

**MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 1, 2020**

A virtual special meeting of the Canton Area School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Our President, Mrs. Judy Sourbeer, called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance, and reminded the audience to please sign in if they had not done so.

All stood and recited the Pledge to the Flag.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Judy Sourbeer, President; Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Eric Anderson, Mr. Scott May, Mrs. Krista Jennings, Mr. Neal Palmer, and Mr. Denny Sourbeer.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent; Mr. Mark Jannone, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Mr. Michael Wells, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Donald Jacopetti, High School Principal; Attorney Cassie Blaney, District Solicitor; Ms. Brianne Ostrander, Newspaper Reporter; Ms. Courtney Roberts, District Teacher; Mr. Mark McMurray, Mrs. Alicia Jennings, and Mrs. Patty Yaggie.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding

The board discussed various options for continuing to provide compensation to bus contractors when transportation is not actually being provided. Mr. Allen indicated that he was in favor of setting the rate at 80% and providing that for the first 35 days of closures. He also indicated that in the event that the district uses more than 35 days of closures, he recommended that the board reconvene and discuss a rate for days beyond the first 35.

Mr. Sourbeer indicated that he has heard from multiple people indicating that they are not in favor of providing compensation for days not run. He told the board that he understands why we need to consider this but is also concerned for the taxpayers.

Mr. Anderson expressed that it was his opinion that the board should try to do something to help the bus contractors but acknowledged that if we are faced with closures that go beyond 35 days we would need to reevaluate the rate. He stated that he would be in favor of 80% for the first 35 days.

A motion was made by Mr. Eric Anderson and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the compensation rate for Canton Area School District bus contracts for days that the district is operating virtually provided that the district does not intend to physically make up the days. The rate of compensation will be 80% of the daily rate for the first 35 days. The matter will be revisited, if necessary, after the 35 days.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Bill Holland were absent.
Motion carried.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - NON-AGENDA RELATED

Mr. Mark McMurray addressed the board regarding the MOU. He indicated that he was concerned about the clause that requires the payback of funds in the event the contractor is not able to fulfill their

contractual duties.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday October 8, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria, Canton, PA.

Meeting Adjourned

Mrs. Sourbeer adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:18 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary