

**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 23, 2023, in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Joseph E. Tighe, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDING WERE:

ROLL CALL

Joseph E. Tighe, President
Kristen Dean, Member
Robert F. Tenga, Treasurer (via phone)
Michael P. Blessington, Member (via phone)
Jennifer M. Harrison, Member
Jennifer L. Kehs, Member
William C. Kloss, Member
Eric W. Owens, Member

ABSENT WAS:

Mark V. Patterson, Vice President

ALSO ATTENDING WERE:

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

On motion by Mrs. Kehs, seconded by Mr. Kloss, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the May 23, 2023, agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the minutes of the April 11, 2023, Work Session, the April 25, 2023, Regular Meeting as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

Dr. Woods recognized Dr. Margaret Billings-Jones who presented the District Report for the Month of May 2023.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Dr. Billings-Jones introduced Lucas Francolini, a kindergarten student who read from his book "Crossing Signs." Lucas wrote and illustrated his book during this school year's meetings of the Oxford Reading Club.

High School students participated in the FBLA conference and won state and advanced to national competition. Students will be participating in Atlanta, Georgia at the end of June.

Seventeen Early College Academy students graduated from Cecil College with their associate degree on Sunday, May 23, 2023. Congratulations to all the students.

Our Technical College High School will graduate seventy-six students ROTC will graduate four cadets, and the Homeland Security program will graduate four students and on Friday, June 2, 2023, three hundred and twelve students will participate in the Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony at the High School.

Oxford Students have been accepted into over one-hundred different colleges/universities as well as one appointment to West Point.

Extended School Year will begin July 10, 2023, through August 2, 2023, Monday through Thursday at Hopewell School. There are 154 elementary students enrolled in this program.

The Hornet Virtual Academy will move forward beginning with the 2023-24 school year enrollment. The goal is to bring students back to Oxford so they may receive an Oxford Diploma.

Dr. Woods stated that Oxford was recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation (NAMM) as one of 830 Best Communities for Music Education in the country. The Music Department will be presenting to the Board in June.

Mr. Tighe presented Miss Koza with flowers and a gift of appreciation from the Board for her role as Student Representative during the 2022-23 school year.

**RECOGNITION OF
STUDENT REPRESENTATV**

On motion by Mrs. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Kehs, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following financial reports 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: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Kehs, seconded by Mr. Owens, 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: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Kehs, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following bill lists for payment:

**PAYMENT OF
BILLS**

May 2023

General Fund	\$1,601,818.67
Cafeteria Fund	\$98,019.46
Capital Projects Fund	\$105,760.58
Payroll Distribution	\$1,460,936.45

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

May 23, 2023

Mr. Kloss reported the Chester County Intermediate Unit Board met on May 17, 2023, at Child and Career Development Center. PE Teachers presented adaptive devices which special needs students can use to participate in PE Classes. Basketball, Archery, and Corn Hole games were used as examples.

**REPORT OF
CHESTER COUNTY
INTERMEDIATE UNIT
AND TECHNICAL
COLLEGE HIGH
SCHOOL**

Mrs. Kehs reported the Legislative Breakfast was held at the CCIU On April 20, 2023. Several Legislators and Administrators were in attendance. Governor Shapiro's proposal for the 2023-24 school year was reviewed. Specific increases were reviewed from 2015 to present.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE**

Of note, an increase in Charter School tuition from 287 million in 2003 to the proposed 2.6 billion for the 2023-24 school year.

Increase in minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

Downingtown and West Chester School Districts provided information on mental health and special education trends.

CCIU students provided breakfast.

Mrs. Kehs stated that the committee met on Monday, April 24, 2023, at Hopewell in the LGIA Room.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A presentation from Elk Ridge School surrounding curriculum resources for reading and math were highlighted.

Mrs. Harrison reported that the Policy Committee met May 9, 2023, and reviewed Policies in the 7000 8000 and 9000 series. Policy 6330 and 6310 are still in committee awaiting input from the Board and Staff.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Miss Emily Koza reported that Jordan Bank will have their end of year program and moving up ceremony May 23 through May 25, 2023. Field Day will be held May 26, 2023, and the Kindergarteners will visit Elk Ridge on May 31, 2023.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

Jordan Bank will have a field trip to Oxford Memorial Park on June 2, 2023.

Elk Ridge will hold their Field Day on May 26, 2023, and the Second Graders will visit Nottingham on June 6, 2023.

Nottingham Fourth Grade Students attended the Stroud Nature Preserve to learn about natural resources and land conservation.

Thank you to all who participated in Nottingham's Fine Arts Festival on April 230, 2023. It was standing room only. The PTO sponsored several Food Trucks for this event. Thank you to the local artisans and New Holland Jazz Alive for providing performances and exhibits.

Thank you to Diane Miller and Oxford FFA Students (Alyssa Beck, Arionna Cacchia Villano, Kailyn Hunter, Michael Solensky, Thomas Martinelli and Tarra Todd did a wonderful job of sprucing up the Butterfly Garden.

The Nottingham Envirothon Team participated in the Chester County Envirothon Competition April 26, 2023. Team Nottingham did a wonderful job. The competition was held at Hibernia Park. Nottingham finished in second place and Hopewell finished in first place out of fourteen teams.

Nottingham Spring String Concert will be held May 24, 2023, Field Day is May 25, 2023, and Spirit Day "Crazy About Summer" is scheduled for May 26, 2023.

Nottingham fourth graders will tour Hopewell Elementary on May 22 and 23, 2023.

Hopewell Envirothon Team places first out of fourteen teams at the recent Envirothon Competition at Hibernia Park.

Sixth Grade will tour Penn's Grove School on May 22 and 23, 2023.

Arts Appreciation Night was held on May 10, 2023, at Hopewell. The band, chorus, and orchestra played for our families. Student artwork was displayed throughout the hallways. Thank you to Mrs. Musselman for coordinating this beautiful evening.

Hopewell Students in Band, Chorus and Orchestra attended Music in the Parks on May 19, 2023, at Hershey Park. The students placed first in the categories: Elementary School concert Band, Elementary School Jazz Ensemble, Elementary School Choir, and Elementary School String Orchestra. Hopewell is grateful to its music directors Mr. Maule, Ms. Goldschmidt, and Ms. Hudson.

Hopewell hosted Moms and Muffins on May 11, 2023. We celebrated Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, sisters, and mentors in the lives of our students. There were approximately 450 attendees.

This year students have worked hard to attend Weather Education Day at Citizens Bank Park on May 24, 2023. Students that exhibit good behavior, minimal absences, and have a positive academic record qualified. Students also wrote an essay explaining their year in review and why they should attend the Phillies Weather Education Day. There were over one hundred and eighty students on this trip.

Students will attend the Chester County Shakespeare Festival on May 24, 2023, and have been preparing for this great day with Ms. Goldschmidt. Congratulations to all students who will be performing at the festival.

The Penn's Grove Envirothon Team took third place at this year's competition.

Penn's Grove Eighth Grade Dinner Dance was held on May 13, 2023.

Band and chorus students competed in the annual Hershey Park Music in the Parks event. The Choral Ensemble received first place, Jazz Ensemble took first place, and eighth grade band took third place but received superior rating.

Many fun activities still to come to close out the school year such as Amazing Race, annual Carnival, team awards and yearbook signing.

High School Seniors take final exams May 23 through May 26, 2023, TCHS students graduate on May 30, 2023, and seniors will take the Senior Last Bus Ride on the same day.

Project Graduation will take place on May 31, 2023, and June 2, 2023, is Oxford Area High School Class of 2023 Graduation.

The Aevidum club had many fun activities this month to recognize May Mental Health, such as their banana costume fundraiser, music therapy, yoga, puzzles, and a movie night.

Ms. Koza thanked the board members, principals, and staff for the opportunity to sit on the board.

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

On motion by Mrs. Kehs, seconded by, Mrs. Harrison, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

Professional Personnel

Resignations

Name: Ashley Kellar
Position: Special Education Teacher, Jordan Bank/Elk Ridge School
Effective: Last day of the 2022-2023 school year

Name: Jacqueline Paugh
Position: Grade 3 Teacher, Nottingham School Effective: Last day of the 2022-2023 school year

Name: Laura Persofsky
Position: English Teacher, High School
Effective: Last day of the 2022-2023 school year

Extended School Year Appointments

Dates: July 10, 2023, through August 3, 2023
Teachers:

Barb Buchanan
Jeanmarie Campbell
Tara Carr
Maureen Colgan
Stephanie Intonato
Alyssa Lynch
Susan McDonald
Aliza Mulloy
Katelyn Musacchio
Karen Powers
Rachael Segura-Bommelyn
Alicia Shoop
Amy Swisher
Melissa Verikakis
Stacy Waybright

Location: Hopewell School
Stipend: 2022-2023 per diem rate

Substitute Extended School Year Teacher Appointments

Dates: July 10, 2023, through August 3, 2023
 Teachers: Kimberly Blando
 Kristen Melrath
 Jennifer Sauer
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: 2022-2023 per dem rate

Summer Extended Learning Program Appointments - Elementary

Dates: July 10, 2023, through August 3, 2023
 Teachers: Elizabeth Baity
 Germaine Baughman
 Lynda Burtch-Krivansky
 Gabriela Caban
 Jessica Dominguez
 Courtney Doyle
 Rebecca Florek
 Andrea Gillinger
 Victoria Goggin
 Jessica Green
 Zachery Hamilton
 Elizabeth Hanna
 Nichole Hendrickson-Tartar
 Olivia Hocker
 Kara Hunsicker
 Kelly Keller
 Jenna Leo
 Jenna Lininger
 Liza Malone
 Kristen McDermott
 Heather McGinn
 Kayley O'leary
 Angela Orloski
 Wendy Peterson
 Lauren Sharp
 Thomas Sperow
 Briana Zembruski
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: 2022-2023 per diem rate

Computer Science Coding Academy

Dates: July 24, 2023, through July 27, 2023
 Teacher: Jason McLead
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: \$40.00 per hour

Math Academy

Dates: July 10, 2023, through July 13, 2023
 Teacher: Jennifer Sauer
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: \$40.00 per hour

Music Academy

Dates: July 10, 2023, through July 27, 2023
 Teachers: Abigail Hudson
 Ryan Maule
 Lisa Summers

Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: \$40.00 per hour

Stem Academy

Dates: July 17, 2023, through July 20, 2023
 Teacher: John Barcus
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: \$40.00 per hour

Young Authors Academy

Dates: July 17, 2023, through July 20, 2023
 Teacher: Karen Gregan
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: \$40.00 per hour

Youth Fitness Academy

Dates: July 10, 2023, through July 13, 2023
 Teacher: Michael Thompson
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: \$40.00 per hour

Summer Extended Learning Program Elementary Guidance Counselor

Dates: July 10, 2023, through August 3, 2023
 Names: Deborah Dillard
 Krista Gioffre
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: 2022-2023 per diem rate

Summer School Secondary Guidance Counselor

Dates: July 10, 2023, through August 3, 2023
 Names: Mary Humphreys
 Stacey Lock
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: 2022-2023 per diem rate

Summer School Nurse Appointments

Dates: July 10, 2023, through August 3, 2023
 Names: Lacy Jackson
 Melissa Ludwig
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: \$40.00 per hour

Summer School Substitute Nurse Appointment

Dates: July 10, 2023, through August 3, 2023
 Name: Kelly Willis
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: \$40.00 per hour

Substitute Summer School Elementary Appointments

Dates: July 10, 2023, through August 3, 2023
 Teachers: Karly Belford
 Kimberly Blando
 Laura Donnelly
 April Herr
 Jennifer Sauer

Lisa Soule
 Michael Thompson
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: 2022-2023 per diem rate

Secondary Summer School Appointments

Dates: July 10, 2023, through August 3, 2023
 Teachers: Michelle Arrante
 Deborah Aubin
 Karly Belford
 Heather Brown
 Diana Cappello
 Jill Dunfee
 Irina Gaskill
 Barbara Guiliano-Burke
 Haley Haggard
 April Herr
 Nicoletta Kelley
 Kaitlin Kindig
 Antonina Marchesani
 Robert Miller
 Scott Rafetto
 Louise Rossi
 Josh Socash
 Brian Urig
 Michael Walling
 Carol Wiegner
 Justin Wyatt
 Ben Young
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: 2022-2023 per diem rate

Substitute Secondary Summer School Teacher Appointments

Dates: July 10, 2023, through August 3, 2023
 Names: Karly Belford
 Laura Donnelly
 Kristin Hamburg
 Diane Hauser
 April Herr
 Scott Rafetto
 Joshua Socash
 Michal Thompson
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: 2022-2023 per diem rate

Transfers

Name: Barbara Buchanan
 Position: From: Grade 4 Teacher, Nottingham School
 To: Special Education Teacher, Penn's Grove School
 Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
 Replacing: Andrué Weber, terminated

Name: Arthur Hughson
 Position: Mathematics Teacher, Penn's Grove School
 Appointment: From: Long Term substitute
 To: Temporary Professional Employee
 Salary: 4 M \$58,422 (prorated)
 Effective: April 4, 2023

Volunteers

Troy Brown, Jason Deecki, Yolanda Echevarria, William Hoffman, Melanie Holcomb, Margaret (Maggie) Johnson, Michael Johnson, Lisa Kipple, Leona Meixell, Samantha Neyman, Tracey Overbeck, Rosanna Phillips, Carolyn Quinci (OEF), Ellen Stefanosky, Heather Todd

Non-Professional**Resignations**

Name: Marienella King
 Position: Cafeteria Aide, Elk Ridge School
 Effective: May 19, 2023

Name: Marissa Stigler
 Position: Kindergarten Aide 5.5, Jordan Bank School
 Effective: June 2, 2023

Extended School Year Instructional Aide Appointments

Dates: July 10, 2023, through August 3, 2023
 Names: Susan Gibson
 Jill Giovinco
 Janette Griffin
 Location: Hopewell School
 Stipend: \$13.04 per hour or current rate according to the collective bargaining agreement

Substitute Appointment

Name: Natasha Holmes
 Position: Service and Support Substitute, District
 Effective: To Be Determined
 Salary: Varies upon position

Name: Marienella King
 Position: Service and Support Substitute, District
 Effective: May 22, 2023
 Salary: Varies upon position

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On Motion by Mrs. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Owens, BE IT RESOLVED,
 That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the
 Following consent agenda items:

CONSENT AGENDA**Maintenance Contracts**

Contract with Trane for a preventative maintenance agreement for the chillers at Jordan Bank and Nottingham Elementary Schools, beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$9,092.00.

Contract with Trane for full labor agreement for the chillers at Penn's Grove Middle School, beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$33,900.00.

Contract with Trane for full labor agreement for the chillers at the High School beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$101,786.00.

Contract with Carrier Commercial Service for preventative maintenance agreement for the chiller at Elk Ridge Elementary School, beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$4,940.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract with Frey Lutz for building automation systems and temperature controls for Hopewell Elementary School beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$106,340.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract renewal with NRG Building Services for building automation systems and temperature controls for Penn's Grove Middle School beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$15,395.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract renewal with Siemens Industry, Inc. for Building Automation System, beginning July 1, 2021, through June 6/30/2024 in the amount of \$93,475.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract renewal with Siemens Industry, Inc. for fire and life safety equipment, district wide, beginning July 1, 2021, through June 6/30/2024 in the amount of \$78,749.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract with SAH Inc. for security and fire monitoring services throughout the district beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$3,660.00.

Contract with Bonfitto for maintenance to district boilers beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$14,675.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract renewal with Premium Power Services, LLC for service and maintenance of generators throughout the district beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$3,206.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract with Kurita America Inc. for water treatment services throughout the district in the amount of \$11,700.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract with Kistler O'Brien for inspection and maintenance services of fire extinguishers beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$6885.25.

Contract with Filter Services, Inc. for HVAC filter change services beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$40,441.44.

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$2,900.00.

Contract with Foley CAT for preventative maintenance and minor repairs on the District's CAT equipment beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$6,620.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract with Combat Elevator Inc. for monthly maintenance of hydraulic passenger elevators and wheelchair lifts throughout the district beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$8964.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract with Western Pest Services for pest control district-wide beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$7,983.36.

Annual Appointments

The appointment of Truist Financial, 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 the 2023/2024 school year.

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, 2023, not to exceed \$29,000.

Student Participation Fees

High School Sports	\$75
Penn's Grove Sports	\$75
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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 school year at the rate of \$65 per hour.

Curriculum & Technology Material and Supplies

Approval to sell and/or repurpose all outdated curriculum and technology materials, supplies, and equipment.

Appointment of Solicitor

Approval of Rinaldi and Poveromo, P.C., as the school district's solicitor, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at a rate of \$145 per hour for attorneys and \$35 per hour for paraprofessionals.

Special Education Contracts

Contract between Oxford Area School District and Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes for student-specific instructional services beginning July 1, 2023.

Contract between Oxford Area School District and Marcia Towers, MA., CCC-SLP, for bi-lingual speech and language evaluations as needed for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract between Oxford Area School District and Karah A. Molesevich for bilingual special education evaluations for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract between Oxford Area School District and Elwyn for student-specific Extended School Year (ESY) services beginning July 1, 2023.

Contract between Oxford Area School District and Criticare Home Health and Nursing Services for RN and LPN services as needed for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract between Oxford Area School District and General Healthcare Resources, LLC (GHR) for nursing, education, and therapy services for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contract between Oxford Area School District and Melmark, Inc., for student-specific Extended School Year (ESY) services.

Contract between Oxford Area School District and Valley Forge Educational Services for student-specific educational services.

Contract between Oxford Area School District and CCRN Educational & Behavioral Support Services for student-specific Extended School Year (ESY) educational services.

Maintenance Bid Award

Bid award to SJ Services for janitorial services throughout the district beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$ 637,800.00.

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.

Ratification of Bids

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

Imperial Bag and Paper	\$ 6,869.88
Interline Brands Inc./Supply Works	\$ 1,783.80
Interboro Packaging Corp	\$ 640.00
Pennsylvania Paper and Supply	\$ 478.00
Central Poly-Bag Corp	\$ 550.00
Calico Packaging, LLC	\$ 836.40

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

DiStefano Landscape Services, Inc.	\$ 4,950.00
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Aye: 7 Nay: 1 (KeHS)

On motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mr. Kloss , BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby adopts the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$82,393,787 as prepared on For PDE 2028.

**GENERAL FUND
BUDGET**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

**2023 ANNUAL TAX
LEVY**

On motion by Mrs. Harrison, seconded by Dr. Owens, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves that the taxes are levied for school purposes for the school year beginning July 1, 2023, subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law as follows:

1. Real estate tax. Real estate tax of 36.0592 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 36.0592 mills on the assessed value of taxable real property, as stated in interim real estate assessment notices, that constitutes the construction of a building, an improvement to a building, or other improvements 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, 2023, and this will be the date of the tax notice issued to the owner for real estate 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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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: 6 Nay: 2 (Blessington, Kehs)

On motion by Dr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the homestead and farmstead exclusions real estate tax assessment reductions for the school year beginning July 1, 2023, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusions Program (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

**HOMESTEAD/FARMSTEAD
EXCLUSION 2023-2024**

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, 2023:
 - 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 \$1,926,557.05.
 - 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 \$44,515.07.
 - c. Aggregate amount available. Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$1,971,072.12.

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 5546.
 - b. Farmstead property number. The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 191.
 - c. Homestead/Farmstead combined number. Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 5737.
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 \$1,971,072.12 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 5737 the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each farmstead is \$343.57. 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 \$14,273.89 will be available during the school year for the real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 5605 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$2.53. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$343.57, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$346.10.
4. Homestead exclusion calculation. Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$346.10 by the School District real estate tax rate of 36.0592 mills, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$9,598.00 and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$9,598.00.
5. Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization-July 1, 2023 tax bill. 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 \$9,598.00. 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 \$9,598.00.

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: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Dr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Kloss, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the attached Agreement for Legal Services for Social Media Litigation.

**AGREEMENT FOR
LEGAL SERVICES**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Dean, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Oxford Area School District Board of School directors and the Teamsters Local Union No. 384, for the period from July 1, 2023, through Jun 30, 2026.

**COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Kehs, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the readoption of the following policies.

POLICY READOPTION

7000/8000/9000 Series - Programs

Policy # 7700 - Career and Technical School Admission
Policy # 8310 - Formulation of Policy
Policy # 8320 - Adoption of Policies
Policy # 8330 - Recission of Policies
Policy # 8340 - Policy Review
Policy # 8400 - Reorganization Meeting
Policy # 9110 - Board Vacancies New Director Selection
Policy # 9120 - Board Committees Establishment
Policy # 9130 - Student School Board Representative
Policy # 9210 - Meeting Agenda Preparation

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

A copy of the policies listed is available in the Administration Building, 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA, for examination and comment. The policies can be viewed on the website at www.oxfordasd.org. The public is encouraged to stop in and read these policies or visit our website.

Mr. Tighe read the following dates and times for upcoming events.

CALENDAR


Friday, June 2, 2023, Oxford Area High School Graduation, 6 p.m., OAHS Gymnasium
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, Facilities & Safety Committee, 6:00 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, Athletics & Student Activities Committee, 6:15 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, Policy Committee, 6:30 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, Work Session, 7 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., Administration Building

May 23, 2023

On motion by Dr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Kloss, the regular meeting of the Oxford Area Board of School Directors adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Brian P. Cooney
Board Secretary

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