr. Morris).

**16) Adoption of the 2016 - 2017 Final Operating Budget**

Mr. Congdon read the following motion.

**WHEREAS**, the Neshaminy Board of School Directors adopted a 2016-2017 Proposed Preliminary Budget from the Administration on November 27, 2015; and the Board has reviewed and adopted a Preliminary Budget on January 26, 2016 and subsequently adopted a Proposed Final Budget on May 17, 2016, all in accordance with Act 1 of 2006 and the Public School Code of 1949, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, Notice of Intent to adopt the Budget has been duly advertised as required by law and the budget was also made public throughout the process on PDE Form 2028 as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code, the Board of School Directors must adopt a Final Operating Budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors adopt a Final Operating Budget of all funds in the amount of \$ 205,143,413 detailed as follows:

- General Fund in the amount of \$ 176,506,445
- Capital Projects in the amount of \$26,144,336
- Federal and other programs in the amount of \$ 2,458,552; and
- Carry-over purchase orders of \$34,080

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Capital Projects Budget will be funded from the capital reserve fund. The federal programs budget will be funded by specific federal grants. In order to fund the general fund budget the following taxes are hereby levied:

1. Real Estate Tax	152.0 mills	(zero increase)
2. Interim Real Estate Tax	152.0 mills	(zero increase)
3. Per Capita Tax - School Code	\$5.00	
4. Per Capita Tax - Act 511	\$10.00	
5. Local Services Tax (formerly OPT/EMS)	\$10.00	
6. Business Privilege Tax	1 mill wholesale, 1.5 mills retail, \$5.00 license fee	
7. Mercantile Tax	1 mill wholesale, 1.5 mills retail, \$2.00 license fee	
8. Real Estate Transfer Tax	1%	
9. Amusement Tax	10%, as amended by current law	

Mrs. Hollenbach seconded the motion.

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Mr. Congdon called for a roll call vote and the tally indicated that the motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes, (Ms. Boyle, Mr. Congdon, Mrs. Hollenbach, Mr. Pirritano, Mr. Rudy, Mr. Sanna, and Mr. Sullivan) and 2 nays, (Mr. Feather and Mr. Morris).

**17) Approval of Fund Balance Removal for PSERS**

Mr. Sanna read the following motion:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of School Directors previously committed Fund Balance for the increasing PSERS obligation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of School Directors will remove \$2,000,000 from the committed PSERS Fund Balance as of June 30, 2016 to be used towards the Budget 2016-2017 PSERS obligation.

Mr. Feather seconded the motion.

Mr. Morris requested that the motion be explained for the public.

Mrs. Markowitz gave a brief description of the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motions by a vote of 9 ayes, and 0 nays.

**18) Approval of Fund Balance Commitment for PSERS**

Ms. Boyle read the following motion:

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania School Employee Retirement System (PSERS) is a mandatory, multi-employer, pension plan for all Pennsylvania school employees; and

**WHEREAS**, PSERS is funded by three sources – employee contributions, employer contributions, and investment earnings; and

**WHEREAS**, investment earnings have been the primary source of funding for PSERS benefits, dwarfing the contributions from both school employers and PSERS active members; and

**WHEREAS**, because of declining investment income, lower employer funding rates, and increased benefits as required by Act 2001-9 and Act 2002-38, unfunded liabilities have been created; and

**WHEREAS**, such unfunded liabilities will create significant employer rate hikes in the near future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of School Directors commit a portion of the remaining unassigned Fund Balance as of June 30, 2016 up to \$3,000,000 towards funding this pending debt. As a result of this commitment, these funds will not be available for any other purpose unless changed by a new commitment.

Mr. Pirritano seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motions by a vote of 9 ayes, and 0 nays.

**Other Board Business**

- Mr. Torrente recommended to the Board the settlement of pending 2010 - 2016 Tax Year Assessment Appeals of Summit Square Investors, LP, as Follows:

**Summit Square Investors, LP**

Tax Map Parcel 22-005-005-008

**Settlement Assessments**

\$825,000 - 2010 Tax Year Assessment  
\$900,000 - 2011 Tax Year Assessment  
\$900,000 - 2012 Tax Year Assessment  
\$900,000 - 2013 Tax Year Assessment  
\$900,000 - 2014 Tax Year Assessment  
\$900,000 - 2015 Tax Year Assessment  
\$885,000 - 2016 Tax Year Assessment

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Mr. Congdon made a motion to settle the pending 2010 - 2016 Tax Year Assessment Appeals of Summit Square Investors, LP.

Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motions by a vote of 9 ayes, and 0 nays.

- Mr. Torrente read the following motion:

At a Regular Meeting the Board of School Directors of the Neshaminy School District ("School District") for which Notice was duly given held on the 21st day of June 2016 at the District Office-Board Room of the Maple Point Middle School, 2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road, Langhorne, PA 19047 upon Motion duly made and seconded.

**IT IS RESOLVED** that the School District enter into a Settlement Agreement to settle the Assessment Exemption Appeal filed by George School CCP Bucks and to enter into an Agreement for Payment In Lieu of Taxes for Tax Parcel Number 22-004-004-002 for School Tax Years 2008-2009 through 2014-2023 subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Settlement Agreement and Agreement for Payment In Lieu of Taxes presented at this meeting and approved by the Solicitor of the School District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Solicitor of the School District is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the School District and under its corporate seal to execute the Settlement Agreement and Agreement for Payment In Lieu of Taxes as presented at this Meeting and approved by the Solicitor and such other Documents and other affidavits and to take such further action as may be required by law and necessary or desirable to effectuate the intent of their Resolution.

**RESOLUTION** and adopt this 21st day of June 2016 the Neshaminy School District.

Attest:

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Jennifer Burns, Board Secretary

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Scott E. Congdon, Board President

Mr. Congdon made a motion to settle the Assessment Exemption Appeal filed by George School CCP Bucks.

Mr. Rudy seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motions by a vote of 9 ayes, and 0 nays.

- Mr. Torrente read the following motion:

Approval for the Memorandum of Understanding between Neshaminy School District and the BCIU for the facility located at 7 School Lane, Feasterville, Pa 19053, better known as, Lower Southampton Elementary School, as presented and approved by the solicitor for the school district.

If the Board is inclined the motion would be needed to approve the memorandum of understanding and authorize the President, Vice President, secretary, treasurer, and solicitor to execute said memorandum of understanding as presented.

Mr. Congdon made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Neshaminy School District and the BCIU.

Mr. Pirritano seconded the motion.

Mr. Morris requested that the motion be explained to the public.

Mr. Congdon elaborated that the memorandum of understanding would allow the BCIU to open discussions with the Board regarding the possibility of utilizing any necessary changes to the facility, known as Lower Southampton Elementary School, should they enter into a lease agreement with Neshaminy School District.

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Mr. Morris asked if this property was listed publically for rent/lease.

Mr. Congdon replied that it was not listed per se, but the IU had inquired about leasing the building.

Mr. Morris suggested that the Ad Hoc committee consider researching the sale of the closed elementary schools as an alternative to leasing them.

Mr. Congdon replied that he personally believes that it is more financially advantageous to lease the properties and sustain a steady income instead of realizing a onetime profit from a sale.

Mrs. Hollenbach asked Mr. Morris if he is against leasing any of the closed buildings in the district or just the Lower Southampton Elementary Building.

Mr. Morris said in his opinion, years ago the Board was misguided in their intensions and rented some properties and eventually sold two properties, which realized a profit for the district.

Mr. Feather asked if the IU conducts any changes to the building prior to a lease agreement and the lease agreement does not go through, will they reverse any changes that have been made.

Mr. Torrente replied that is correct and the limit on changes is subject to approval by the Board.

Mr. Sullivan asked if another interested party should desire to purchase the building prior to any lease agreement with the IU, would that still be an option.

Mr. Torrente stated that it would.

- Mr. Torrente read the following motion:

Approval of Agreement between Neshaminy School District and Donald Harm

If the Board is inclined the motion would be needed to approve an agreement between the school district and Donald Harm authorize the solicitor to finalize the terms and conditions at the same salary and capacity as Mr. Harm is presently serving until December 31, 2016 and also authorize the President, Vice President, secretary, and treasurer to execute said agreement.

Mr. Congdon made a motion to approve the agreement between Neshaminy School District and Donald Harm.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motion by a vote of 9 ayes, and 0 nays.

**Public Comment**

Steve Rodos, retired, resident of Villages of Flowers Mills, asked Mrs. Markowitz what is the current standing of the fund balance. He stated that in the past he was not opposed to a small tax increase to maintain the budget; however, he now feels that the taxpayers have experienced quite a lot of pressure this past year and he is thankful that the Board did not burden them further with a tax increase.

**Board Comment**

Mr. Pirritano congratulated the graduating Class of 2016. He thanked Dr. Hancock for her wonderful work as acting superintendent and welcomed Mr. Jones as the new superintendent. Mr. Pirritano said the Board will need to discuss the PSERS issue in the near future and the impact it will have on the balance fund. He stated that the success of the educational progress in Neshaminy can be attributed to various groups from the Board to the parents and community and the teachers. He said it takes the cooperation of everyone involved.

Mr. Feather thanked Dr. Hancock for everything that she has done for the district and he welcomed Mr. Jones to Neshaminy.

Mr. Morris thanked Dr. Hancock for her service and congratulated Mr. Harm for continued service. He welcomed Mr. Jones as the new superintendent. Mr. Morris also congratulated the 2016 graduating class.

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Mr. Rudy thanked Dr. Hancock for her efforts during a difficult time and he welcomed Mr. Jones to the district.

Ms. Boyle thanked Dr. Hancock for her patience and understanding and welcomed Mr. Jones to the position of superintendent.

Mr. Morris thanked Mrs. Markowitz for her continued excellent work.

Mrs. Markowitz said the fund balance has not shown a significance reduction at this time and during the next few months there will be a better indication of the status of the fund.

Dr. Hancock thanked the Board for their vote of confidence and thanked the community, administrators, and all the people she has worked with towards a common goal of advancing Neshaminy School District forward.

Mr. Congdon congratulated the 2016 senior class on their graduation. He advised the students that he looks forward to a successful upcoming year. Mr. Congdon said he disagrees with a comment that was made saying that the former School Board did not know what they were doing with the properties and facilities in the past. He stated that his experience was that the decisions were well thought out and the properties were remarkably managed. Mr. Congdon thanked Dr. Hancock for an excellent job during a difficult situation and he enjoyed working with her. He also congratulated Mrs. Markowitz for a job well done. Mr. Congdon thanked the budget team for their efforts.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Congdon moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Feather seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Congdon adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Burns  
Board Secretary