

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Regular Monthly Meeting for December 2024  
Held on: Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Board Room of the Administration Building**

**~ AGENDA ~**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Motion to Approve the Agenda as Presented**
- 3. Comments from the Public on the Agenda**
- 4. Financial**
  - a. Approval of Bills Due and Payable
  - b. **Budget Resolution**  
Motion to adopt the Resolution stating the school district will not increase taxes above the 2025-2026 index of 5.5%.
  - c. **Election of Solicitor**  
Approval to retain the law firm of Davis & Davis, Uniontown, PA, for 2025, at a rate of \$600 per month and a yearly total of \$7,200. The hourly billing rate of \$115.00.
  - d. **Tax Collector Resolution**  
Approval to accept the Tax Collector Resolution starting July 1, 2025, and thereafter until changed, setting the tax collection rate at \$6.00 per collected bill, which includes interim bills.
- 5. General Business**
  - a. **Athletic Approval**  
Motion to approve a Frazier student athlete to compete as an independent swimmer/diver for the Ringgold School District. This arrangement permits the student to participate in a sport with the correct eligibility criteria that WPIAL requires with permission of both school districts. Also, requesting permission for Liz Sprowls, Head Swimming/Diving Coach at Ringgold School District to coach our student during practices and competitions. [All clearances and credentials are in place.]
  - b. **Policies**  
Approval of the following policies, as presented:
    - 707.1 – Use of District Name, Color, Insignia or Logos
    - 718.1 – Therapy Dogs
    - 800 – Chain of Command

**c. Field Trips**

1. David Columbus, Bot Club/Class and Several Students  
Stellar Precision, Jeannette, PA – Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
School Van used for transportation  
One (1) Substitute - \$110.00  
**Total cost to the district - \$110.00**
2. Ryan Gerney, Band Director and Several Frazier Band Students  
FayWest Honors Band  
Greater Latrobe High School – Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Registration: \$225.00  
School Van used for transportation  
One (1) Substitute - \$110.00  
**Total cost to the district - \$335.00**
3. Karen Babyak, Melissa Stairs, Beth Tantlinger (pending number of students)  
High School Art Club – Carnegie Museum of Art  
Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
Number in Group – 35  
Transportation paid for by Carnegie Museum  
(3) Three Substitutes - \$330.00  
**Total cost to the district - \$330.00**

**d. Professional Development**

Approval to provide Servsafe training to the cafeteria staff at a total cost of \$1,400.00. [Training must be done every 5 years.]

**e. ViewSonic Grant Program**

Approve the request submitted by Scott Hazelbaker, Director of Technology, to pursue the 2025 RUS-DLT ViewSonic Grant. This grant program provides opportunities to improve telemedicine and distance learning in rural areas. The primary goal will be to improve classroom technology throughout the district with enhanced audio and interactive video equipment to allow interactive distance learning, Virtual collaboration and/or telemedicine.

**6. Personnel**

**a. Election of Staff**

Approval of request to elect Nicholas D'Amico as the Supervisor for Special Education at a salary of \$95,000, plus benefits in accordance with the Act 93 agreement. Effective date of hire is dependent on release date from previous employer.

**b. Election of Co-Curricular Sponsors for the 24-25 SY**

1. Jason Erdely Volunteer, Wrestling
2. Kevin Hiles Volunteer, Softball
3. Josh Maruniak Asst. Coach, Wrestling
4. Alexis Murphy Volunteer, Track
5. Gabriella McGavitt Volunteer, Track [pending clearances]

**c. Election of Staff**

Approval of request to elect Beth Ann Utz, as the School Nurse Assistant, at a salary of \$40,000 plus benefits, effective January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Funding for the position to come from the 2024-2025 School Safety and Mental Health grant monies.

**d. Election of Staff**

Approval to elect Romanee Yandura as a professional staff member at Step 1 Bachelors (\$46,016.00) and benefits in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Effective date of hire will be Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**e. Transportation Driver**

Approval to add Justin J. Schimmel as an approved bus/van driver for Nelson's Transportation.

**7. Comments from the Public**

**8. Adjournment**

**Informational:**

High School Snowball Dance  
Scheduled for Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 (In-service Day – No school for students)  
Uniontown Country Club  
Students provide their own transportation  
Plated pasta dinner and DJ