

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
OXFORD AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

The regular meeting of the Oxford Area Board of School Directors was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, in the District Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Joseph E. Tighe followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDING WERE:**

Joseph E. Tighe, President  
Mark V. Patterson, Vice President  
Robert F. Tenga, Treasurer  
Kristen E. Dean, Member  
Stephen R. Gaspar, Member  
Jennifer M. Harrison, Member  
Eric W. Owens, Member  
Howard S. Robinson, Member  
Jenifer A. Warren, Member

**ROLL CALL**

**ABSENT WAS:**

None

**ALSO ATTENDING WERE:**

David A. Woods, Superintendent  
Brian P. Cooney, Business Administrator

On motion by Mr. Gaspar, seconded by Mrs. Dean, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby amends the agenda to show item 3K changed to \$52,546.00.

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

On motion by Mr. Tenga, seconded by Mrs. Warren, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the April 21, 2020 agenda as amended.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

Mr. Steve Carbonara - Budget items inquired about last month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
CONCERNING ITEMS  
ON THE AGENDA**

On motion by Mr. Tenga, seconded by Mr. Gaspar, BE IT RESOLVED,  
That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the minutes of the April 14, 2020 Work Session and the April 21, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

Dr. Billings-Jones referred to the links on the District Website for each school. These are links are special communication which may be accessed by the public, parents, students to keep communication open during these uncertain times. Please take some time to view these links and enjoy them.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

The district continues to deliver online instruction through Microsoft Teams and Blackboard. We are tracking student participation and the rate of online participation is 72-90%. We determined there was a need for some of our students to have WIFI in the home and Hot Spots were purchased and distributed to these students. These devices are linked to the student's iPads.

The Technology department has been working hard to keep up on helpdesk tickets. Most of these tickets are concerning software. Thanks to our Tech staff, Mr. Mellinger, Linda, Keith Michelle and Holly who have been doing a great job.

Citadel Heart of Learning Award is given to Vanessa Kephart, English Department Chairperson at the Oxford Area High School. We are proud to honor her.

The Class of 2020 has twenty-eight members of the Early College Academy. Congratulations to all our ECA graduates from Cecil College, Delaware County Community College and Eastern Mennonite University.

Oxford Area High School has 170 students scheduled to take AP exams. Congratulations to Turner Hannum who has been recognized by the National Merit program for his accomplishment on the AP exam.

Senior Class awards will be May 21, 2020, 7 p.m. on [Utube.com/OxfordWOHS](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW0Hs) or Channel 68 on Armstrong Cable. Graduation will be held virtually on Friday, June 5, 2020.

Congratulations to our 334 graduates of the Class of 2020.

Summer School, Title Programs and Special Service program registration will be available through the website. These will be virtual.

Free Summer Academies will also be held virtually, and you may sign up for these on the website.

Ipad collection will take place on June 3 for seniors and June 8-9 for all other grades. Communication from the building principal will be going out soon.

The district has applied for a grant in the amount of \$624,000 to assist with some of the cost incurred due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Hopewell School was recognized as a distinguished Project Lead the Way school. Congratulations to Dr. Addis and her staff on this recognition.

Steve Roberts spoke for Oxford Education Foundation and asked that volunteers on the agenda be approved. He also commented that due to social distancing, the volunteers have continued to tutor students though the use of zoom and over the phone.

#### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

On motion by Mr. Gaspar, seconded by Mr. Patterson, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following financial reports for March 2020 and April 2020 as presented:

**FINANCIAL  
REPORTS**

1. General Fund
  - a. Treasurer's Report
  - b. Revenue Report
  - c. Expenditure Report
2. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report
3. Capital Projects Fund Treasurer's Report

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

On motion by Mr. Gaspar, seconded by Mrs. Warren, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the student activities and athletic officials accounts as presented.

**STUDENT ACTIVITY  
AND ATHLETIC  
OFFICIALS ACCOUNTS**

Penn's Grove School  
Oxford Area High School  
Athletic Officials Account

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

On motion by Mr. Gaspar, seconded by Dr. Owens, BE IT RESOLVED That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following bill lists for payment:

**PAYMENT OF  
BILLS**

**May 2020**

General Fund	\$2,274,823.59
Cafeteria Fund	\$52,871.26
Capital Projects Fund	\$52,128.34
Payroll Distribution	\$1,782,738.64

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

**REPORTS**

Mr. Robinson reported on Dr. Noreen O'Neill reporting on the career readiness initiatives for 2020-21.

**INTERMEDIATE UNIT  
AND TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

1,992,000 saved in refinancing some bonds. Mary Curly, oversees communication and learning solutions for the CCIU. She developed a website which CCIU staff and public may view to obtain current info and access resources related to the Covid virus. Pennsylvania Department of Education recognized Mary for her efforts.

Ian Stratton is on leave from the CCIU and the people who are covering for him developed a wellness program at the CCIU. Dr. O'Neill developed a program and provided training to teachers and staff. She was also recognized for her work in this area by Pennsylvania Department of Education.

On motion by Dr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Tenga, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby accepts the report from Mr. Robinson, Intermediate Unit and Technical College High School Representative.

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

Dr. Owens reported that the last meeting focused mostly on the Proposed 20-21 State Budget. The total budget included a 1.5 billion dollar increase in education funding.

**CHESTER COUNTY  
SCHOOL BOARDS  
LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL**

Charter School reform was the other piece. If passed this would mean about 280 million dollars in saving for school districts across the state.

Also discussed was how school districts are working to meet food insecurity needs within their districts.

On motion by Mr. Gaspar seconded by Mr. Tenga, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby accepts the report from Dr. Owens, Chester County School Boards Legislative Council Representative.

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

The Budget and Finance Committee met on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. The projected fund balance for the next two years was discussed. The projection is that the balance will decrease over the next few years. There was also discussion on exception to the Act 1 index if necessary.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE  
COMMITTEE**

Elena Roe presented her report stating that Jordan Bank School will have a virtual field day and a virtual trip to Oxford Memorial Park next week along with virtual moving up ceremonies. A virtual trip to Strausburg Railroad is also planned for June 1.

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE'S**

Kindergarten registration is open and online for the 2020-2021 school year. Anyone with a child turning 5 on or before September 1, 2020 should visit the website to register them.

Nottingham students will be participating in the Reading Olympics virtually, on June 5, 2020, 1-3 p.m.

Nottingham will broadcast a virtual talent show the last few days of school

Hopewell will hold end of the year ceremonies during the virtual class sessions. Certificates will be mailed to the students.

Students at all buildings will be notified when yearbooks arrive.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Tighe allowed time for persons who requested to be placed on the agenda. There were none.

**RECOGNITION OF  
PERSONS WHO  
REQUESTED TO  
BE PLACED ON  
AGENDA**

On motion by Dr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Gaspar, BE IT RESOLVED,  
That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the  
following professional personnel items.

**PERSONNEL-  
PROFESSIONAL**

**Retirements**

Name: Janet Fowler  
Position: Mathematics Teacher, Penn's Grove School  
Effective: June 12, 2020

Name: William Kromer  
Position: Technology Education Teacher, Oxford Area High School  
Effective: June 12, 2020

Name: Brenda Moran  
Position: Technology Education Teacher, Oxford Area High School  
Effective: June 12, 2020

**Resignations**

Name: Colleen Coale  
Position: Grade 1 Teacher, Elk Ridge School  
Effective: June 11, 2020

Name: Rachel Hess  
Position: Grade 4 Teacher, Nottingham School  
Effective: June 11, 2020

**Extended School Year Appointments**

Dates: July 6, 2020 through July 30, 2020  
Teachers: Michele Drager  
Kristie Gillin  
Louise Haggerty  
Geraldynn Hurley  
Stephanie Intonato  
Jenna Lininger  
Carolyn McCarron  
Katelyn Musacchio  
Alyssa Robinson  
Alicia Shoop  
Nicole Stahl  
Stipend: \$36.00 per hour

**ESY Speech and Language Pathologists**

Dates: July 6, 2020 through July 30, 2020  
Mila Capuano  
Francine Gulino  
Angelique Rucci

**Title I/Title III Federal Programs Summer School Appointments**

Dates: July 6, 2020 through July 30, 2020  
Teachers: Elizabeth Baity  
Joshua Barnas  
Danielle Duncan

Victoria Goggin  
Zachery Hamilton  
Nichole Hendrickson-Tartar  
Kara Hunsicker  
Christina McConnell  
Julia Ross  
Jennifer Sauer  
Courtney Shahadi  
Lauren Sharp

Stipend: \$36.00 per hour

**Art Academy**

Dates: July 13, 2020 through July 23, 2020  
Teacher: Mallory Kaliner  
Stipend: \$36.00 per hour

**Computer Science Coding Academy**

Dates: July 13, 2020 through July 16, 2020  
Teachers: Jason McLead  
Stipend: \$36.00 per hour

**Math Academy**

Dates: July 6, 2020 through July 9, 2020  
Teacher: Kristina Spano  
Stipend: \$36.00 per hour

**Music Academy**

Dates: July 6, 2020 through July 23, 2020  
Teachers: Ryan Maule  
Lisa Summers  
Stipend: \$36.00 per hour

**STEM Academy**

Dates: July 20, 2020 through July 23, 2020  
Teacher: John Barcus  
Stipend: \$36.00 per hour

**Young Authors Academy**

Dates: July 13, 2020 through July 16, 2020  
Teacher: Karen Gegan  
Stipend: \$36.00 per hour

**Youth Fitness Academy**

Dates: July 6, 2020 through July 9, 2020  
Teachers: Karly Belford  
Stipend: \$36.00 per hour

Aye: 9                      Nay: 0

On motion by Mr. Tenga, seconded by Mr. Patterson, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approve the following non-professional personnel items:

**PERSONNEL-NON-PROFESSIONAL**

**Retirements**

Name: Lynn Murphy  
Position: Guidance Secretary, Oxford Area High School  
Effective: July 1, 2020

Name: Laura Zakeri  
Position: Principal Secretary, Oxford Area High School  
Effective: July 1, 2020

**Extended School Year Instructional Aide Appointments**

Dates: July 6, 2020 through July 30, 2020  
Instructional Aides: Kathleen Mack  
Lisa Pilaitis  
Jennifer Yacka  
Stipend: \$11.93 per hour or current rate according to the collective bargaining agreement

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

On motion by Mr. Gaspar, seconded by Mr. Teng, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following supplemental appointments as per attached list.

**SUPPLEMENTALS**

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Dr. Owens, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following additional volunteer personnel:

**VOLUNTEERS**

ARTHUR ASTLE, ANTHONY DIROCCO, WILLIAM GOODLEY, RALPH HARTGROVE, PHYLLIS MOORE, KIMBERLY NAGLE, MICHAEL REBHORN, NATALIE STEVENSON

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

On motion by Mr. Gaspar, seconded by Mrs. Dean, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following consent agenda items:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Course Supplemental Technology (APP)

Final approval of the Course Supplemental Technology (APP) as per the attached list.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Marketplace

Approval of the contract with the Chester County Intermediate Unit for the provision of marketplace programs as per the attached.

Maintenance Contracts

Contract with Combat Elevator Inc. for monthly maintenance of hydraulic passenger elevators and wheelchair lifts throughout the district beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$8,964.00

Contract renewal with Filter Services, Inc. for HVAC filter change services beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$37,815.27 the 2020-2021 school year

Contract renewal with Tozour Trane for a preventative maintenance agreement for the chillers at Jordan Bank, Elk Ridge and Nottingham Elementary Schools, beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$17,985.00 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract renewal with Tozour Trane for full labor agreement for the chillers at Penn's Grove Middle School, beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$27,069.00 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract renewal with Tozour Trane for full labor agreement for the chillers at the High School beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$86,818.00 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract renewal with Bonfitto for maintenance and repair to district boilers in the amount of \$8,659.80 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract renewal with Kistler O'Brien for inspection and maintenance services of fire extinguishers beginning July 1, 2018, through August 30, 2020 in the amount of \$2711.95 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract renewal with SAH Inc. for security and fire monitoring services throughout the District beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$3,160.00 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract renewal with Siemens Industry, Inc. for fire and life safety equipment, district wide, beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$72,066.00 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract renewal with Siemens Industry, Inc. for Building Automation System district wide beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$73,700.00 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract with Frey Lutz for building automation systems and temperature controls for Hopewell Elementary School beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$52,546.00 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract renewal with NRG Building Services for building automation systems and temperature controls for Penn's Grove Middle School beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$13,715.00 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract with U. S. Water for water treatment services throughout the district in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract with Wayman Fire Protection, Inc. for testing and inspection of fire safety equipment at Hopewell Elementary School, Penn's Grove Middle School and Oxford Area High School beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$2,900.00



Contract renewal with Premium Power Services, LLC for service and maintenance of generators throughout the district beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$3,144.09 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract renewal with Foley CAT for preventative maintenance and minor repairs on the District's CAT equipment beginning July 1, 2019 through June 31, 2021 in the amount of \$4,115.00 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract with Qware/CMMS for use and maintenance of district work orders beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$1,835.00

Contract renewal with MSDSONline for Right-to-Know/MSDS Compliance beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$3,800.00 for the 2020-2021 school year

Contract with Western Pest Services for pest control district wide beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$7,113.60

Contract with B & E Services, Inc. for custodial services at the Administration Building, Jordan Bank, Elk Ridge, Hopewell, Penn's Grove and Oxford Area High School beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$433,463.00

#### Annual Appointments

- The appointment of Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T), Fulton Bank, PNC Bank, WSFS, First Resource Bank, Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund, Pennsylvania Local Government Trust and Huntingdon Valley Bank as depositories for 2020-2021.

#### Ratification of Bids

Custodial Supplies Bid purchases by the Oxford Area School District as follows:

Imperial Bag	\$1,301.15
WB Mason	153.92
The Home Depot Pro	2,985.40
T Frank McCalls	107.94
Office Basics	2,015.00
Pyramid School Products	512.90
Pennsylvania Paper & Supply	<u>23.00</u>
	\$7,099.31

Playground/Landscape Mulch Bid purchases by the Oxford Area School District as follows:

M&M Landscaping	\$4,462.5
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#### Appointment of Auditor

Approval of the appointment of Barbacane, Thornton & Company LLP, for an Audit of the General Purpose Financial Statements of the Oxford Area School District for the year ending June 30, 2020, at the cost of \$23,150.00.

Student Participation Fees

High School Sports	\$75
Penn's Grove Sports	\$50
High School Parking	\$50

Annual Appointments

**School Physician**

Appointment of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Care Network as the school district's physician for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$125 per hour.

**School Dentist**

Appointment of Dr. Drew C. Eckman, DDS as the school district's dentist for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$65 per hour.

Aye: 8      Nay: 0

On motion by Mr. Tenga, seconded by Mr. Gaspar, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Oxford Area Board of School directors hereby adopts the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$73,301,699.00, as prepared on Form PDE 2028.

**FINAL BUDGET  
ADOPTION**

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Tenga, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby adopts the 2020-2021 Capital Reserve Fund Budget in the amount of \$428,000.00, as per the attached.

**CAPITAL RESERVE  
FUND BUDGET  
2020-2021**

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

On motion by Mr. Tenga, seconded by Mr. Patterson, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School directors hereby approves that taxes are levied for school purposes for the school year beginning July 1, 2020 subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law as follows:

**2020 ANNUAL TAX  
LEVY**

1. Real estate tax. Real estate tax of 32.0104 mills on the assessed value of all real estate property taxable for school purposes in the School District. (Levied under School Code §672.)
2. Interim real estate tax. Interim real estate tax of 32.0104 mills on the assessed value of taxable real property, as stated in interim real estate assessment notices, that constitutes construction of a building, an improvement to a building, or other improvement to real property, not otherwise exempt from taxation. The interim real estate tax is part of the real estate tax levy, and applies to the assessed value of taxable real property not included in the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year. Tax assessors are directed to inspect and assess all taxable real property in the School District to which any improvement has been made, and to give notice of change in assessed

value as required by law. The interim real estate tax applies for that proportionate part of the School District fiscal year remaining after the property was improved. (Levied under School Code §677.1.)

3. Utility realty used to generate electricity. The real estate tax and the interim real estate tax apply to all real property taxable for school purposes, including all property listed in the definition of "utility realty" under §8101-A(3) of the Public Utility Realty Tax Act, that was classified in such definition as "utility realty" prior to January 1, 2000, and that was removed from such definition effective January 1, 2000, because used in generating electricity. The tax applies to such property to the maximum extent permissible under the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Public Utility Realty Act.
4. Tax due date/delinquent status.
  - a. The real estate tax is due and payable July 1, 2020, and this will be the date of the tax notice issued to the owner for real state tax other than interim real estate tax. Unless installment payment has been elected under the Oxford Area School District Real Estate Tax Installment Plan, the real estate tax is delinquent if not paid in full within four (4) months after the date of the tax notice issued to the owner - by October 31, 2020, for tax other than interim real estate tax.
  - b. The interim real estate tax is due and payable on the first day of the month after the month in which any improvement or addition to real property has been made. The interim real estate tax is delinquent if not paid in full within four (4) months after the date of the tax notice issued to the owner.
5. Discount and penalty. All taxpayers are entitled to a discount of two percent (2%) from the amount of the real estate tax or interim real estate tax by making payment of the entire tax amount within two (2) months after the date of the tax notice - by August 31, 2020, for tax other than interim real estate tax. Unless installment payment has been elected under the Oxford Area School District Real Estate Tax Installment Plan, a taxpayer will be charged a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the tax, which penalty will be added to the tax, if the tax is not paid in full within four (4) months after the date of tax notice - by October 31, 2020, for other than interim real estate tax.
6. Severability. The provisions of the resolution are severable and if any section, clause, sentence, part or provision is determined to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, such determination will not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences, parts or provisions of this resolution. It is declared to be the intent of this School District that this resolution would have been adopted even if any such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, clause, sentence, part or provision had not been included in this resolution.

7. Continuation of other taxes. The Board has previously imposed other taxes that do not require an annual levy. Without modifying or amending such taxes in any manner, the Board ratifies continuation of the following previously imposed taxes that do not require an annual levy:

- a. Real estate transfer tax. Real estate transfer tax of 1% (School District receives .5% and municipalities receive .5%. Levied under the Pennsylvania Real Estate Transfer Tax Act and the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511.)
- b. Earned income and net profits tax. Earned income and net profits tax of between 1% and 1.5%, depending on the municipality in which the taxpayer resides. (School District receives .5% and municipalities receive between .5% and 1%. The .5% School District tax levied under the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511.)

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Dr. Owens, BE IT RESOLVED, **HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION**  
That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2020, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program (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 reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2019:
  - a. Gambling tax refunds. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.505(b), as property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$1,528,534.89.
  - b. 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. §6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$48,516.15.
  - c. Aggregate amount available. Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$1,577,051.04.
- 2. Homestead/farmstead numbers. Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. §8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

- a. Homestead property number. The number of approved homesteads within the School district is 5,616.
  - b. Farmstead property number. The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 184.
  - c. Homestead/Farmstead combined number. Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 5,800.
3. Real estate tax reduction calculation. The School Board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(c) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$1,577,051.04 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 5,800 the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each farmstead is \$271.90. 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 \$6,536.08 will be available during the school year for the real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 5,800 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$1.12. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$271.90, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$273.02.
  4. Homestead exclusion calculation. Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$273.02 by the School District real estate tax rate of 32.0104 mills, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$8,529 and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$8,529.
  5. Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization - July 1, 2020 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 \$8,529. 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 value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$8,529. 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 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.341(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 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, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Warren, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves suspension and/or amendment of the following policies as needed by administration:

**GRADING POLICIES**

- a. Policy #5310 - Grading Practices
- b. Policy #5320 - Progress: Weighted Grading

Aye: 9      Nay: 0

Mr. Tighe announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

**CALENDAR**

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, Work Session, 7 p.m., TBD Zoom Meeting or Administration Building  
Tuesday, June 16, 2020, Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., TBD Zoom Meeting or Administration Building

Mr. Tighe allowed time for recognition of visitors.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

**Amanda Sewell** commented on contracts, help desk report, wellness program at the CCIU, contract date, tax increase, delinquent taxes.

**Elizabeth Baity** commented on custodial services contract.

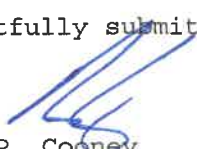
**Angela Jumper** requested input on how classes are being taught virtually.

**Tenille Dewese** requested a timeline of what the 20-21 school year will look like.

On motion by Mr. Gaspar, seconded by Mrs. Dean, the regular meeting of the Oxford Area Board of School Directors adjourned at 8:29 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Brian P. Cooney  
Board Secretary